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### Part I

### Listening Comprehension

(20 minutes)

#### Section A

- A) The man could buy a shirt of a different color.      B) The size the man wants will arrive soon.  
C) The size of the skirt is all right for the man.      D) The man could come some time later.
- A) The woman is filming the lake.  
B) The woman can't take a photo of the man.  
C) The woman is running toward the lake.  
D) The woman is watching an exciting film with the man.
- A) It's quiet in the restaurant.      B) The restaurant is too far from their school.  
C) The price is high in the restaurant.      D) The restaurant serves good food.
- A) On a busy street.      B) In a Hong Kong hotel.  
C) At a booking office.      D) At an airport.
- A) The woman should confirm her appointment with the doctor.  
B) The woman's headache will go away by itself.  
C) The woman should have seen the doctor earlier.  
D) The woman has been complaining too much.
- A) Put off his appointment with Mr. Johnson.      B) Help move things to Mr. Johnson's office.  
C) Help the woman move the items.      D) Hurry to Mr. Johnson's office.
- A) The man didn't practice hard enough.  
B) The man should find a new partner.  
C) The man should not give up.  
D) The man should not dream of being a superstar.
- A) It doesn't appeal to her.      B) It's incredibly delicious.  
C) She has already tasted it.      D) There is no more left.
- A) The man is a diligent student.  
B) The man has bad study habits.  
C) The man has made a mess of his midterm exam.  
D) The man is usually the last to hand in his test paper.
- A) The man has finished Ms assignment.      B) The man is willing to help the woman.  
C) The man will drive the woman to school.      D) The man is losing patience with the woman.

#### Section B

##### Passage One

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

- A) The importance of good manners.  
B) The art of saying thank you.  
C) The secret of staying pretty.  
D) The difference between elegance and good manners.
- A) They were willing to spend more money on clothes.  
B) They paid more attention to their appearance.  
C) They were more aware of changes in fashion.

- D) They were nicer and gentler.
13. A) By putting on a little make-up. B) By decorating our homes.  
C) By being kind and generous. D) By wearing fashionable clothes.

#### Passage Two

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

14. A) Children don't get enough education in safety.  
B) The playgrounds are in poor condition.  
C) The playgrounds are overcrowded.  
D) Children are keen on dangerous games.
15. A) They should help maintain the equipment.  
B) They should teach their children how to use the equipment.  
C) They should stop their children from climbing ladders.  
D) They should keep a watchful eye on their children.
16. A) They can be creative when they feel secure.  
B) They may panic in front of high playground equipment.  
C) They should be aware of the potential risks in the playground.  
D) They tend to stay within shouting or running distance of their parents.

#### Passage Three

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

17. A) It's admired worldwide. B) It takes skill.  
C) It pays well. D) It's a full-time job.
18. A) An old lady carrying a handbag on the left.  
B) A mother with a baby in her arms.  
C) A woman whose bag is hanging in front.  
D) A lone female with a handbag at her right side.
19. A) A side pocket of his jacket. B) The top pocket of his jacket.  
C) A side pocket of his trousers. D) The back pocket of his tight trousers.
20. A) Clothing stores where people are relaxed and off guard.  
B) Hotels and restaurants in southeast London.  
C) Airports where people carry a lot of luggage.  
D) Theater lobbies with uniformed security guards.

## Part II

## Reading Comprehension

(35 minutes)

#### Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

I'm usually fairly skeptical about any research that concludes that people are either happier or unhappier or more or less certain of themselves than they were 50 years ago. While any of these statements might be true, they are practically impossible to prove scientifically. Still, I was struck by a report which concluded that today's children are significantly more anxious than children in the 1950s. In fact, the analysis showed, normal children ages 9 to 17 exhibit a higher level of anxiety today than children who were treated for mental illness 50 years ago.

Why are America's kids so stressed? The report cites two main causes: increasing physical isolation — brought on by high divorce rates and less involvement in community, among other things — and a growing perception that the world is a more dangerous place.

Given that we can't turn the clock back, adults can still do plenty to help the next generation cope.

At the top of the list is *nurturing* (培育) a better appreciation of the limits of individualism. No child is an island. Strengthening social ties helps build communities and protect individuals against stress.

To help kids build stronger connections with others, you can pull the plug on TVs and computers. Your family will thank you later. They will have more time for face-to-face relationships, and they will get more sleep.

Limit the amount of *virtual* (虚拟的) violence your children are exposed to. It's not just video games and movies; children see a lot of murder and crime on the local news.

Keep your expectations for your children reasonable. Many highly successful people never attended Harvard or Yale.

Make exercise part of your daily routine. It will help you cope with your own anxieties and provide a good model for your kids. Sometimes anxiety is unavoidable. But it doesn't have to ruin your life.

21. The author thinks that the conclusions of any research about people's state of mind are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) surprising                      B) confusing                      C) illogical                      D) questionable
22. What does the author mean when he says, "we can't turn the clock back" (Line 1, Para. 3)?
- A) It's impossible to slow down the pace of change.  
B) The social reality children are facing cannot be changed.  
C) Lessons learned from the past should not be forgotten.  
D) It's impossible to forget the past.
23. According to an analysis, compared with normal children today, children treated as mentally ill 50 years ago \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) were less isolated physically                      B) were probably less self-centered  
C) probably suffered less from anxiety                      D) were considered less individualistic
24. The first and most important thing parents should do to help their children is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) to provide them with a safer environment                      B) to lower their expectations for them  
C) to get them more involved socially                      D) to set a good model for them to follow
25. What conclusion can be drawn from the passage?
- A) Anxiety, though unavoidable, can be coped with.  
B) Children's anxiety has been enormously exaggerated.  
C) Children's anxiety can be eliminated with more parental care.  
D) Anxiety, if properly controlled, may help children become mature.

### Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

It is easier to negotiate initial salary requirement because once you are inside, the organizational *constraints* (约束) influence wage increases. One thing, however, is certain; your chances of getting the raise you feel you deserve are less if you don't at least ask for it. Men tend to ask for more, and they get more, and this holds true with other resources, not just pay increases. Consider Beth's story:

I did not get what I wanted when I did not ask for it. We had *cubicle* (小隔间) offices and window offices. I sat in the cubicles with several male colleagues. One by one they were moved into window offices, while I remained in the cubicles, several males who were hired after me also went to offices. One in particular told me he was next in line for an office and that it had been part of his negotiations for the job. I guess they thought me content to stay in the cubicles since I did not voice my opinion either way.

It would be nice if we all received automatic pay increases equal to our merit, but "nice" isn't a quality attributed to most organizations. If you feel you deserve a significant raise in pay, you'll probably have to ask for it.

Performance is your best bargaining *chip* (筹码) when you are seeking a raise. You must be able to demonstrate that you deserve a raise. Timing is also a good bargaining chip. If you can give your boss something he or she needs (a new client or a sizable contract, for example) just before merit pay decisions are being made, you are more likely to get the raise you want.

Use information as a bargaining chip too. Find out what you are worth on the open market. What will

someone else pay for your services?

Go into the negotiations prepared to place your chips on the table at the appropriate time and prepared to use communication style to guide the direction of the interaction.

26. According to the passage, before taking a job, a person should \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) demonstrate his capability                      B) give his boss a good impression  
C) ask for as much money as he can              D) ask for the salary he hopes to get
27. What can be inferred from Beth's story?
- A) Prejudice against women still exists in some organizations.  
B) If people want what they deserve, they have to ask for it.  
C) People should not be content with what they have got.  
D) People should be careful when negotiating for a job.
28. We can learn from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) unfairness exists in salary increases  
B) most people are overworked and underpaid  
C) one should avoid overstating one's performance  
D) most organizations give their staff automatic pay raises
29. To get a pay raise, a person should \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) advertise himself on the job market  
B) persuade his boss to sign a long-term contract  
C) try to get inside information about the organization  
D) do something to impress his boss just before merit pay decisions
30. To be successful in negotiations, one must \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) meet his boss at the appropriate time  
B) arrive at the negotiation table punctually  
C) be good at influencing the outcome of the interaction  
D) be familiar with what the boss likes and dislikes

### Passage Three

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

When families gather for Christmas dinner, some will stick to formal traditions dating back to Grandma's generation. Their tables will be set with the good dishes and silver, and the dress code will be Sunday-best.

But in many other homes, this china-and-silver elegance has given way to a *stoneware* (粗陶)-and-stainless informality, with dresses assuming an equally casual-Friday look. For hosts and guests, the change means greater simplicity and comfort. For makers of fine china in Britain, it spells economic hard times.

Last week Royal Doulton, the largest employer in Stoke-on-Trent, announced that it is eliminating 1,000 jobs — one-fifth of its total workforce. That brings to more than 4,000 the number of positions lost in 18 months in the *pottery* (陶瓷) region. Wedgwood and other pottery factories made cuts earlier.

Although a strong pound and weak markets in Asia play a role in the downsizing, the layoffs in Stoke have their roots in earthshaking social shifts. A spokesman for Royal Doulton admitted that the company "has been somewhat slow in catching up with the trend" toward casual dining. Families eat together less often, he explained, and more people eat alone, either because they are single or they eat in front of television;

Even dinner parties, if they happen at all, have gone casual. In a time of long work hours and demanding family schedules, busy hosts insist, rightly, that it's better to share a takeout pizza on paper plates in the family room than to wait for the perfect moment or a "real" dinner party. Too often, the perfect moment never comes. Iron a fine-patterned tablecloth? Forget it. Polish the silver? Who has time?

Yet the loss of formality has its down side. The fine points of *etiquette* (礼节) that children might once have learned at the table by observation or instruction from parents and grandparents ("Chew with your mouth closed." "Keep your elbows off the table.") must be picked up elsewhere. Some companies now offer etiquette

seminars for employees who may be competent professionally but clueless socially.

31. The trend toward casual dining has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) bankruptcy of fine china manufacturers      B) shrinking of the pottery industry  
C) restructuring of large enterprises      D) economic recession in Great Britain
32. Which of the following may be the best reason for casual dining?
- A) Family members need more time to relax.  
B) Busy schedules leave people no time for formality.  
C) People want to practice economy in times of scarcity.  
D) Young people won't follow the etiquette of the older generation.
33. It can be learned from the passage that Royal Doulton is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) a retailer of stainless steel tableware      B) a dealer in stoneware  
C) a pottery chain store      D) a producer of fine china
34. The main cause of the layoffs in the pottery industry is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) the increased value of the pound      B) the economic recession in Asia  
C) the change in people's way of life      D) the fierce competition at home and abroad
35. Refined table manners, though less popular than before in current social life \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) are still a must on certain occasions      B) are bound to return sooner or later  
C) are still being taught by parents at home      D) can help improve personal relationships

#### Passage Four

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

Some houses are designed to be smart. Others have smart designs. An example of the second type of house won an Award of Excellence from the American Institute of Architects.

Located on the shore of Sullivan's Island off the coast of South Carolina, the award-winning cube-shaped beach house was built to replace one smashed to pieces by *Hurricane* (飓风) Hugo 10 years ago. In September 1989, Hugo struck South Carolina, killing 18 people and damaging or destroying 36,000 homes in the state.

Before Hugo, many new houses built along South Carolina's shoreline were poorly constructed, and enforcement of building codes wasn't strict, according to architect Ray Huff, who created the cleverly-designed beach house. In Hugo's wake, all new shoreline houses are required to meet stricter, better-enforced codes. The new beach house on Sullivan's Island should be able to withstand a Category 3 hurricane with peak winds of 179 to 209 kilometers per hour.

At first sight, the house on Sullivan's Island looks anything but hurricane-proof. Its redwood shell makes it resemble "a large party lantern (灯笼)" at night, according to one observer. But looks can be deceiving. The house's wooden frame is reinforced with long steel rods to give it extra strength.

To further protect the house from hurricane damage, Huff raised it 2.7 meters off the ground on timber pilings — long, slender columns of wood anchored deep in the sand. Pilings might appear insecure, but they are strong enough to support the weight of the house. They also elevate the house above storm surges. The pilings allow the surges to run under the house instead of running into it. "These swells of water come ashore at tremendous speeds and cause most of the damage done to beach-front buildings," said Huff.

Huff designed the timber pilings to be partially concealed by the house's ground-to-roof shell. "The shell masks the pilings so that the house doesn't look like it's standing with its pant legs pulled up," said Huff. In the event of a storm surge, the shell should break apart and let the waves rush under the house, the architect explained.

36. After the tragedy caused by Hurricane Hugo, new houses built along South Carolina's shoreline are enquired \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) to be easily reinforced      B) to look smarter in design  
C) to meet stricter building standards      D) to be designed in the shape of cubes
37. The award-winning beach house is quite strong because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) it is strengthened by steel rods  
 B) it is made of redwood  
 C) it is in the shape of a shell  
 D) it is built with timber and concrete
38. Huff raised the house 2.7 meters off the ground on timber pilings in order to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) withstand peak winds of about 200 km/hr  
 B) anchor stronger pilings deep in the sand  
 C) break huge sea waves \into\ smaller ones  
 D) prevent water from rushing into the house
39. The main function of the shell is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) to strengthen the pilings of the house  
 B) to give the house a better appearance  
 C) to protect the wooden frame of the house  
 D) to slow down the speed of the swelling water
40. It can be inferred from the passage that the shell should be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) fancy-looking  
 B) waterproof  
 C) easily breakable  
 D) extremely strong

### Part III

### Vocabulary

(20 minutes)

41. He asked us to \_\_\_\_\_ them in carrying through their plan.  
 A) provide  
 B) arouse  
 C) assist  
 D) persist
42. A good many proposals were raised by the delegates, \_\_\_\_\_ was to be expected.  
 A) that  
 B) what  
 C) so  
 D) as
43. He was such a \_\_\_\_\_ speaker that he held our attention every minute of the three-hour lecture.  
 A) specific  
 B) dynamic  
 C) heroic  
 D) diplomatic
44. Arriving home, the boy told his parents about all the \_\_\_\_\_ which occurred in his dormitory.  
 A) occasions  
 B) matters  
 C) incidents  
 D) issues
45. The opening between the rocks was very narrow, but the boys managed to \_\_\_\_\_ through.  
 A) press  
 B) squeeze  
 C) stretch  
 D) leap
46. They are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the waste discharged by the factory for profit.  
 A) expose  
 B) exhaust  
 C) exhibit  
 D) exploit
47. The manager urged his staff not to \_\_\_\_\_ the splendid opportunity.  
 A) drop  
 B) miss  
 C) escape  
 D) slide
48. \_\_\_\_\_ I admire David as a poet, I do not like him as a man.  
 A) Much as  
 B) Only if  
 C) If only  
 D) As much
49. Because of a \_\_\_\_\_ engagement, Lora couldn't attend my birthday party last Saturday.  
 A) pioneer  
 B) premature  
 C) prior  
 D) past
50. The continuous rain \_\_\_\_\_ the harvesting of the wheat crop by two weeks.  
 A) set back  
 B) set off  
 C) set out  
 D) set aside
51. Not having a good command of English can be a serious \_\_\_\_\_ preventing you from achieving your goals.  
 A) obstacle  
 B) fault  
 C) offense  
 D) distress
52. It's very \_\_\_\_\_ of you not to talk aloud while the baby is asleep.  
 A) concerned  
 B) careful  
 C) considerable  
 D) considerate
53. Many a player who had been highly thought of has \_\_\_\_\_ from the tennis scene.  
 A) disposed  
 B) disappeared  
 C) discouraged  
 D) discarded
54. She's fainted. Throw some water on her face and she'll \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) come round  
 B) come along  
 C) come on  
 D) come out
55. All their attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ the child from the burning building were in vain.  
 A) regain  
 B) recover  
 C) rescue  
 D) reserve
56. Computer technology will \_\_\_\_\_ a revolution in business administration.  
 A) bring around  
 B) bring about  
 C) bring out  
 D) bring up
57. The university has launched a research center to develop new ways of \_\_\_\_\_ bacteria which have become

resistant to drug treatments.

- A) regulating                      B) halting                      C) interrupting                      D) combating
58. The \_\_\_\_\_ goal of the book is to help bridge the gap between research and teaching, particularly the gap between researchers and teachers.  
A) joint                      B) intensive                      C) overall                      D) decisive
59. The rapid development of communications technology is transforming the \_\_\_\_\_ in which people communicate across time and space.  
A) route                      B) transmission                      C) vision                      D) manner
60. When I go out in the evening I use the bike \_\_\_\_\_ the car if I can.  
A) rather than                      B) regardless of                      C) in spite of                      D) other than
61. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ evidence that people can control their dreams, at least in experimental situations in a lab.  
A) rigid                      B) solid                      C) smooth                      D) harsh
62. Every culture has developed \_\_\_\_\_ for certain kinds of food and drink, and equally strong negative attitudes toward others.  
A) preferences                      B) expectations                      C) fantasies                      D) fashions
63. It is reported that Uruguay understands and \_\_\_\_\_ China on human rights issues.  
A) grants                      B) changes                      C) abandons                      D) backs
64. Only a few people have \_\_\_\_\_ to the full facts of the incident.  
A) access                      B) resort                      C) contact                      D) path
65. His trousers \_\_\_\_\_ when he tried to jump over the fence.  
A) cracked                      B) split                      C) broke                      D) burst
66. So far, \_\_\_\_\_ winds and currents have kept the thick patch of oil southeast of the Atlantic coast.  
A) governing                      B) blowing                      C) prevailing                      D) ruling
67. The author was required to submit an \_\_\_\_\_ of about 200 words together with his research paper.  
A) edition                      B) editorial                      C) article                      D) abstract
68. As the old empires were broken up and new states were formed, new official tongues began to \_\_\_\_\_ at an increasing rate.  
A) bring up                      B) build up                      C) spring up                      D) strike up
69. Many patients insist on \having\ watches with them in hospital, \_\_\_\_\_ they have no schedules to keep.  
A) even though                      B) for                      C) as if                      D) since
70. Some plants are very \_\_\_\_\_ to light; they prefer the shade.  
A) sensible                      B) flexible                      C) objective                      D) sensitive

## Part IV

## Cloze

(15 minutes)

It's an annual back-to-school routine. One morning you wave goodbye, and that 71 evening you're burning the late-night oil in sympathy. In the race to improve educational standards, 72 are throwing the books at kids. 73 elementary school students are complaining of homework 74. What's a well-meaning parent to do?

As hard as 75 may be, sit back and chill, experts advise. Though you've got to get them to do it, 76 helping too much, or even examining 77 too carefully, you may keep them 78 doing it by themselves. "I wouldn't advise a parent to check every 79 assignment," says psychologist John Rosemond, author of *Ending the Tough Homework*. "There's a 80 of appreciation for trial and error. Let your children 81 the grade they deserve."

Many experts believe parents should gently look over the work of younger children and ask them to rethink their 82. But "you don't want them to feel it has to be 83," she says.

That's not to say parents should 84 homework — first, they should monitor how much homework

their kids 85. Thirty minutes a day in the early elementary years and an hour in 86 four, five, and six is standard, says Rosemond. For junior-high students it should be "87 mom than an hour and a half," and two for high-school students. If your child 88 has more homework than this, you may want to check 89 other parents and then talk to the teacher about 90 assignments.

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| 71. A) very       | B) exact     | C) right     | D) usual        |
| 72. A) officials  | B) parents   | C) experts   | D) schools      |
| 73. A) Also       | B) Even      | C) Then      | D) However      |
| 74. A) fatigue    | B) confusion | C) duty      | D) puzzle       |
| 75. A) there      | B) we        | C) they      | D) it           |
| 76. A) via        | B) under     | C) by        | D) for          |
| 77. A) questions  | B) answers   | C) standards | D) rules        |
| 78. A) off        | B) without   | C) beyond    | D) from         |
| 79. A) single     | B) piece     | C) page      | D) other        |
| 80. A) drop       | B) short     | C) cut       | D) lack         |
| 81. A) acquire    | B) earn      | C) gather    | D) reach        |
| 82. A) exercises  | B) defects   | C) mistakes  | D) tests        |
| 83. A) perfect    | B) better    | C) unusual   | D) complete     |
| 84. A) forget     | B) refuse    | C) miss      | D) ignore       |
| 85. A) have       | B) prepare   | C) make      | D) perform      |
| 86. A) classes    | B) groups    | C) grades    | D) terms        |
| 87. A) about      | B) no        | C) much      | D) few          |
| 88. A) previously | B) rarely    | C) merely    | D) consistently |
| 89. A) with       | B) in        | C) out       | D) up           |
| 90. A) finishing  | B) lowering  | C) reducing  | D) declining    |

## Part V

## Writing

(30 minutes)

**Directions:** For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a letter in reply to a friend's inquiry about *Applying for Admission to Your College or University*. You should write at least 120 words according to the outline given below in Chinese:

1. 报考的专业及理由
2. 报考该专业的基本条件
3. 应当如何备考

### A Letter in Reply to a Friend

December 27th, 2003

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

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