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# TEST FOR ENGLISH MAJORS (2011) — GRADE FOUR —

TIME LIMIT: 135 MIN

## PART I DICTATION

[35 MIN]

*Listen to the following passage. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times. During the first reading, which will be done 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 done 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 Answer Sheet Two.*

### 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.*

*Now, listen to the conversation.*

1. Which of the statements about the auto show is INCORRECT?
  - A. The show will have more stands this year.
  - B. The show will have more visitors this year.
  - C. The number of overseas visitors will be the same this year.
  - D. The number of exhibition days will be the same this year.
2. According to the conversation, the price for a stand would include
  - A. four chairs.
  - B. a poster.
  - C. two desks.
  - D. a catalogue.
3. During the conversation, the man seems to be more interested in
  - A. the size of the show.
  - B. the visitor number.
  - C. the basic furniture.
  - D. the cost of the stand.

*Questions 4 to 7 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.*

*Now, listen to the conversation.*

4. What is Jim interested in?
  - A. Buying a new educational computer.
  - B. Investing in the company's product.
  - C. Joining the computer company.
  - D. Reading the campaign plan.
5. The advertisements will be placed in all the following EXCEPT
  - A. family magazines.
  - B. Sunday newspapers.
  - C. morning television.
  - D. teenage magazines.



6. The advertisements are intended to be seen by  
 A. whole families.      B. school teachers.      C. children only.      D. parents only.
7. Linda sounds \_\_\_\_\_ about the success of the campaign plan.  
 A. uncertain      B. hesitant      C. confident      D. delighted

**Questions 8 to 10 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.**

*Now listen to the conversation.*

8. John has worked in all the following places EXCEPT  
 A. a book shop.      B. a school.      C. a paper factory.      D. a fast-food restaurant.
9. From the conversation, we learn that John  
 A. has no interest.      B. has only one interest.  
 C. has two interests.      D. has quite a few interests.
10. Sue Green seems to be more interested in John's experience of  
 A. working in a youth club.      B. working in a paper factory.  
 C. looking after his brother and sister.      D. looking after his young friends.

## SECTION B PASSAGES

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

**Questions 11 to 13 are based on the following passage. At the end of the passage, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.**

*Now, listen to the passage.*

11. According to the passage, the average age of the fleet of Delt/Northwest is  
 A. 10 years.      B. 14 years.      C. 16 years.      D. 20 years.
12. It can be learned from the passage that  
 A. air travellers usually enjoy luxury during flight      B. air journeys are quite often far from comfortable  
 C. air travellers usually enjoy upgraded conditions      D. airlines always provide good in-flight entertainment
13. Older planes can stay safe for more than 25 years because of the following EXCEPT  
 A. new engines.      B. strong materials.      C. proper maintenance.      D. new interior.

**Questions 14 to 17 are based on the following passage. At the end of the passage, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.**

*Now, listen to the passage.*

14. Which job will involve supervising workers using dangerous equipment?  
 A. Assembly supervisor.      B. Carpenter supervisor.  
 C. Assistant site manager.      D. Automobile service station manager.
15. Who will also decide on the prices of products and services?  
 A. Airlines' flight service manager.      B. Automobile service station manager.  
 C. Assistant site manager.      D. Carpenter supervisor.
16. Who may also do some of the work he supervises?  
 A. Assistant site manager.      B. Airlines' flight service manager.  
 C. Assembly supervisor.      D. Carpenter supervisor.
17. Which job offers the highest salary?  
 A. Carpenter supervisor.      B. Automobile service station manager.  
 C. Assistant site manager.      D. Airlines' flight service manager.

**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.*

*Now, listen to the passage.*

18. Where were the two men filmed?  
 A. Near the lorry.      B. In the City Mall.      C. In the jewelry shop.      D. In the parking lot.
19. Witness saw the two men  
 A. run back to the lorry separately.      B. run back to the lorry without hoods.  
 C. leave the lorry together.      D. leave the lorry without hoods.
20. Which of the following details is CORRECT?  
 A. The lorry was originally painted white.      B. The lorry had no registration plates.  
 C. The shorter man was the passenger.      D. The taller man was the driver.

### SECTION C NEWS BROADCAST

*In this section, you will hear several news items. Listen to them carefully and then answer the questions that follow.*

*Questions 21 and 22 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions.*

*Now, listen to the news.*

21. What did NASA's Constellation Programme originally plan to do?  
 A. To set up a moon colony by 2020.  
 B. To continue the current shuttle missions till 2020.  
 C. To send astronauts again to the moon by 2020.  
 D. To create more jobs for NASA till 2020.
22. NASA's Constellation Programme would be cancelled mainly because  
 A. there were more important space missions.  
 B. the space agency lacked funding for the programme.  
 C. the current shuttle missions would continue.  
 D. Congress failed to pass President Obama's budget.

*Questions 23 and 24 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions.*

*Now, listen to the news.*

23. The Russian cargo ship was sinking. What was the direct cause?  
 A. No explanation of the problem.      B. Long distance away from land.  
 C. Slow rescue efforts.      D. Severe weather.
24. Which of the following was NOT mentioned as a possible means of rescue?  
 A. Aircraft.      B. Tugboat.      C. Nearby cargo ship.      D. Vessels at the oil rig.

*Questions 25 and 26 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions.*

*Now, listen to the news.*

25. Why did the singers meet in Hollywood?  
 A. To raise money for African humanitarian efforts.      B. To raise money for Haitian earthquake victims.  
 C. To sing in memory of Michael Jackson.      D. To make a recording of the original version of the song.
26. Which of the following details about the news is INCORRECT?  
 A. Stars from the original version will take part.      B. Singers will use the same recording studio as in 1985.  
 C. The recording session is expected to last long.      D. The organizer is one of the co-writers of the first song.

Questions 27 and 28 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions.

Now, listen to the news.

27. The additional 2 billion dollars will mainly be used to  
 A. upgrade its network capacity. B. improve customer services.  
 C. develop new products. D. market more iPhones.
28. Where does AT&T face difficulties in particular?  
 A. Nationwide. B. Overseas. C. In remote towns. D. In large cities.

Questions 29 and 30 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions.

Now, listen to the news.

29. Where is the presence of security patrols most evident?  
 A. Where matches take place. B. Where protests may take place.  
 C. Around the athletes' village. D. In downtown Vancouver.
30. What is this news item mainly about?  
 A. Political protests during the Olympics. B. Security operations during the Olympics.  
 C. Olympics' security forces. D. Security measures in buildings.

### PART III CLOZE

[15 MIN]

Decide which of the choices given below would best complete the passage if inserted in the corresponding blanks. Mark the best choice for each blank on Answer Sheet Two.

Fatherhood is going to have a different meaning and (31) \_\_\_\_\_ a different response from every man who hears these words. Some feel (32) \_\_\_\_\_ when they receive the news, (33) \_\_\_\_\_ others worry, wondering whether they will be good fathers. (34) \_\_\_\_\_ there are some men who like children and may have had (35) \_\_\_\_\_ experience with them, others do not particularly (36) \_\_\_\_\_ children and spend little time with them. Many fathers and mothers have been planning and looking forward to children for some time. (37) \_\_\_\_\_ other couples, pregnancy was an accident that both husband and wife have (38) \_\_\_\_\_ willingly or unwillingly. Whatever the (39) \_\_\_\_\_ to the birth of a child, it is obvious the shift from the role of husband to

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 31. A. bring forth  | B. bring down  |
| C. bring off        | D. bring in    |
| 32. A. emotional    | B. sentimental |
| C. bewildered       | D. proud       |
| 33. A. when         | B. while       |
| C. if               | D. as          |
| 34. A. When         | B. If          |
| C. Although         | D. Yet         |
| 35. A. considerable | B. considerate |
| C. considering      | D. considered  |
| 36. A. care about   | B. care of     |
| C. care with        | D. care for    |
| 37. A. Of           | B. For         |
| C. From             | D. Upon        |
| 38. A. received     | B. taken       |
| C. obtained         | D. accepted    |
| 39. A. reply        | B. reaction    |
| C. readiness        | D. reality     |
| 40. A. that         | B. this        |
| C. one              | D. what        |
| 41. A. As a result  | B. For example |
| C. Yet              | D. Also        |

- (40) \_\_\_\_\_ of a father is a difficult task.  
 (41) \_\_\_\_\_, unfortunately, few attempts have been made to (42) \_\_\_\_\_ fathers in this resocialization (43) \_\_\_\_\_. Although numerous books have been written about mothers, (44) \_\_\_\_\_ recently has literature focused on the (45) \_\_\_\_\_ of a father. It is argued that the transition to the father's role, although difficult, is not (46) \_\_\_\_\_ as great as the transition the wife must (47) \_\_\_\_\_ to the mother's role. The mother's role seems to require a complete (48) \_\_\_\_\_ in daily routine. (49) \_\_\_\_\_, the father's role is less demanding and (50) \_\_\_\_\_.
42. A. educate  
C. inform  
43. A. step  
C. process  
44. A. /  
C. quite  
45. A. role  
C. career  
46. A. a little  
C. nearly  
47. A. make  
C. carry  
48. A. realization  
C. socialization  
49. A. In addition  
C. Generally  
50. A. current  
C. present
- B. cultivate  
D. convert  
B. point  
D. time  
B. only  
D. just  
B. work  
D. position  
B. just  
D. almost  
B. take  
D. accept  
B. transformation  
D. reception  
B. Above all  
D. However  
B. immediate  
D. quick

## PART IV GRAMMAR &amp; VOCABULARY

[15 MIN]

There are thirty sentences in this section. Beneath each sentence there are four words or phrases marked A, B, C and D. Choose one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Mark your answers on Answer Sheet Two.

51. My uncle is quite worn out from years of hard work. He is no longer the man \_\_\_\_\_ he was fifteen years ago.  
A. which                      B. whom                      C. who                      D. that
52. Which of the following sentences is a COMMAND?  
A. What noise you are making!  
C. Have a good time.  
B. Never do that again!  
D. Beg your pardon.
53. Which of the following italicized phrases indicates purpose?  
A. She said it *for fun*, but others took her seriously.  
C. Linda has worked for the firm *for twenty years*.  
B. *For all its effort*, the team didn't win the match.  
D. He set out *for Beijing* yesterday.
54. When you have finished with the book, don't forget to return it to Tim, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. won't you                      B. don't you                      C. will you                      D. do you
55. In phrases like *freezing cold*, *burning hot*, or *soaking wet*, the-ING participle is used  
A. for concession.                      B. *for emphasis*.  
C. as a command.                      D. *as a condition*.
56. Which of the following italicized phrases is INCORRECT?  
A. The city is now *ten times its original size*.  
C. The seller asked for *double the usual price*.  
B. I wish I had *two times his strength*.  
D. They come here *four times every year*.
57. It is not so much the language \_\_\_\_\_ the cultural background that makes the book difficult to understand.  
A. *as*                      B. nor                      C. but                      D. like
58. Which of the following italicized parts is used as an object?  
A. *What* do you think has happened to her?  
C. *How much* do you think he earns every month?  
B. *Who* do you think the visiting professor is?  
D. *How quickly* would you say he would come?
59. The additional work will take \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.  
A. *the other*                      B. another two                      C. other two                      D. the more



60. Which of the following italicized parts is a subject clause (主语从句)?  
 A. It is sheer luck *that the miners are still alive after ten days.*  
 B. He has to face the fact *that there will be no pay rise this year.*  
 C. She said *that she had seen the man earlier that morning.*  
 D. We are quite *certain that we will get there in time.*
61. It's getting late. I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ now.  
 A. will leave                      B. are leaving                      C. leave                      D. left
62. In the sentence "The manager interviewed Jim *himself* in the morning.", the italicized word is used to modify  
 A. the object.                      B. the verb.  
 C. the subject.                      D. the prepositional phrase.
63. There is no doubt \_\_\_\_\_ the couple did the right thing in coming back home earlier than planned.  
 A. whether                      B. that                      C. why                      D. when
64. The sentence that expresses OFFER is  
 A. I'll get some drinks. What'll you have?  
 B. Does she need to book a ticket now?  
 C. May I know your name?  
 D. Can you return the book next week?
65. Which of the following italicized phrases indicates a subject-predicate relation (主谓关系)?  
 A. *Mr Smith's passport* has been issued.  
 B. *John's travel details* have not been finalized.  
 C. *The visitor's arrival* was reported in the news.  
 D. The new bookstore sells *children's stories*.
66. Our office has recently \_\_\_\_\_ to a new computer system.  
 A. altered                      B. converted                      C. transformed                      D. modified
67. The crowd went \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as the singer stepped onto the stage.  
 A. wild                      B. emotional                      C. uncontrolled                      D. unrestricted
68. Our school library is \_\_\_\_\_ closed for repairs.  
 A. shortly                      B. quickly                      C. rapidly                      D. temporarily
69. John is up to his eyes in work at the moment. The underlined part means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. very excited                      B. very busy                      C. very tired                      D. very efficient
70. Victoria bumped into her brother quite by chance in the supermarket. The underlined word means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. risk                      B. opportunity                      C. luck                      D. possibility
71. "Look at those pretty girls' skirts" is \_\_\_\_\_, because it is not clear whether the girls or the skirts are "pretty".  
 A. ambiguous                      B. hidden                      C. indirect                      D. indistinct
72. House repairs, holidays, school fees and other \_\_\_\_\_ have reduced his bank balance to almost nothing.  
 A. amount                      B. payment                      C. figures                      D. expenses
73. It was really \_\_\_\_\_ of you to remember my birthday.  
 A. grateful                      B. thoughtful                      C. considerable                      D. generous
74. You can go to a travel agency and ask for a holiday \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. brochure                      B. advertisement                      C. introduction                      D. book
75. The city government is building more roads to \_\_\_\_\_ the increasing number of cars.  
 A. accept                      B. receive                      C. hold                      D. accommodate
76. They've lifted a two-year-long economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.  
 A. enclosure                      B. restriction                      C. blockade                      D. prohibition

77. Everyone is surprised that she has fallen out with her boy friend. The underlined part means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. left                      B. quarreled                      C. attacked                      D. defeated
78. His plan is carefully prepared and full of details, so it is a very \_\_\_\_\_ one.  
 A. elaborate                      B. refined                      C. ambitious                      D. complex
79. The girl's voice was so low that we could \_\_\_\_\_ hear her.  
 A. barely                      B. only                      C. almost                      D. seldom
80. She must have been pretty \_\_\_\_\_ to fall for such an old trick.  
 A. interested                      B. shrewd                      C. enthusiastic                      D. gullible

## PART V READING COMPREHENSION

[25 MIN]

*In this section there are four passages followed by questions or unfinished statements, each with four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that you think is the best answer.*

*Mark your answers on Answer Sheet Two.*

### TEXT A

We have a crisis on our hands. You mean global warming? The world economy? No, the decline of reading. People are just not doing it any more, especially the young. Who's responsible? Actually, it's more like, What is responsible? The Internet, of course, and everything that comes with it—Facebook, Twitter(微博). You can write your own list.

There's been a warning about the imminent death of literate civilization for a long time. In the 20th century, first it was the movies, then radio, then television that seemed to spell doom for the written world. None did. Reading survived; in fact it not only survived, it has flourished. The world is more literate than ever before—there are more and more readers, and more and more books.

The fact that we often get our reading material online today is not something we should worry over. The electronic and digital revolution of the last two decades has arguably shown the way forward for reading and for writing. Take the arrival of e-book readers as an example. Devices like Kindle make reading more convenient and are a lot more environmentally friendly than the traditional paper book.

As technology makes new ways of writing possible, new ways of reading are possible. Interconnectivity allows for the possibility of a reading experience that was barely imaginable before. Where traditional books had to make do with photographs and illustrations, an e-book can provide readers with an unlimited number of links: to texts, pictures, and videos. In the future, the way people write novels, history, and philosophy will resemble nothing seen in the past.

On the other hand, there is the danger of trivialization. One Twitter group is offering its followers single-sentence-long “digests” of the great novels. *War and Peace* in a sentence? You must be joking. We should fear the fragmentation of reading. There is the danger that the high-speed connectivity of the Internet will reduce our attention span—that we will be incapable of reading anything of length or which requires deep concentration.

In such a fast-changing world, in which reality seems to be remade each day, we need the ability to focus and understand what is happening to us. This has always been the function of literature and we should be careful not to let it disappear. Our society needs to be able to imagine the possibility of someone utterly in tune with modern technology but able to make sense of a dynamic,

confusing world.

In the 15th century, Johannes Guttenberg's invention of the printing press in Europe had a huge impact on civilization. Once upon a time the physical book was a challenging thing. We should remember this before we assume that technology is not out to destroy traditional culture.

81. Which of the following paragraphs briefly reviews the historical challenges for reading?  
A. Paragraph One.      B. Paragraph Two.      C. Paragraph Three.      D. Paragraph Four.
82. The following are all cited as advantages of e-books EXCEPT  
A. imaginative design.      B. environmental friendliness.  
C. convenience for readers.      D. multimodal content.
83. Which of the following can best describe how the author feels toward single-sentence-long novels?  
A. Ironic.      B. Worried.      C. Sarcastic.      D. Doubtful.
84. According to the passage, people need knowledge of modern technology and \_\_\_\_\_ to survive in the fast-changing society.  
A. high sensitivity      B. good judgment      C. good imagination      D. the ability to focus
85. What is the main idea of the passage?  
A. Technology pushes the way forward for reading and writing.  
B. Interconnectivity is a feature of new reading experience.  
C. Technology offers a greater variety of reading practice.  
D. Technology is an opportunity and a challenge for traditional reading.

## TEXT B

I know when the snow melts and the first robins (知更鸟) come to call, when the laughter of children returns to the parks and playgrounds, something wonderful is about to happen.

Spring cleaning.

I'll admit *spring cleaning is a difficult notion for modern families to grasp*. Today's busy families hardly have time to load the dishwasher, much less clean the doormat. Asking the family to spend the weekend collecting winter dog piles from the melting snow in the backyard is like announcing there will be no more Wi-Fi. It interrupts the natural order.

"Honey, what say we spend the weekend beating the rugs, sorting through the boxes in the basement and painting our bedroom a nice lemony yellow?" I say.

"Can we at least wait until the NBA matches are over?" my husband answers.

But I tell my family, *spring cleaning can't wait*. The temperature has risen just enough to melt snow but not enough for Little League practice to start. Some flowers are peeking out of the thawing ground, but there is no lawn to seed, nor garden to tend. Newly wakened from our winter's hibernation (冬眠), yet still needing extra blankets at night, we open our windows to the first fresh air floating on the breeze and all of the natural world demanding "Awake and be clean!"

Biologists offer a theory about this primal impulse to clean out every drawer and closet in the house at spring's first light, which has to do with melatonin, the sleepytime hormone(激素)our bodies produce when it's dark. When spring's light comes, the melatonin diminishes, and suddenly we are awakened to the dusty, virus-filled house we've been hibernating in for four months.

I tell my family about the science and psychology of a good healthy cleaning at spring's arrival. I speak to them about life's greatest rewards waiting in the removal of soap scum from the bathtub, which hasn't been properly cleaned since the first snowfall.

"I'll do it," says the eldest child, a 21-year-old college student who lives at home.

“You will? Wow!” I exclaim.

Maybe after all these years, he’s finally grasped the concept. Maybe he’s expressing his rightful position as eldest child and role model. Or maybe he’s going to Florida for a break in a couple of weeks and he’s being nice to me who is the financial-aid officer.

No matter. Seeing my adult son willingly cleaning that dirty bathtub gives me hope for the future of his 12-year-old brother who, instead of working, is found to be sleeping in the seat of the window he is supposed to be cleaning.

“Awake and be clean!” I say.

86. According to the passage, “...*spring cleaning is to a difficult notion for modern families to grasp*” means that spring cleaning
- A. is no longer an easy practice to understand.      B. is no longer part of modern family life.  
C. requires more family members to be involved.      D. calls for more complicated skills and knowledge.
87. Which of the following is LEAST likely to be included in family spring cleaning?
- A. Beating the rugs.      B. Cleaning the window.  
C. Cleaning the backyard.      D. Restoring Wi-Fi services.
88. Why does the author say “*spring cleaning can’t wait*”?
- A. Because there will be more activities when it gets warmer.  
B. Because the air is fresher and the breeze is lighter.  
C. Because the whole family is full of energy at spring time.  
D. Because the snow is melting and the ground is thawing.
89. Which of the following interpretations of the biologists’ theory about melatonin is INCORRECT?
- A. The production of melatonin in our bodies varies at different times.  
B. Melatonin is more likely to cause sleepiness in our bodies.  
C. The reduction of melatonin will cause wakefulness in our bodies.  
D. The amount of melatonin remains constant in our bodies.
90. Which of the following can best sum up the author’s overall reaction to her adult son’s positive response to spring cleaning?
- A. Surprised and skeptical.      B. Elated and hesitant.  
C. Relieved and optimistic.      D. Optimistic and hesitant.

### TEXT C

These days lots of young Japanese do *omiai*, literally, “meet and look.” Many of them do so willingly. In today’s prosperous and increasingly conservative Japan, the traditional *omiai kekkon*, or arranged marriage, is thriving.

But there is a difference. In the original *omiai*, the young Japanese couldn’t reject the partner chosen by his parents and their middleman. After World War II, many Japanese abandoned the arranged marriage as part of their rush to adopt the more democratic ways of their American conquerors. The Western *ren’ai kekkon*, or love marriage, became popular; Japanese began picking their own mates by dating and falling in love.

But the Western way was often found wanting in an important respect: it didn’t necessarily produce a partner of the right economic, social, and educational qualifications. “Today’s young people are quite calculating,” says Chieko Akiyama, a social commentator.

What seems to be happening now is a repetition of a familiar process in the country’s history, the “Japanization” of an adopted foreign practice. The Western ideal of marrying for love is





Her lucky moment came, strangely enough, after she was nominated in 1992 to be on the McDonald's bun committee. "The company picked me up in a corporate jet to see bakeries around the world," she recalls. "Every time I went to a meeting, I loved it. This was global!"

The experience opened her eyes to business possibilities. When McDonald's decided it wanted a new bun supplier, Harrington became determined to win the contract, even though she had no experience running a bakery.

Harrington studied the bakery business and made sure she was never off executives' radar. "If you have a dream, you can't wait for people to call you," she says. "So I'd visit a mill and send them photos of myself in a baker's hat and jacket, holding a sign that says 'I want to be your baker.'" After four years and 32 interviews, her persistence paid off.

Harrington sealed the deal with a handshake, sold her shops, and borrowed \$13.5 million. She was ready to build the fastest, most automated bakery in the world.

The Tennessee Bun Company opened ahead of schedule in 1997, in time for a slump in U.S. fast-food sales for McDonald's. Before Harrington knew it, she was down to her last \$20,000, not enough to cover payroll. And her agreement with McDonald's required that she sell exclusively to the company. "I cried myself to sleep many nights," she recalls, "I really did think, I am going to go bankrupt."

But Harrington worked out an agreement to supply Pepperidge Farm as well. "McDonald's could see a benefit if our production went up and prices went down, and no benefit if we went out of business," she says, "That deal saved us."

Over the next eight years, Harrington branched out even more: She started her own trucking business, added a cold-storage company, and now has three bakeries producing fresh buns and frozen dough – all now known as the Bun Companies. Speed is still a priority: It takes 11 people at the main bakery to turn out 60,000 buns an hour for clients across 40 states, South America, and the Caribbean.

Grateful for the breaks she's had, Harrington is passionate about providing opportunities to all 230 employees. "Financial success is the most fun when you can give it away," she says.

The current economy is challenging. Some of her clients' sales have declined, but she's found new clients and improved efficiencies to help sustain the company's double-digit growth.

Cordia Harrington doesn't have to stand on her feet all day anymore. Two of her three sons now work for her. And she's remarried – her husband, Tom, is now her CFO.

"This is more than a job," says Harrington, "It's a mission. I'm always thinking. How can we best serve our employees? If we support them, they'll do their best to look after our clients. That's how it works here."

96. According to the passage, which of the following was most significant in her early career?

- A. Her travel and the visits to bakeries around the world.
- B. Her nomination on the McDonald's bun committee.
- C. A business contract with local bun suppliers.
- D. The interviews and experience in running a bakery.

97. "Harrington ... made sure she was never off executives' radar" (Paragraph Four) means that she

- A. herself wanted to be a company executive.
- B. meant to hire executives to run the business.
- C. meant to keep her management knowledge and skills.
- D. focused on the management of the bakery business.

98. How did she survive the crisis at the start of her bakery business?  
 A. By opening her bun company ahead of schedule.    B. By supplying buns for another company.  
 C. By keeping supplies up for McDonald's.            D. By making a new agreement with McDonald's.
99. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT in describing her current business?  
 A. It is fast growing.                                        B. It is diversified.  
 C. Its clients are all local.                                D. It is more efficient.
100. According to the passage, which of the following is fundamental to Harrington's success?  
 A. Perseverance and concern for employees.        B. Business expansion and family support.  
 C. Efficiency and love for the family.                D. Opportunities and speed.

## PART VI WRITING

[45 MIN]

### SECTION A COMPOSITION

[35 MIN]

Recently government agencies in some big cities have been studying the possibility of putting a "pollution tax" on private cars. The amount of tax private car owners would have to pay would depend on the emission levels, i.e engine or vehicle size. This has caused quite a stir among the public. Some regard it as an effective way to control the number of cars and reduce pollution in the city. But others don't think so. What is your opinion?

*Write on ANSWER SHEET THREE a composition of about 200 words on the following topic:*

#### Should Private Car Owners be Taxed for Pollution?

*You are to write in three parts.*

*In the first part, state specifically what your view is.*

*In the second part, provide one or two reasons to support your opinion.*

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

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

### SECTION B NOTE-WRITING

[10 MIN]

*Write on ANSWER SHEET THREE a note of about 50-60 words based on the following situation:*

During the summer vacation you would like to invite your best friend to your home town.

Write a note to him/her, extending your invitation and telling him/her how to get to your home town.

*Marks will be awarded for content, organization, language and appropriateness.*

—THE END—

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## PART II LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### SECTION A CONVERSATIONS 答案详解

(Questions 1-3 对话大意) 对话是围绕车展进行的, 一方在向另一方咨询关于这次车展的规模以及参与方面的一些情况。

1. C 细节题。问关于车展哪个选项是不正确的。根据原文中121 companies had stands last year, and that figure should be up to 140 this time. 可知选项A是正确的; 根据Over the two days we had 16,500 visitors, so with more stands, we'd hope for more people this time. 可推断出展会的时间没有变化, 但是展位多就预示着人会更多, 所以选项B和选项D也是正确的, 而选项C尽管没直接交代, 但既然参与者多了, 国外的参与者的数目也会增多的, 所以选项C是不正确的, 所以选项C为正确答案。
2. B 细节题。关于展位的价格都包括什么。根据原文中You get a listing in the catalogue in both Chinese and English, some basic furniture, a desk and four chairs, and electricity and lighting. 可知选项A是包含在其中的; 而选项C two desks不正确, 应该是one desk; 选项D不对, 不是catalogue, 而是a listing in the catalogue, 而根据So anything else would be extra, like a poster? 可知poster不在价格范围之内, 所以选项B为正确答案。
3. D 细节题。根据对话判断咨询方对哪方面更感兴趣。这是个判断题, 选项A和选项B都涉及到了, 但他更感兴趣的是展位的价格, 因为这方面他问的更细更多, 而选项C几乎就没涉及到, 所以选项D是正确答案。

(Questions 4-7 对话大意) 对话围绕新开发的学习机展开, 一方有投资的意向, 所以想更多地了解他们的广告宣传情况。

4. B 细节题。问Jim感兴趣的是什么。根据原文中I'm thinking of investing in your new educational computer that your company has produced. 可知他不是要buying a computer, and I'm interested in the advertizing campaign. 如选项A所言, 也不是如选项C所说要joining the computer company, 而选项D是说他感兴趣的是阅读宣传计划, 不正确, 所以选项B是正确答案。
5. C 细节题。问广告不会出现在哪个地方, 注意问话中的except。根据原文中we intend to place them in family magazines, and on early evening television 可知选项A是出现广告的地方。根据we intend to place them in some teenage magazines, the more serious ones you know. And we're also thinking of putting them in Sunday newspapers. 可知选项B和选项D也是刊登广告的地方。选项C文中没提到, 提到的是early evening television, 而不是morning television; 所以选项C是正确答案。
6. A 细节题。问打广告是为了给谁看。根据原文中We want whole families, that's parents and children, to see them. 可知广告的目标群是整个家庭, 也就是父母和孩子们, 所以选项C和选项D都只是一个方面, 不正确, 而选项B根本没提到, 所以选项A是正确答案。
7. C 细节题。判断Linda对于广告的成功持什么样的态度。根据原文中We've done research, and we think they'll like our advertisements. 可以推断, 她对于广告的成功很有信心。而选项A uncertain, 选项B hesitant 和选项D delighted 都不符合题意, 所以选项C是正确答案。

(Questions 8-10 对话大意) 对话是关于面试的, 面试官在询问约翰过去的工作经历、兴趣爱好以及在照顾孩子方面的一些经历。

8. B 细节题。下面哪个地方是约翰没有工作过的, 问题的核心在except。根据原文中I had a job in a paper factory for a few months after I left school, then I worked in the summer holidays at the university, first in a fast food restaurant, then in a book shop.可知选项A、选项C和选项D都是约翰工作过的地方, 只有选项B没有提到, 所以选项B是正确答案。
9. D 细节题。根据对话判断约翰的兴趣情况。根据原文中I like traveling, I play a lot of sports, and I play the piano.可以判断, 约翰有兴趣爱好, 所以选项A不对, 他的兴趣不止一种, 选项B排除; 他的兴趣也不是只有两个, 选项C排除, 所以选项D是正确答案。
10. A 细节题。根据对话判断面试官对约翰的哪种经历更感兴趣。根据原文中Okay, the most important question now. What experience have you had with children? 我们可以知道更重要也是面试官更感兴趣的是与孩子相关的工作经历, 所以排除选项B, 而选项D根本没提到, 排除。而根据I've looked after my brother and sister, as babies and as young children, and I've also worked with children in a youth club.和面试官紧接着询问这个youth club, 可以知道这才是她最关心的问题, 排除选项C, 所以选项A是正确答案。

## SECTION B PASSAGES 答案详解

(Questions 11-13文章大意) 文章是关于探讨很多航班基础设施糟糕以及航班年久失修的原因。

11. C 细节题。根据原文中It found American, and Delta and Northwest, had the oldest fleets at about 16 years on average.可知选项C是正确的; 选项B出现在The average age of the fleet of the seven large US passenger airlines is about 14 years old, 但不是指Delta /Northwest, 排除和题干没有关系的选项A和选项D, 所以选项C是正确答案。
12. B 细节题。根据文章来判断哪个是正确的。根据原文中Few people expect luxury while flying, but these days even the basics seem to be in bad shape.可以判断选项A是错误的; 根据There's less pressure on the airlines to upgrade the interior unless it's a safety issue, or a redesign that will save money.可以排除选项C; 根据the in-flight entertainment system not working可以排除选项D, 所以选项B是正确答案。
13. D 细节题。哪个因素不是老飞机可以坚持25年的原因, 关键在于except这个词。根据the older planes were built tougher and with proper maintenance, there's no reason why a plane can't stay safe for twenty-five to thirty years. ...a plane may be 20 years old but its engines and other major systems could have been recently manufactured or upgraded.可以判断选项B strong materials、选项C proper maintenance和选项A new engine 都是原因, 只有选项D不对, 所以选项D是正确答案。

(Questions 14-17文章大意) 本文是关于为那些没接受过高等教育的人提供一些可供选择的职业及其薪水待遇。

14. A 细节题。根据原文中Assembly supervisors oversee workers who put together products by using power tools or other dangerous equipment.可知选项A是正确答案。
15. B 细节题。根据原文中An automobile service station manager draws up guidelines for gas stations and automotive repair shops, and decides on hours of operations, assigns job duties, and sets prices for services and products.可以排除选项A、选项C和选项D, 所以选项B是正确答案。