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Model Test 8

试卷一

Part I

Listening Comprehension

(20 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A, B, C, and D, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

1. A. Because it's bad for his health.
B. Because it has a harmful influence on his children.
C. Because it makes him smell.
D. Because it makes him cough.
2. A. He is hungry. B. He will tell them. C. He is angry. D. He isn't angry.
3. A. At the restaurant. B. At a store. C. In a bus. D. In a train.
4. A. \$100 is much money for her. B. \$100 is too much for a pair of shoes.
C. She had paid more than the man. D. She got a lot of money to buy the pair of shoes.
5. A. Watering the garden. B. Looking for something.
C. Getting dirty. D. Planting something.
6. A. Her back hurt during the meeting. B. She agreed that it was a good meeting.
C. The plan should be sent back. D. His support would have helped this afternoon.
7. A. Early last week. B. Yesterday. C. Two days ago. D. Three days ago.
8. A. She knows. B. She has a dictionary. C. She is not sure. D. She has seen it.
9. A. A teacher. B. A librarian. C. A student. D. A bookseller.
10. A. He was very brave. B. He is a guide in the forest.
C. He heated the metal. D. He's quite proud of his medal.

Section B

Short Passages

Directions: In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a 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 center.

Passage One

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

11. A. The puppies' habit. B. The puppies' eyes and ears.
C. Mother dogs and their puppies. D. A mother dog and her 12 puppies.
12. A. She wants to sleep. B. She wants to eat.
C. She wants to have a box. D. She wants to be alone.
13. A. 3 weeks. B. 6 weeks. C. 12 to 14 days. D. 13 to 15 days.

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. That it is easy to speak a language.
B. That it is easy to read foreign books.
C. That it is easy to learn a foreign language fast.
D. That it needs no pay to learn a foreign language.
15. A. They use books, records. B. They go to evening classes.
C. They use radio and television programmes. D. All of the above.
16. A. A book. B. A machine. C. Hard work. D. A teacher.

Passage Three

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. Continual noise. B. Crowded buses. C. High crime rate. D. Crowded houses.
18. A. Social problems caused by crimes.
B. Great stress caused by modern city life.
C. Water shortage problem.
D. Pollution problem caused by harmful gases and poisonous water.
19. A. Becoming victims of traffic accidents. B. Becoming victims of various crimes.
C. Bumping into floods of people. D. Bumping into cars, bicycles and buses.
20. A. Pollution problem. B. Inconvenience caused by traffic jams in the city.
C. Housing problems in the city. D. A variety of problems of city life.

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 center.

Passage One

Questions 21-25 are based on the following passage:

If you want to stay young, sit down and have a good think. This is the research finding of a team of Japanese doctors, who say that most of our brains are not getting enough exercise —— and as a result, we are aging unnecessarily soon.

Professor Yaiju Matsuzawa wanted to find out why otherwise healthy farmers in northern Japan appeared to be losing their ability to think and reason at a relatively early age, and how the process of aging could be slowed down.

With a team of colleagues at Tokyo National University, he set about measuring brain volumes of a thousand people of different ages and varying occupations.

Computer technology enabled the researchers to obtain precise measurements of the volume of the front and side sections of the brain, which relate to intellect (智能) and emotion, and determine the human character. The rear section of the brain, which controls functions like eating and breathing, does not contract with age, and one can continue living without intellectual or emotional faculties (功能).

Contraction of front and side parts —— as cells die off —— was observed in some subjects in their thirties, but it was still not evident in some sixty and seventy-year-olds.

Matsuzawa concluded from his tests that there is a simple remedy to the contraction normally associated with age —— using the head.

The findings show in general terms that contraction of the brain begins sooner in people in the country than in the towns. Those least at risk, says Matsuzawa, are lawyers, followed by university professors and doctors. White collar workers doing routine work in government offices are, however, as likely to have shrinking brains as the farm worker, bus driver and shop assistant.

Matsuzawa's findings show that thinking can prevent the brain from shrinking. Blood must circulate properly in the head to supply the fresh oxygen the brain cells need. "The best way to maintain good blood circulation is through using the brain," he says. "Think hard and engage in conversation. Don't rely on pocket calculators."

21. The team of doctors wanted to find out _____.

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| A. what causes the contraction of the brain | B. how to make people live longer |
| C. the size of certain people's brains | D. which people are most intelligent |

22. On what are their research findings based?

- A. A survey of farmers in northern Japan.
- B. Tests performed on a thousand old people.
- C. The study of brain volumes of different people.
- D. The latest development of computer technology.

23. The doctor's tests show that _____.

- A. our brains shrink as we grow older
- B. the front section of the brain does not shrink
- C. sixty-year-olds have better brains than thirty-year-olds
- D. some people's brains have contracted more than other people's

24. The word "subjects" in paragraph 5 means _____.

- A. something to be considered

- B. branches of knowledge studied
 - C. persons chosen to be studied in an experiment
 - D. any member of a state except the supreme ruler
25. According to the passage, which people seem to age slower than the others?
- A. Lawyers B. Farmers C. Clerks D. Shop assistants

Passage Two

Questions 26-30 are based on the following passage:

Public fears about the safety of eating beef were raised in March this year, when the British government revealed new scientific findings about "Mad Cow" disease (BSE) and its human equivalent Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease (CJD). A team of government researchers had discovered that ten relatively young people had caught what appeared to be a new form of the disease.

This was a new and worrying development but scientists studying the link between BSE and CJD still do not have proof that eating BSE infected beef was the cause of CJD. Nevertheless, Britain's Health Minister Stephen Dorrell, could not ignore his advisers' suggested explanation, and so he ordered a major review of cattle and beef management.

Each year CJD affects about one person in a million, and that number scarcely differs from one country to another. Some cases seem to be inherited, whilst others are clearly linked to medical treatment with infected hormones. The direct cause is believed to be, not a virus or bacterium, but a protein molecule called a prion. Other prion diseases include BSE in cattle and scrapie, a sheep disease which is thought to have made a species jump, thereby causing BSE in cattle.

Before 1989, British cattle were fed food made from sheep offal (内脏). But until very recently, only a handful of scientists would admit that BSE could cause CJD in humans. Until these latest findings, there was no evidence that BSE could jump so-called species barrier to humans. After all, humans have been eating scrapie-infected sheep for 200 years without any problem. Moreover, until this new type of CJD appeared, the human disease and BSE had different symptoms.

Government researchers have now shown that both BSE and the new form of CJD affect the same part of the brain. So if BSE has crossed to humans — and there's still no complete proof — how big is the danger? Dr. Stephen Dealler, who founded a charity to fund research into CJD, thinks that because CJD may take tens of years to incubate, there could well be more cases.

"We stopped feeding human large amounts of infectivity (传染) in 1989, but we'd expect the number of cases of CJD to rise for 35 years afterwards. I think the numbers we've seen so far of cases of CJD must represent the tip of an iceberg. And we must assume that there'll be an epidemic afterwards."

26. Some government researchers found that ten young people caught _____.
 A. BSE B. CJD
 C. CJD inherited from their parents D. BSE in sheep
27. The first sentence of paragraph 3 means that the number of the people affected is _____.

- A. almost the same in different countries B. totally different in different countries
 C. scarce and small in different countries D. quite different from one country to another
28. What is the relationship between BSE and CJD?
 A. BSE could never become CJD. B. BSE and CJD have different symptoms.
 C. BSE could cause CJD in humans. D. BSE and CJD have something in common.
29. The word "incubate" (line 4, para. 5) could be best replaced by _____.
 A. increase B. start C. develop D. form
30. What does the phrase "the tip of an iceberg" (line 3, para. 6) mean?
 A. only a small amount of something big B. the top small bit of an ice block
 C. the top of a tremendous object D. the little part of a small mountain of ice

Passage Three

Questions 31-35 are based on the following passage:

Like a slow, viscous(粘稠的) flow of lava(熔岩), the population of the United States is steadily moving toward the south and southwest. Expectations are that within twenty years the combined populations of southern and western states will have doubled — to 150 million people, or 56% of the entire population. Some people call this the "Sunning of America" because almost two-thirds of the nation's growth since 1970 has occurred in the south (or "Sunbelt").

The fastest growing centers during this decade have been Houston, Texas; Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida; and Phoenix, Arizona. The city of Atlanta in Georgia has also grown to the point that it is planning to widen some of its four-lane highways to ten lanes; Denver, Colorado and the region around Dallas, Texas, are among other areas that are growing rapidly. In the same period, New York City has lost more than 6% of its population; many other cities in the east and north have also shown noticeable declines.

Since migrating workers tend to be young and among the more qualified, the north and east are losing some of their able youth. The south and west, while gaining from this migration, are having to deal with the major problems of providing housing, education, and other services needed by the flood of new residents.

Economic activity is being decentralized away from the regions of earliest industrialization: New England, the Middle Atlantic States, and the Great Lakes area. Interestingly, large numbers of foreign firms are taking up much of the slack in these "Frost Belt" states as they find plants in the north empty and available for purchase with skilled workers nearby looking for jobs. An equalization of income has occurred across all eight regions of the country. The southeast no longer has the lowest regional per capita income level nor does the far West Coast of having the highest.

31. Within twenty years the population in both southern and western states will _____.
 A. be doubled by 150 million more people
 B. count for two-thirds of the nation's growth since 1970
 C. add another 56% to the whole population
 D. reach more than half of the whole population
32. "Sunning of America" refers to the fact that since 1970 _____.

- A. the increased U.S. population has mostly been born in the Sunbelt region
 - B. two-thirds of the nation's economic growth has occurred in the south
 - C. the sunny weather of the south has been favorable for population growth
 - D. the sunny weather of the south has been favorable for economic growth
33. The following are all Sunbelt cities EXCEPT _____.
- A. Denver
 - B. Atlanta
 - C. Florida
 - D. Dallas
34. The migration of qualified young people from the north and the east _____.
- A. causes great insoluble problems not to be solved
 - B. causes great floods in the south and the west
 - C. brings many new services for themselves
 - D. brings new power to the south and the west
35. According to this passage, the regional per capita income now _____.
- A. is the highest in the southeast
 - B. is the highest in the far west
 - C. does not differ much in all 8 regions of the country
 - D. has been increased considerably across all 8 regions of the country

Passage Four

Questions 36-40 are based on the following passage:

There is much discussion today about whether economic growth is desirable. At an earlier period, our desire for material wealth may have been justified. Now, however, this desire for more than we need is causing serious problems. Even though we have good intentions, we may be producing too much, too fast.

Those who criticize economic growth argue that we must slow down. They believe that society is approaching certain limits on growth. These include the fixed supply of natural resources, the possible negative effects of industry on the natural environment, and the continuing increase in the world's population. As society reaches these limits, economic growth can no longer continue, and the quality of life will decrease.

People who want more economic growth, on the other hand, argue that even at the present growth rate there are still many poor people in the world. These proponents of economic growth believe that only more growth can create the capital needed to improve the quality of life in the world. Furthermore, they argue that only continued growth can provide the financial resources required to protect our natural surroundings from industrialization.

This debate over the desirability of continued economic growth is of vital importance to business and industry. If those who argue against economic growth are correct, the problems they mention cannot be ignored. To find a solution, economists and the business community must pay attention to these problems and continue discussing them with one another.

36. According to those who argue against economic growth we must slow down for the following reasons EXCEPT that _____.
- A. our natural surroundings are in danger of being destroyed by industry

- B. the fixed supply of natural resources marks a point beyond which economic growth cannot continue
 - C. the world population is ever increasing
 - D. more efforts should be made to improve the quality of our material life
37. Those who want more economic growth believe that continued economic growth _____.
 A. is essential to the well being of society as a whole
 B. can provide the solution to many of our social problems today
 C. can protect our environment from being polluted by industry
 D. can provide us with more natural resources for industrialization
38. We may infer from the context that "proponents" (line 2, para. 3) probably means _____.
 A. arguments in support of something B. disagreements
 C. people who argue for something D. people who argue against something
39. The passage is mainly about _____.
 A. the contradiction between economists and the business community
 B. the present debate on economic growth
 C. the advantages and disadvantages of economic growth
 D. the importance of the debate on economic growth
40. We may infer from the passage that _____.
 A. the author describes the case as it is
 B. the author is for economic growth
 C. the author is against economic growth
 D. the author is pessimistic about the problems caused by continued economic growth

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. It is absolutely necessary for us to have sufficient oxygen if we are to go on _____.
 A. living B. to live C. lived D. live
42. Most of the old films in the afternoon aren't worth _____ awake for anyway.
 A. to stay B. staying C. to be stayed D. being stayed
43. We were dressed up for the party, but she was still in her _____ clothes.
 A. average B. normal C. ordinary D. regular
44. As long as you've paid in advance, we won't _____ you for delivery.
 A. charge B. claim C. demand D. price
45. The palace had been _____ to from time to time, and as a result incorporated various styles of architecture.
 A. turned B. extended C. amounted D. added
46. Thousands of people _____ into the stadium to watch the football match.

- A. broke B. filled C. hurried D. poured
47. With such a short time _____ before the deadline, it doesn't seem likely that John will finish the work.
- A. left B. leaving C. having left D. being left
48. _____ with teaching, he decided to quit the job.
- A. Fed up B. Feeding up C. To be fed up D. He was fed up
49. The matter is perplexing in the extreme, and we need not _____ it here.
- A. go about B. go into C. go up D. go for
50. I enjoyed all his novels _____ the exception of his last.
- A. at B. by C. for D. with
51. Hamburg _____ in commercial importance before any other town on the Continent of Europe.
- A. arranges B. classifies C. occupies D. ranks
52. If the ancient people had not learned to make use of fire, they _____ the advanced civilization.
- A. will not B. would not have created
C. shall not create D. would not create
53. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west, so it seems as if the sun _____ round the earth.
- A. was circling B. were circling C. is circling D. circles
54. We prefer that the plan _____ before being put into execution.
- A. will be fully discussed B. be fully discussed
C. must be fully discussed D. would be fully discussed
55. I caught a _____ of a pagoda from the window of the train.
- A. look B. glimpse C. scene D. vision
56. Industrial output value has _____ sharply in the past two years.
- A. arisen B. risen C. raised D. aroused
57. Owing to the strong storm, the ship was _____ at sea.
- A. injured B. spoiled C. torn D. wrecked
58. I was amazed at the _____ of his knowledge.
- A. extent B. level C. variation D. quantity
59. _____ for my illness, I would have gone picnic with you.
- A. Not being B. Had it not been C. Without being D. Not having been
60. Do not disturb me. I _____ all the morning and have written ten letters so far.
- A. have written B. have been writing C. am writing D. was
61. He _____ me of having neglected my duty.
- A. punished B. scolded C. charged D. accused
62. Recourse to arms is not the best _____ to a quarrel between two countries.
- A. response B. solution C. result D. settlement
63. I don't know how long he _____ away from home. He _____ on a business trip since last month.
- A. will be ... was B. will have been... has been
C. would be ...had been D. will be... has been
64. They lost their way in the forest and _____ made matter worse was that night began to fall.

- A. what B. that C. which D. it
65. Scarcely _____ themselves in their seats in the theater when the curtain went up.
A. had they settled B. they had settled C. did they settle D. they settled
66. The leader of the opposition _____ significantly in reputation as a result of his speech on environmental pollution.
A. earned B. gained C. grasped D. seized
67. To make up an objective test, the teacher writes a series of questions, _____ has only one correct answer.
A. each of them B. each of which C. each of that D. each of those
68. A survey was carried out on the college student's learning techniques, _____ was very upsetting.
A. its result B. as a result C. the result of which D. as a result of which
69. We couldn't persuade him to give up the attempt, _____ make him see the danger of it.
A. neither we can B. if only we could C. or we could not D. nor could we
70. My pullover _____ on account of careless washing.
A. decreased B. dropped C. compressed D. shrank

试卷二

Part IV

Translation

Directions: In this part, there are 4 items which you should translate into Chinese. Each item consists of one or two sentences. These sentences are all taken from the reading passages you have just read. You are allowed 15 minutes to do the translation. Remember to refer back to the passage so as to identify their meanings in the context.

- Computer technology enabled the researchers to obtain precise measurements of the volume of the front and side sections of the brain, which relate to intellect (智能) and emotion, and determine the human character. (The first sentence, paragraph 4, passage 1)

- Some cases seem to be inherited, whilst others are clearly linked to medical treatment with infected hormones. (The second sentence, paragraph 3, passage 2)

- Expectations are that within twenty years the combined populations of southern and western states will have doubled — to 150 million people, or 56% of the entire population. (The second sentence, paragraph 1, passage 3)

- _____
- _____
4. At an earlier period, our desire for material wealth may have been justified. Now, however, this desire for more than we need is causing serious problems. (The second sentence, paragraph 1, passage 4)
- _____
- _____

Part V

Writing

(30 minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed thirty minutes to write a composition on the topic **The Game I like Best** in three paragraphs. You are given the first sentence of each paragraph. You should write at least 100 words, not including the words given.

The game I like best is _____

Playing _____ requires both a good physical body and real skill. _____

Playing _____ brings me many benefits. _____

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