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前言

全国高等学校英语应用能力考试 (Practical English Test for Colleges) 简称 PRETCO, 是国家教育部组织的全国性考试, 它所面向的是修完教育部 2000 年颁布的《高职高专教育英语课程教学基本要求》(以下简称《基本要求》) 中所规定的全部内容的高等职业教育、普通高等专科学校教育和成人高等专科学校教育各专业的学生。

本考试的目的是检验全国高职高专英语课程的教学水平, 考核学生学完本课程后, 是否达到国家教育部颁布的《基本要求》所规定的教学目标, 以及在英语应用能力方面的真实水平。

本书的目的是帮助参加全国高等学校英语应用能力考试 (A 级) 的学生更为具体地了解本考试的试卷构成、题型、考试内容及其难易程度, 系统掌握所学知识, 全面提高英语实际应用能力, 在短期内系统复习《高等学校英语应用能力考试大纲》(以下简称《考试大纲》) 中所规定的各种语言知识, 快速提高考试技能, 最终顺利通过考试。

本书的编者是来自有 PRETCO 考试阅卷经验并长期从事高职高专英语一线教学或考前辅导的资深教师。本书不仅紧扣《基本要求》和《考试大纲》, 而且提供了大量的信息。通过大量的练习和对重点、难点的解读, 为学生取得高等学校英语应用能力考试 (A 级) 的优异成绩提供充分的保证。

本书如有不足和疏漏之处, 诚请广大师生批评指正。

编者

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Part I Listening Comprehension (15 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your listening ability. It consists of 3 sections.

Section A

Directions: This section is to test your ability to understand short dialogues. There are 5 recorded dialogues in it. After each dialogue, there is a recorded question. Both the dialogues and questions will be spoken only once. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Example:

You will hear:

You will read: A) New York City.
C) An air trip.

B) An evening party.
D) The man's job.

From the dialogue we learn that the man is to take a flight to New York. Therefore, C) An air trip is the correct answer. You should mark C) on the Answer Sheet. Now the test will begin.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. A) Fixing an engine. | B) Repairing a car. |
| C) Cashing a check. | D) Buying some wheels. |
| 2. A) Visit Japan. | B) Cook some food. |
| C) Travel abroad. | D) Eat outside. |
| 3. A) One of a cheaper price. | B) One of a different color. |
| C) One of a fashionable style. | D) One of a smaller size. |
| 4. A) He has changed his plan. | B) He has canceled his trip. |
| C) He is arriving this afternoon. | D) He forgot to arrange his trip. |
| 5. A) They had lost their way. | B) They were told it would rain. |
| C) They were caught in the rain. | D) They had taken an umbrella. |

Section B

Directions: This section is to test your ability to understand short conversations. There are 2 recorded conversations in it. After each conversation, there are some recorded questions. Both the conversations and questions will be spoken two times. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Conversation 1

6. A) Going shopping. B) Staying at a hotel.
C) Taking a trip. D) Buying a book.
7. A) By check. B) In cash. C) By credit card. D) By mail.

Conversation 2

8. A) Buying an apartment. B) Repairing her apartment.
C) Renting an apartment. D) Painting her apartment.
9. A) One near a park. B) A larger one.
C) A cheaper one. D) One with a good view.
10. A) The size. B) The furniture. C) The location. D) The rent.

Section C

Directions: This section is to test your ability to comprehend short passages. You will hear a recorded passage. After that you will hear five questions. Both the passage and the questions will be read two times. When you hear a question, you should complete the answer to it with a word or a short phrase (in not more than 3 words). The questions and incomplete answers are printed in your test paper. You should write your answers on the Answer Sheet correspondingly. Now listen to the passage.

11. Why did Tina come to the employment agency?
To look for _____.
12. What did she do in the employment agency?
She filled out _____.
13. What was the problem with Tina?
She had little _____.
14. What job did she get at a supermarket?
A job as a _____.
15. How did she feel about her new job a few months later?
She felt it was very _____.

Part II Structure (15 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your ability to construct grammatically correct sentences. It consists of 2 sections.

Section A

Directions: In this section, there are 10 incomplete sentences. You are required to complete each one by deciding on the most appropriate word or words from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

16. Mary is the kind of person who always seems to be _____ a hurry.
A) on B) in C) with D) for
17. This time next week I'll be on vacation. Probably I _____ on a beautiful beach.
A) am lying B) have lain C) will be lying D) will have lain

18. ____, we went swimming in the river.
 A) The day being very hot B) It was a very hot day
 C) The day was very hot D) Being a very hot day
19. She didn't go to the cinema last night, ____ she had to finish her term paper.
 A) as B) if C) till D) though
20. I have found some articles ____ the harmful effects of drinking.
 A) being concerned B) concerned C) to concern D) concerning
21. So loudly ____ that people could hear it out in the street.
 A) did the students play the music B) the students playing the music
 C) the students played the music D) have the students played the music
22. At the international conference, the famous scientist gave an excellent report ____ on his recent experiment.
 A) basing B) based C) to be based D) to base
23. There are so many dresses there that I really don't know ____ to choose.
 A) whether B) when C) which D) why
24. I think that Anna is ____ far the most active member in our group.
 A) with B) at C) as D) by
25. I'm still unable to make myself ____ in the discussion, which worries me a lot.
 A) to be understood B) understanding C) understood D) understand

Section B

Directions: *There are 10 incomplete sentences here. You should fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in brackets. Write the word or words in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet.*

26. Jim told me he (join) _____ the army two years before.
 27. I'm the (little) _____ experienced of all the doctors here.
 28. In some parts of this city, missing a bus means (wait) _____ for another hour.
 29. The businessman lost a (gold) _____ chance to make a big fortune.
 30. Frankly speaking, I'd rather you (say) _____ nothing about it for the time being.
 31. You should be aware that this rare bird was on the list of human (protect) _____.
 32. In the middle of the room there was a Christmas tree (decorate) _____ with colored lights and glass balls.
 33. Did you get the (permit) _____ from the authorities to run the business?
 34. Doctor Richard, together with his wife and three children, (be) _____ to arrive in Beijing this afternoon.
 35. They decided not to visit the Great Wall because it was raining (heavy) _____.

Part III Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)

Directions: *This part is to test your reading ability. There are 5 tasks for you to fulfill. You should read the reading materials carefully and do the tasks as you are instructed.*

Task 1

Directions: *After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions or unfinished statements, numbered 36 through 40. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should make the correct choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.*

Most of us grow up taking certain things for granted. We tend to assume that experts and religious leaders tell us “the truth”. We tend to believe that things advertised on television or in newspapers can’t be bad for us.

However, encouragement of critical thinking in students is one of the goals of most colleges and universities. Few professors require students to share the professors’ own beliefs. In general, professors are more concerned that students learn to question and critically examine the arguments of others, including some of their own beliefs or values. This does not mean that professors insist that you change your beliefs, either. It does mean, however, that professors will usually ask you to support the views you express in class or in your writing.

If your premises (前提) are shaky, or if your arguments are not logical, professors personally point out the false reasoning in your arguments. Most professors want you to learn to recognize the premises of your arguments, to examine whether you really accept these premises, and to understand whether or not you draw logical conclusions. Put it this way: Professors don’t tell you what to think; they try to teach you how to think.

On the other hand, if you intend to disagree with your professors in class, you should be prepared to offer a strong argument in support of your ideas. Arguing just for the sake of arguing usually does not promote a critical examination of ideas. Many professors interpret it as rudeness.

36. In the first paragraph, the writer tries to tell us that people _____.
 A) easily accept certain things without a second thought
 B) grow up through learning certain things in life
 C) are forming their views during their growth
 D) have strong beliefs in authorities while getting old
37. Nowadays, most colleges and universities encourage students to _____.
 A) criticize others
 B) share professors’ beliefs
 C) give their own ideas
 D) change their own beliefs
38. The word “shaky” (Line 1, Para. 3) most probably means “_____”.
 A) creative
 B) firm
 C) false
 D) weak
39. To help students develop their critical thinking, professors mainly teach them _____.
 A) choice of their premises
 B) the way to think independently
 C) skills of drawing conclusions
 D) different kinds of argument
40. According to the writer, the right way to argue is to _____.
 A) argue mainly for the sake of arguing
 B) prove it with a good conclusion
 C) support your idea with sound reasoning
 D) examine others’ ideas critically

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 through 45.

Human cloning (克隆) technology could be used to reverse heart attacks. Scientists believe that they may be able to treat heart attack victims by cloning their healthy heart cells and injecting them into the areas of the heart that have been damaged, and other problems may be solved if human cloning and its technology are not forbidden.

- With cloning, infertile couples could have children. Current treatments for infertility, in terms of percentages (百分比), are not very successful. Couples go through physically and emotionally painful procedures for a small chance of having children. Many couples run out of time and money without successfully having children. Human cloning could

make it possible for many more infertile couples to have children than ever before.

- We should be able to clone the bone marrow (骨髓) for children and adults suffering from leukemia (白血病). This is expected to be one of the first benefits to come from cloning technology.
- We may learn how to switch cells on and off through cloning and thus be able to cure cancer.
- Cloning technology can be used to test for and perhaps cure gene-related diseases.

The above is just a few examples of what human cloning technology can do for mankind. This new technology promises unprecedented advancement in medicine if people will release their fears and let the benefits begin.

41. Heart attacks can be treated with human cloning technology by _____.
 - A) removing the damaged part of the heart
 - B) replacing the old heart with a cloned one
 - C) repairing the heart with cells cloned from healthy ones
 - D) giving the patients injections of various medicines
42. The word "infertile" (Line 1, Para. 2) most probably means "_____".
 - A) unable to give birth to a child
 - B) with physical and emotional problems
 - C) short of time and money
 - D) separated from each other for long
43. According to the passage, one of the first expected benefits from cloning technology may be in _____.
 - A) the treatment of heart attacks
 - B) the bearing of babies
 - C) the cure of blood diseases
 - D) the detection of gene-related diseases
44. Cancer may be cured with the cloning technology by _____.
 - A) attacking the diseased cells with healthy ones
 - B) controlling the growth of the cells
 - C) detecting disordered genes in the cancer cells
 - D) activating cancer cells by switching them on
45. According to the writer, the main problem with the development of human cloning technology is that _____.
 - A) it may be out of human control
 - B) it has brought about few benefits so far
 - C) people still know little about it
 - D) people are afraid of such technology

Task 3

Directions: *The following is an Introduction to Montserrat Publishing. After reading it, you are required to complete the outline below it (No. 46 through No. 50). You should write your answers briefly (in not more than 3 words) on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.*

A local telephone directory is sometimes called the White Pages. This directory provides an alphabetic listing of names and telephone numbers and other telephone reference information. The front pages usually contain information about area codes; billing; customer service; directory assistance (帮助); local, long-distance, and international calls; time zones; rates; emergency numbers; and other items relating to telephone use.

The next section of the telephone directory typically contains the residence listings, or entries, of community residents. The third section contains business listings, or entries, of local businesses and organizations. In some less populated (人口不密集的) or rural areas, the residence or business listings may be combined in one section.

Some local directories contain listings of local, state and federal (联邦的) government

offices and agencies. These listings might be united into the business listing section, or they may be in a separate section of the phone book. These government listings typically are arranged by the name of the state government and then by departments or agencies.

Local Telephone Directories

Another name: 46

Arrangement of its contents:

Listing of names and telephone numbers: given in an 47 order

Area codes and other useful information: contained in the 48

Residence listings: provided in the 49 section of the directory

Government listings: given either in the business section or in a 50

Task 4

Directions: The following is a list of various business writings. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent to (与……相同的) those given in Chinese in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding letters in the brackets on the Answer Sheet, numbered 51 through 55.

A—acceptance letters

B—adjustment letters

C—application letters

D—collection letters

E—complaint letters

F—credit letters

G—inquiry letters

H—memorandums

I—order letters

J—reference letters

K—sales letters

L—news releases

M—annual reports

N—feasibility reports

O—investigative reports

P—progress reports

Q—trouble reports

R—trip reports

Example: (D) 催款函

(B) 投诉回复函

51. () 投诉函

() 咨询函/询价函

52. () 推销信

() 推荐函

53. () 新闻发布

() 申请函

54. () 进度报告

() 年度报告

55. () 调查报告

() 事故报告

Task 5

Directions: There is an Invitation for Bids below. After reading it, you should give brief answers to the 5 questions (No. 56 through No. 60) that follow. The answers (in not more than 3 words) should be written after the corresponding numbers on the Answer Sheet.

INSTRIMPEX International Tendering Company (CNIITC)
INVITATION FOR BIDS (FIB)

Baiyun Airport Relocation Project

In accordance with the Loan Agreement between the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China and Japan Bank for international cooperation for Baiyun Airport

Relocation Project, INSTRIMPEX International Tendering (招标) Company (CNIITC) is authorized to purchase, by way of calling for international competitive bidding, the commodities and related services for the above mentioned project. The payment for the purchase shall be made under the loan.

BID No. 0717—CICJP024209B

Terminal Passenger Boarding Bridges

BID No. 0703—CICJ02012227

Electrical Management System

Interested bidders may obtain Bidding Documents between 9:00 and 11:00 am/ 1:30 and 4:30 pm (Beijing time) from November 22 to December 12, 2002 (except weekends and holidays) at CNIITC office, upon non-refundable (不退还的) payment of RMB 12,000 for Terminal Passenger Boarding Bridges and RMB 1,800 for Electrical Management System. For mail order, an extra RMB 450 express (快递) mail postage shall be added.

Bids must be delivered to the CNIITC office at or before 10:00 am (Beijing time) on January 10, 2003, and will be opened at 10:00 am (Beijing time) on January 10, 2003 at the following address.

CNIITC office address:

Rm 317, Instrimpex Building, 6 Xizhimenwai Street, Beijing 100044, China

Tel: (86-10) 68363322 ext. 3010, 3020 Fax: (86-10) 68317392, 68354383

56. What is the name of the project for bids?

_____ Project.

57. Which company is in charge of the bidding?

_____ International Tendering Company.

58. What is the item of BID No. 0703—CICJ02012227?

_____.

59. Where will the bidders obtain Bidding Documents?

At _____.

60. What is the deadline for delivering the bids?

At or before 10:00 am (Beijing Time) on _____.

Part IV Translation—English into Chinese (25 minutes)

Directions: This part, numbered 61 through 65, is to test your ability to translate English to Chinese. After each of the sentences numbered 61 to 64, you will read four choices of suggested translation. You should choose the best translation and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet. And for the paragraph numbered 65, write your translation in the corresponding space on the Translation/Composition Sheet.

61. No one can use cell phones in any areas at the hospital where equipment might be affected by the interference from cell phones.

- A) 在医院的任何区域都不得使用手机，因为会受到设备的干扰。
- B) 在医院的任何区域，手机会影响设备的使用，任何人都不得使用。
- C) 医院里没有人使用手机，因此不会影响设备的使用。
- D) 医院内，在可能干扰设备使用的任何区域，禁止使用手机。

62. China's consumer price index in July dropped by 0.9 percent from a year earlier, against a decline of 0.8 percent in June.

- A) 7月份中国消费物价指数与去年同期相比下降了0.9%，而6月份该指数下降了0.8%。

- B) 中国消费物价 7 月份下降至前一年的 0.9%，比 6 月份只下降了 0.8%。
 C) 7 月份中国消费物价指数比一年前下降了 0.9%，比 6 月份下降了 0.8%。
 D) 中国消费物价指数 7 月份比前一年下降了 0.9%，而与 6 月份相比，又下降了 0.8%。
63. In general, the application—or misapplication—of science and technology in all fields is certain to affect the structure of society as a whole.
 A) 一般来说，科学技术在各个领域的应用或不用，将会全面影响社会结构。
 B) 总的来说，科学技术在各个领域的应用或误用，必然会影响社会的总体结构。
 C) 总的来说，各种科学技术在其领域中的应用或不应用对整个社会结构都会造成一定程度的影响。
 D) 一般来说，申请或不申请科学技术项目，对整个社会结构都有一定的影响。
64. Given ATM's small number in the country, China's banks, major investors in ATM technologies, will continue purchasing ATMs.
 A) 因为国内自动提款机数量很少，中国的银行将会继续购买自动提款机，主要投资在自动提款机的技术上。
 B) 中国的银行和自动提款设备的主要投资者，会继续购买自动提款机，将少量的运到乡村。
 C) 由于全国自动提款机数量很少，所以自动提款设备的主要投资者——中国的银行业将会继续购买自动提款机。
 D) 中国银行和自动提款设备的大投资者们，将会继续购买少量自动提款机并且把这些提款机放在农村。
65. Helsinki Card (赫尔辛基卡) enables the tourists to travel free on the buses, trains and subway. Holders of the card enjoy a 70% discount on the sightseeing tour and special benefits at restaurants, theatres and concerts, as well as small gifts at department stores. The validity (有效期) of Helsinki Card is 1, 2 or 3 days. The card is sold at the Hotel Booking Center, and travel agencies.

Part V Writing (25 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your ability to do practical writing. You are required to complete an e-mail message for room reservations. Some information and the e-mail form are given to you. Remember to write the message in the corresponding space on the Translation/Composition Sheet.

写信人: Li Qiang

写信时间: 2003 年 12 月 20 日

收信单位: Reservation Office

电子邮件网址: groupsales@aston.com

入住时间: 2003 年 12 月 25 日至 27 日

预订房间: 一个带浴室的单人房间，三个带浴室的双人房间。将于 12 月 26 日下午租用会议室一间，进行业务洽谈。请尽早回复，告知是否有空房、房价及是否需要预付押金等。

Words for reference:

空房 vacancy

预付押金 pay a deposit



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Example:

You will hear:

You will read: A) New York City.

B) An evening party.

C) An air trip.

D) The man's job.

From the dialogue we learn that the man is to take a flight to New York. Therefore, C) An air trip is the correct answer. You should mark C) on the Answer Sheet. Now the test will begin.

1. A) In a bookstore. B) In a bank. C) In a snack bar. D) In a library.
2. A) Because he'll write a report. B) Because he'll be with his friends.
 C) Because he doesn't like the game. D) Because he doesn't know the players.
3. A) Flowers. B) Glasses. C) A blouse. D) A dress.
4. A) The man can use her computer.
 B) The man can help himself to some food.
 C) The man should put the computer on the table.
 D) The man should help her to move the table.
5. A) Because she likes to live near a playground.
 B) Because the new apartment is cheaper.
 C) Because she needs a quieter place.
 D) Because the present apartment is too small.

Section B

Directions: *This section is to test your ability to understand short conversations. There are 2 recorded conversations in it. After each conversation, there are some recorded questions. Both the conversations and questions will be spoken two times. When*

you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Conversation 1

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| 6. A) To the Science Museum. | B) To the History Museum. |
| C) To the Art Museum. | D) To the Space Museum. |
| 7. A) About every four minutes. | B) About every five minutes. |
| C) About every six minutes. | D) About every seven minutes. |

Conversation 2

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| 8. A) The design. | B) The price. | C) The color. | D) The size. |
| 9. A) Black. | B) Brown. | C) White. | D) Gray. |
| 10. A) The discount. | B) The weight. | C) The quantity. | D) The distance. |

Section C

Directions: *This section is to test your ability to comprehend short passages. You will hear a recorded passage. After that you will hear five questions. Both the passage and the questions will be read two times. When you hear a question, you should complete the answer to it with a word or a short phrase (in not more than 3 words). The questions and incomplete answers are printed in your test paper. You should write your answers on the Answer Sheet correspondingly. Now listen to the passage.*

11. How many parts does a conversation with a new friend usually consist of?
_____.
12. What do you do in the first part of the conversation?
We _____ and tell each other our names or exchange name cards.
13. What is mentioned as an example of important matters?
_____ affairs.
14. What is usually avoided in the conversation?
_____ or unpleasant things.
15. What do you usually say to your new friend at the end of the conversation?
We tell him we are happy to _____ him.

Part II Structure (15 minutes)

Directions: *This part is to test your ability to construct grammatically correct sentences. It consists of 2 sections.*

Section A

Directions: *In this section, there are 10 incomplete sentences. You are required to complete each one by deciding on the most appropriate word or words from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.*

16. This ATM has been out of service for a few days. It should _____ last week.
A) fix B) be fixed C) have fixed D) have been fixed
17. We could not have fulfilled the task in time if it _____ for their help.
A) was not B) is not C) had not been D) has not been

18. The hotel ____ during the vacation was rather poorly managed.
A) as I stayed B) where I stayed C) which I stayed D) what I stayed
19. I stayed up all night ____ to find a new solution to the problem.
A) trying B) try C) have tried D) tried
20. By the time you get to Shanghai tomorrow, I ____ for Chongqing.
A) am leaving B) will leave C) shall have left D) had left
21. ____ he is still working on the project, I don't mind when he will finish it.
A) In case B) As long as C) Even if D) As far as
22. If you are worried ____ the problem, you should do something about it.
A) about B) or C) on D) with
23. ____ with the developed countries, some African countries are left far behind in terms of people's living standard.
A) Compare B) To compare C) Compared D) Comparing
24. Li Lei didn't meet the famous American professor ____ he was on holiday in America last year.
A) unless B) whether C) until D) if
25. So ____ after she learned the good news that she could hardly fall asleep that night.
A) excited the mother was B) was the mother excited
C) the mother was excited D) excited was the mother

Section B

Directions: *There are 10 incomplete statements here. You should fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in brackets. Write the word or words in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet.*

26. When (ask) _____ why he came to the exhibition, he said that he had been interested in oil paintings for years.
27. My sister has recently got a job as a (reception) _____ in a hotel.
28. There is a well-known proverb "The more haste, the (little) _____ speed."
29. Provided that there is no (object) _____, we will begin with the next item.
30. If all the people agree on the (suggest) _____ plan, we shall hold the sports meet at the end of this month.
31. There has not been a favorable (respond) _____ to your plan so far.
32. (Give) _____ more instructions, the students would have done the exercises much better.
33. There's no use (bargain) _____ any more. It's a fixed price.
34. Buying a house in such a neighborhood can be a (cost) _____ business.
35. The villagers told us that a new bridge (build) _____ across the river in a year.

Part III Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)

Directions: *This part is to test your reading ability. There are 5 tasks for you to fulfill. You should read the reading materials carefully and do the tasks as you are instructed.*

Task 1

Directions: *After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions or unfinished statements, numbered 36 through 40. For each question or statement there are*

4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should make the correct choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

In many countries in the process of industrialization, overcrowded cities present a major problem. Poor conditions in these cities, such as lack of housing, inadequate sanitation (卫生) and lack of employment, bring about an increase in poverty, disease and crime.

The over-population of towns is mainly caused by the drift of large numbers of people from the rural areas. These people have become dissatisfied with the traditional life of farming, and have come to the towns hoping for better work and pay.

One possible solution to the problem would be to impose registration on town residents. Only officially registered residents would be allowed to live in the towns and the urban population would thus be limited. In practice, however, registration would be very difficult to enforce (推行); it would cause a great deal of resentment (不满), which would ultimately lead to violence.

The only long-term solution is to make life in the rural areas more attractive, which would encourage people to stay there. This could be achieved by providing encouragement for people to go and work in the villages. Facilities in the rural areas, such as transport, health and education services should be improved. Education should include training in improved methods of farming and other rural industries, so as to develop a more positive attitude towards rural life. The improvement of life in the villages is very important, because the towns themselves cannot be developed without the simultaneous or previous development of the rural area.

36. What does the word "urban" (Line 2, Para.3) mean?
A) Of the city. B) Out of work.
C) In a bad condition. D) Of enormous size.
37. Large numbers of farmers have poured into towns because _____.
A) they can hardly support their families on farms
B) they are unhappy with their life in the country
C) the rural areas are too crowded with people
D) they hope to have their own business
38. In the author's view, solving the cities' problem of overcrowding by strict registrations is _____.
A) practical B) possible C) not realistic D) not sufficient
39. According to the writer, the problem with crowded cities will be solved if _____.
A) traditional methods of farming are well kept
B) conditions in rural areas are much improved
C) the government can provide more jobs
D) violence could be controlled in cities
40. Which factor is the most important for people to be attracted to live in the country?
A) Their expectations. B) Their interests.
C) Their income. D) Their attitude.

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 to 45.

Online services are managed by a host system that maintains a base of information available to satellite users. Users of so-called "dumb" terminals (i.e. those without processing capability) simply access the information base via programs stored on the system. Personal