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## 前 言

历年大学生英语竞赛考试结果证明：**要想拿名次，必须做真题！**

该书是在广泛征求多所高校大学生英语竞赛强化班考生建议的基础上，通过我们在强化班教学的亲身体验而进行编写的。目前图书市场上大量的大学生英语竞赛真题集，很多书存在着答案错误、解析简单或冗长（如“该句的译文是”、“该题的答案是”等词句反复出现，浪费大量空间）等缺点。遇到疑难问题，则要查字典、问老师。不仅要花费很多时间与精力，还很难掌握考试规律。该书正弥补了这方面的不足，同时增加了该书最具特色的解释部分。

1. **题目**：本书收录了2005年到2010年12套实考赛卷（C类本科生的初赛与决赛），按大学生英语竞赛实考形式汇编，共分五部分：入门分析篇、技能实战篇、学习提高篇、巩固强化篇、考前冲刺篇。考生自测时每套赛卷须在120分钟内完成。

2. **KEYS**：赛卷后均有KEYS，方便考生速查。

3. **解释部分为该书最显著的特点**。I. **听力**：听力给出书面材料，答题依据用黑体字标出（部分试卷听力部分略去）。II. **词汇、语法结构**：①为便于考生理解原句，提高翻译水平以及实际运用语言能力，每句均给出中文句意。②选择项：a. 词汇部分：对同义词、近义词、反义词、多义词以及固定搭配做了详细的辨析解释。b. 语法结构：用较为简洁的语言释清时态、语态、虚拟语气、非谓语动词以及从句（连接词、关系代词或关系副词）。其中词汇与语法结构中出現频率较高的、较易混淆的，做了总结并部分给出了例句。III. **完形填空**、IV. **阅读理解**：①为便于考生理解原文，基本都给出中文内容大意。②选择项分析中均用精练的语言给出答题依据，培养考生形成良好的定位阅读思维习惯。V. **翻译**：给出多种翻译方法与视角，辨析语法及固定搭配。VI. **智力测试**：详细分析智力测试出题规律以及解题思路，对常考题型做了归类总结，因此考生可以在此基础上举一反三。VII. **作文**：给出作文写作套路，重点词汇与短语用黑体字标出。考生可背熟此套路，轻松面对大学生英语竞赛作文。（部分赛卷题目顺序不同）

因此该书省去了考生查字典、问老师等不必要麻烦。

该书主要适用于考生对大学生英语竞赛考试做题技巧的突破，也适用于备考大学英语四六级的大学生使用，同时也可作为强化班教师教学参考使用。相信您只要有效地利用此书，就可以在短短的时间里突破大学生英语竞赛考试难关，掌握做题技巧，提高实际运用英语的能力。

本书的解释、译句、例句都是经过反复推敲、实践，但不当之处在所难免，敬请广大读者，同行专家不吝指正，以便改进。

★ 欢迎本书的读者光临“郑家顺英语博客(<http://blog.sina.com.cn/zhengjiashun>)”：这里既有作者在教学中的—些心得体会，也有英语考前做题技巧分析以及最新试卷真题与答案解读；考前将不断更新考试竞赛信息，希望能对你的英语学习有所帮助；同时也希望能借此收到更多学习者的反馈与意见。让我们一起进步，谢谢参与。

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入门分析篇

## 2005 年全国大学生英语竞赛初赛赛卷

### Part I                    Listening Comprehension (25 minutes, 30 marks)

#### Section A Dialogues (10 marks)

**Directions:** *In this section, you will hear 10 short dialogues. At the end of each dialogue, a question will be asked about what was said. Both the dialogue and the question will be read 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. The man got the wrong window.  
    B. The woman's window will not be open until 3:00.  
    C. The man didn't make a reservation.  
    D. There's no postal order at present.
2. A. On Monday.                    B. On Tuesday.                    C. On Wednesday.                D. On Thursday.
3. A. Manager and staff member.                    B. Sales Manager and customer.  
    C. Salesman and customer.                        D. Teacher and student.
4. A. Pleasant.                        B. Unhappy.                        C. Indifferent.                    D. Hesitating.
5. A. It's going to snow.                                B. It's going to rain.  
    C. It's going to be windy.                            D. It will be sunny.
6. A. At 3:00.                        B. At 3:30.                        C. At 4:00.                        D. At 4:30.
7. A. They use up too much energy.  
    B. They are not efficient.  
    C. They are too expensive.  
    D. She doesn't believe what it says on the box.
8. A. She is offended by the front cover.                    B. The magazine is too expensive.  
    C. Her friend wants to cancel it.                        D. She has no time to read it.
9. A. Restaurant food.                                    B. Home-cooked food.  
    C. Takeaway food.                                        D. Snack food.
10. A. They will go Dutch.                                B. The man will pay for the bill.  
       C. The woman will pay for the bill.                        D. The woman will cook for them.

### Section B News Items (10 marks)

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear 10 short pieces of news from BBC or VOA. After each news item and question, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the three choices marked A, B and C, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the *Answer Sheet* with a single line through the centre.

11. A. Russia and Germany.  
B. China and Japan.  
C. China and Russia.
12. A. Ukraine government.  
B. Members of Parliament from the opposition.  
C. President of Ukraine.
13. A. A library.  
B. A park.  
C. An underground museum.
14. A. \$ 8 million.                      B. \$ 18 million.                      C. \$ 80 million.
15. A. In the USA.                      B. In Uganda.                      C. In the Sudan.
16. A. Because some bacteria are drug-resistant.  
B. Because the infection is untreatable.  
C. Because some bacteria can be spread by physical contact.
17. A. Washington D. C.              B. Baghdad.                      C. Pennsylvania.
18. A. The Airbus A380 can offer more seats than the Boeing 747.  
B. The Airbus has to change the traffic movements a lot to enable more passengers to travel.  
C. The Airbus company is exercising the most influence in air travel now.
19. A. North Africa.                      B. South America.                      C. Hong Kong.
20. A. Oil prices got lower.  
B. Oil prices got higher.  
C. More than 24.5 million barrels will be produced every day.

### Section C Passages (10 marks)

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear 2 passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear 5 questions. 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 centre.

#### Passage One

**Questions 21 to 25 are based on the first passage you have just heard.**

21. A. A lot of things remind them of their home country.  
B. They can have new experiences.  
C. They will make a lot of friends there.  
D. They already know a lot about the foreign country.



22. A. It makes people feel uncomfortable.  
B. It makes people become more open to new experiences.  
C. They will not visit the country again.  
D. They will go back to their own countries immediately.
23. A. When they first arrive in a new country.  
B. When they have been used to a new country.  
C. After a few weeks or months.  
D. After a friendly talk with a trained staff of the health center.
24. A. Having more sleep.                               B. Eating less.  
C. Trying to put on weight.                           D. Seeing a doctor.
25. A. They will feel pain all over.  
B. They may think about killing themselves.  
C. They will not go to school or work.  
D. No one can help these people.

### Passage Two

**Questions 26 to 30 are based on the second passage you have just heard.**

26. A. People waste a lot of time watching it every day.  
B. It encourages people to possess guns and knives through advertisements.  
C. It shows violence, which influences younger people especially.  
D. People will be willing to put up with violence.
27. A. The influence of passive viewing of TV on the development of children's brain.  
B. The subject matter it shows to parents.  
C. The active way of living it promotes.  
D. The possible harm TV viewing has on the health of old people.
28. A. By allowing no time for the family to spend together.  
B. By preventing children from having contact with their parents.  
C. By encouraging children to depend on their parents.  
D. By taking over an essential part of the parents' work.
29. A. Recognize the educational merits of the medium.  
B. Ban TV advertising aimed at younger people.  
C. Prohibit teenagers from watching TV.  
D. Help older people survive the "television experience".
30. A. It should be done because TV shows too much violence.  
B. It is neither necessary nor possible.  
C. It might not be workable, but we should not overlook the danger of TV.  
D. It should be done as soon as possible.

## Part II Vocabulary and Structure (5 minutes, 10 marks)

**Directions:** There are 10 incomplete sentences in this part. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Then mark the corresponding letter on the *Answer Sheet* with a single line through the centre.

31. Everyone knew that \_\_\_\_\_ the project would be completed and we'd all have to return to our own separate departments.  
A. primarily                      B. ultimately                      C. eventually                      D. precisely
32. The planes were delayed and the hotel was awful, but \_\_\_\_\_ we still had a good time.  
A. on the contrary                      B. by the same token  
C. on top of all that                      D. for all that
33. It's freezing outside; you'd better \_\_\_\_\_ black ice when you drive home.  
A. look down on                      B. check up on  
C. watch out for                      D. keep out
34. At that time no one's even studied the problem, \_\_\_\_\_ tried to do anything about it.  
A. not to say                      B. far more                      C. in no way                      D. much less
35. It was odd that you \_\_\_\_\_ for Margie's address. I just got a letter from her—the first one since her family moved on August 1, 1983.  
A. should have asked                      B. would have asked  
C. shall ask                      D. might ask
36. The women ran down to assist them in bringing up their seals; but no sooner \_\_\_\_\_ the house than a voice was heard in the passage, and a man entered.  
A. after they re-enter                      B. had they re-entered  
C. were they to re-enter                      D. when they had re-entered
37. Several of the administrative participants recognized the support and leadership from their institution's chief executive officers as a serious motivating factor at those moments \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. if the problem was challenging  
B. as the situation became serious  
C. when the challenges seemed overwhelming  
D. which the counterpart grew manipulating
38. Well, really \_\_\_\_\_ now is start learning what to do with this software and read a lot of tutorials, learn and practice \_\_\_\_\_ you can.  
A. what you should do; as much as  
B. that you need do; whatever  
C. how you should start; the most  
D. as should you do; the longest hours
39. \_\_\_\_\_, and members of the congregation having returned, this church too will start out with \_\_\_\_\_ effort in the work that lies before them, which will be taken up by the

different departments.

- A. The summer vacation is over; great  
 B. The summer vacation being over; renewed  
 C. As the summer vacation over; refreshing  
 D. Had the summer vacation been over; sacred
40. Although there is some truth to the fact that Linux is a huge threat to Microsoft, predictions of the Redmond company's demise are, \_\_\_\_\_, premature.  
 A. saying the most  
 B. to say the most  
 C. to say the least  
 D. to the least degree

### Part III Situational Dialogues (5 minutes, 10 marks)

**Directions:** There are 10 incomplete dialogues in this part. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the dialogue. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **Answer Sheet** with a single line through the centre.

41. **Simon:** I'm a reporter from the Hendon Standard. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Celia:** Yes, I was standing at the end of Elm Avenue, by the park.  
**Simon:** What happened?  
**Celia:** There was a red van traveling west, and several cars and vans behind it.  
 A. Were you present when the accident happened?  
 B. Would you tell me what you have seen?  
 C. What a surprise to see you here!  
 D. Did you do anything special just now?
42. **Stan:** Thank you from the bottom of my heart for saving my little girl's life.  
**John:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Stan:** I can't tell you how much I appreciate what you've done.  
**John:** I'm just happy I could help.  
 A. There's nothing to be afraid of.  
 B. This is a wonderful day.  
 C. Anybody would have done the same.  
 D. I am glad to save her.
43. **Harry:** I hear you are going to get married soon.  
**Ron:** That's right, next June. June 21st. Can you come to the wedding?  
**Harry:** Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ That's when we're away on vacation.  
**Ron:** Never mind, we'll send you some wedding cake.  
 A. That's great!  
 B. What a pity!  
 C. You have my deepest sympathy.  
 D. You certainly can.

44. **Mother:** You're watching too much TV, Emily.

**Emily:** Oh, come on, Mom.

**Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_. And you're eating too many snacks.

**Emily:** I only had some popcorn and some potato chips.

A. I mean it!

B. You're excused.

C. Where's your radio?

D. I don't want to know it.

45. **Karen:** I'm not optimistic about finding a job after I finish college.

**Joseph:** Oh? Why not?

**Karen:** The economy is going downhill fast.

**Joseph:** I know. \_\_\_\_\_. It's getting to the point where even a degree won't help you anymore.

**Karen:** That's right. And I'll be lucky to even move out of my parents' house.

A. My friend could offer me a job.

B. I am not sure whether I agree or not.

C. How do you feel about the economy?

D. What is this world coming to?

46. **Ivan:** I brought you the new Groove People CD.

**Dale:** What good is a CD if I haven't got a CD player?

**Ivan:** I can bring you a CD player.

**Dale:** What good is a CD player if I don't even have electricity?

**Ivan:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Dale:** What good is calling the Electric Company if I haven't got a house?

A. Why do you have so many questions?

B. What are you going to buy tomorrow?

C. Why don't you call the Electric Company?

D. Where did you buy the new CD?

47. **Doreen:** We've been waiting for an hour and a half.

**Trevor:** Say your aunt is very ill. A doctor ought to see her at once.

**Doreen:** There isn't a doctor available. They're all busy.

**Trevor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Doreen:** I've asked her over and over again. The more I ask, the longer I wait.

A. You're starting to calm down now.

B. Ask the receptionist to hurry up.

C. There will be a difficult period for your aunt.

D. I'm sorry to hear that.

48. **Bruce:** Good morning. Welcome to Supervacation Travel Agency. Can I help you?

**Mandy:** Yes, I hope so. I'm interested in a short holiday soon. I'd like some information.

**Bruce:** Yes, certainly. \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandy:** Somewhere with some sunshine.

**Bruce:** Here's a Supervacation brochure. It gives information about lots of holidays.

**Mandy:** Thanks for the information. I expect I'll see you soon.

- A. What about New York?
- B. Will you be traveling alone?
- C. What sort of holiday interests you?
- D. How are things going with you?

49. **Mavis:** Did you see how close that finish was? It took my breath away!

**Roger:** Wait, they're announcing the winner now. It's Don Jensen!

**Mavis:** What a surprise! He's never won a major race before.

**Roger:** I'm just astounded to see how much he's improved.

**Mavis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roger:** I'm just floored that my best friend won such an important race.

- A. Why can't he improve quickly?
- B. What happened to him in the past two years?
- C. I'm going to take a break. I'm so tired!
- D. Let's go down on the track and congratulate him.

50. **Careth:** Good afternoon. I've just joined the library. How many books can I take out?

**Eunice:** You can take two books, and keep them for ten days. If you haven't finished, you can renew them.

**Careth:** How do I do that? \_\_\_\_\_

**Eunice:** No, you can telephone. Tell us the titles of the books, and the date they are due for return.

**Eunice:** These two books have been lent.

- A. Why can't I keep them for a longer time?
- B. Must I visit the library?
- C. How much could I be fined?
- D. Can I lend them to my friends?

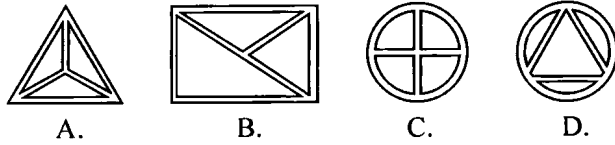
## Part IV IQ Test (5 minutes, 5 marks)

**Directions:** There are 5 IQ Test questions in this part. For each question there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Mark your answer on the **Answer Sheet** with a single line through the centre.

51. A postman delivers mail round a housing estate.

He does not want to visit the same street more than once, but can pass over the same street corners.

On which housing estate is this possible?



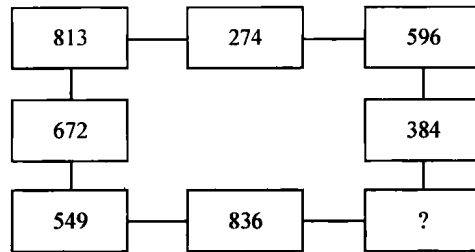
52. Here is a riddle.

I am suspended in the air, I touch nothing, and I am surrounded by lights. Now I dress myself afresh, and now I am naked, and I am in the heat and the cold, by night and by day. Everyone amuses himself by tramping upon me, even the animals abuse and scorn me, and yet I have such treasures hidden in my bosom that he who finds them I can make full of happiness.

What is the answer to the riddle?

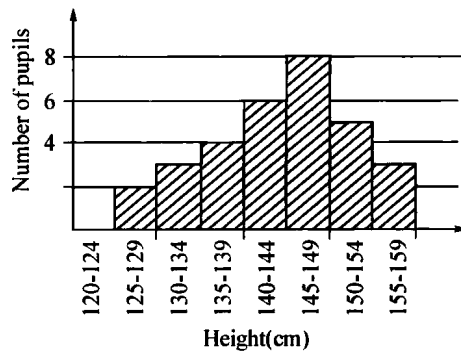
- A. The Sun.                      B. The Moon.                      C. The Earth.                      D. The Sky.

53. Which of the following numbers should replace the question mark?



- A. 417.                      B. 926.                      C. 138.                      D. 172.

54. This bar chart shows the heights of a class of pupils.



Which statement must be true?

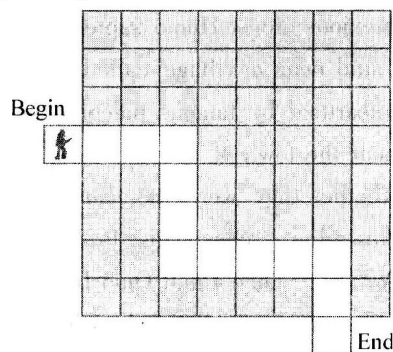
- A. 2 children are 125 cm tall or less.  
 B. 8 children are at least 140 cm tall, but less than 145 cm tall.  
 C. 8 children are more than 144 cm tall, but less than 150 cm tall.  
 D. No children are taller than 158 cm.

55. Can you guide the robot along the white squares through this grid?

It starts on the square marked "Begin" and finishes on the square marked "End".

You can only programme it to move FORWARD, TURN LEFT 90° or TURN RIGHT 90°. Which of the instructions below will guide the robot through the grid?

- A. FORWARD 4, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 4, TURN LEFT 90°,  
FORWARD 4, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 2.
- B. FORWARD 4, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 3, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 4, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 3.
- C. FORWARD 3, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 3, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 4, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 2.
- D. FORWARD 3, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 3, TURN LEFT 90°,  
FORWARD 4, TURN RIGHT 90°,  
FORWARD 2.



## Part V Reading Comprehension (25 minutes, 35 marks)

### Section A Multiple Choice (5 marks)

**Directions:** There is 1 passage in this section with 5 questions. For each of them, there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice. Then mark the corresponding letter on the *Answer Sheet* with a single line through the centre.

Questions 56 to 60 are based on the following passage.

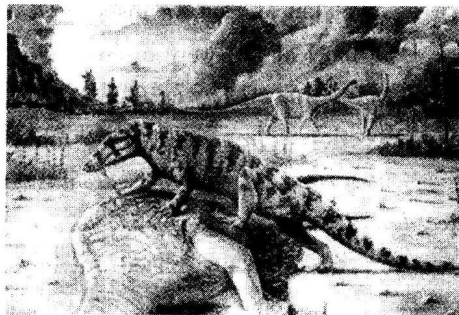
#### New Findings in Archaeology

- South America and Madagascar were joined 70 million years ago

**An old croc:** The discovery in Brazil of a nearly complete fossilised skeleton of the prehistoric crocodile *Ubera-basuchus terrificus*, above, supports theories that South America and Madagascar were joined 70 million years ago.

- We've all just got 40,000 years older

Two skulls found in Africa have been identified as the oldest human remains known to science. The fossilised bones found in 1967 were originally thought to be 130,000 years old. But a re-dating of rock layers near those which yielded the fossils showed they are



actually about 195,000 years old—from the time modern humans emerged. The skulls, known as Omo I and II, push back the known presence of Homo sapiens in Africa by 40,000 years. The previous oldest Homo sapiens skulls, dated to between 154,000 and 160,000 years old, were found near a village called Herto in the afar region of eastern Ethiopia. Omo I and II were unearthed by famous paleontologist Richard Leakey along the Omo River in southern Ethiopia, near the town of Kibish. Omo I's more modern features led to disagreement among experts over whether they were the same age. The rocks in which they were found show they are, said Australian archaeologist Prof Ian McDougall, who made the discovery. He told scientific journal *Nature*: "Omo I and Omo II are relatively securely dated to 195,000 years old, making them the oldest anatomically modern human fossils yet recovered."

**Questions:**

56. By which means could the scientists tell the age of fossils they have found?
- A. The bones of the fossils.
  - B. The place where they were found.
  - C. The history of humans.
  - D. Identifying the rock layers of the fossils.
57. How many years older has our species become by the new discovery?
- A. 130,000.
  - B. 40,000.
  - C. 195,000.
  - D. Between 154,000 and 160,000.
58. Where were the Omo I and II found?
- A. Near Herto.
  - B. Along the Omo River.
  - C. Near Kibish.
  - D. In Australia.
59. What does the word "homo sapiens" mean in this passage?
- A. Human being.
  - B. A sample of fossils.
  - C. A river.
  - D. A country.
60. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?
- A. The discovery of an old crocodile skeleton in Brazil makes people believe that South America and Madagascar were joined 70 million years ago.
  - B. Prof Ian McDougall thought Omo I and II were the oldest human fossils discovered.
  - C. Prof Ian McDougall discovered that Omo I and II were not the same age.
  - D. Omo I and II were discovered in southern Ethiopia.

**Section B Short Answer Questions (20 marks)**

**Directions:** In this section, there are 2 passages followed by 10 questions or unfinished statements. Read the passages carefully, then answer the questions in the fewest possible words (not exceeding 10 words). Remember to write the answers on the *Answer Sheet*.

**Questions 61 to 63 are based on the following passage.**

**King James**

Before the last shot of Michael Jordan's final game with the Chicago Bulls, he left behind a



moment that will hang in the minds of sports fans the way he did in the air. His quick crossover dribble, with the help of a tiny shove, sent Utah Jazz defender Byron Russell to the floor. Wide open, Jordan nailed the game-winning jump shot, and he and the Bulls clinched their sixth—and Jordan's last—NBA title.

At the Rose Garden Arena in Portland, Ore., last Wednesday, Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James, 20, became the youngest player to reach one of the toughest performance milestones in basketball, the “triple double” (double digits in points, rebounds and assists in a single game—he did it again three nights later). During one play, his quick crossover dribble, sans shove, sent a Portland defender veering to the sideline. Wide open, James shot a three pointer. Nothing but Mike.

Ever since Jordan's first retirement a dozen years ago, the NBA has searched from Chi-town to China for a star as dominant and marketable as His Airness.

The race to replace Jordan may end without a winner, but LeBron James, in just his second year out of St. Vincent—St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio, is already far ahead of the pretenders. His game is spectacular. James combines Jordan's ease at filling up the box score (and the stands) with a ruthless instinct to win, a trait that Hill, a gentleman, and Carter, a diffident performer, surely lack. And like Jordan, James knows he can't do it alone. In fact, he is a complete team player who loves to pass the ball and make his teammates better; Iverson and Bryant can't claim much there.

The biggest shock of all: the most hyped teen athlete of this century, who single-handedly put high school basketball on national television, has actually exceeded the ungodly expectations set before him. “The King James era is here,” says Milwaukee Bucks head coach Terry Porter, who played against Jordan for much of his 17-year pro career. “You could argue that LeBron is kind of carrying the league right now.”

#### Questions:

61. What does the sentence “Nothing but Mike.” indicate?
62. Hill, a gentleman, and Carter, a diffident performer lack \_\_\_\_\_, compared with Jordan.
63. Can you guess what Terry Porter was before he was a coach?

Questions 64 to 70 are based on the following passage.

**Good news: Olympic chiefs visit London. Bad news: they'll be traveling by Tube**

**It's crunch week for London's bid to host the 2012 Games**

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**CHARGING** James, net two full years out of high school, handles the ball, plays down low and shoots from deep. The Cavs are now contenders.