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前 言

高等学校英语应用能力考试(Practical English Test for Colleges,简称 PRETCO)是经教育部批准、依据教育部高等教育司《高职高专教育英语课程教学基本要求》(以下简称《基本要求》)而设置的全国统一的标准化考试,旨在检测高等职业教育、普通高等专科学校教育和成人高等教育的学生是否达到了《基本要求》所规定的实际运用英语的能力。该考试分 A 级和 B 级两种。

该考试实行多年以来,市面上出现的考试辅导用书品种数不胜数,内容各异,但是在历年的复习备考过程中,有一点却是共通的,那就是做一定量的最新的真题,对往年的真题进行系统的研究。本书汇编了 2004—2009 年近 6 年来高等学校英语应用能力考试 A 级的 12 套真题,对所有题目除了给出答案外,还进行了详尽、到位的解释,并尽可能地讲明相关的知识点,如相关的语法知识等,与其他辅导书相比,能更有效地帮助学生复习和培养解题能力。

本书适合参加高等学校英语应用能力 A 级考试的学生自学使用,亦可作为教师在考前对学生进行强化训练的辅导用书。相信广大考生通过对本书提供的近年来统考真题的实战演练,一定能够顺利地通过该考试,并取得优异的成绩。

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2004 年 6 月高等学校英语应用能力考试

(A 级) 真题

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 centre.*

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 with a single line through the centre.

[A] [B] [~~C~~] [D]

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 centre.

Conversation 1

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

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 no more than 3 words**). The questions and incomplete answers are printed in your test paper. You should write your answer on the Answer Sheet correspondingly. Now the passage will begin.

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 centre.*

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. have tried C. try 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. with B. for C. on D. about
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 American last year.
A. unless B. until C. if D. whether
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 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 fulfil. 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 centre.*

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 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 rural industries, so as to develop a more positive attitude toward 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 in 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 most important for people to be attracted to live in the country?
A. Their expectation. 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 through 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 computer (PC) users typically access the host through a modem (调制解调器). A PC software program serves as an interface (接口) between the server and a PC, allowing the user to operate through the online system and select different databases using a keyboard or a mouse.

National and regional online systems usually have local telephone numbers that PC modems can call to access either a local information base or an indirect long-distance connection, thus reducing long-distance telephone fees. Some online systems allow users to copy large volumes of information onto a local memory storage device, which also reduces the time the user is connected to the online system.

Besides offering a great number of different information bases, ranging from full-text journal libraries to reports of missing children, online services allow users to, for example, reserve airline

tickets, buy stocks, purchase goods, and communicate with other users. In exchange for the service, users usually pay a monthly membership fee. They may also pay to connect to various databases on the service or to download information.

41. Online services work by providing users with _____.
A. a base of information B. dumb terminals
C. a host system D. a satellite
42. How can the users of terminals without processing capability acquire the necessary information?
A. They can simply use a keyboard or a mouse.
B. They should use a modem to maintain the host system.
C. They should connect their computer to a satellite system.
D. They can access its base through the program on the system.
43. If you copy the online information onto your PC device, you will _____.
A. save the time of connecting to the online system
B. reduce the risk of losing information
C. pay just local telephone charges
D. get local information only
44. If you want to read full-text journals online, you usually have to _____.
A. seek for a large amount of information B. be connected to various databases
C. be introduced by the local library D. pay a monthly membership fee
45. The passage is mainly about _____.
A. the payment for online services
B. the functions of online services
C. the development of online services
D. the relation between online services and the users

Task 3

Directions: *The following is a Notice. After reading it, you are required to complete the outline below it (No. 46 through No. 50). You should write your answers briefly (in no more than 3 words) on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.*

Notice

Over the past month the Personnel Office has received numerous calls about the approval process for using the new "flex-time" (flexible-time) working schedule. In order to know how to take advantage of this system, please keep this notice in your records.

First, you must determine if you are eligible (条件适合) to use a flex-time schedule. The flex-time system is designed for those employees whose jobs do not require them to answer telephones or to be available to the public between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. In addition, an employee must receive written permission from his or her department manager.

Then, you must submit a copy of Form FT, signed by your manager, to the Personnel Office.

The Personnel Office will notify you when approval is cleared; you may then begin your new schedule on the following Monday.

You may obtain copies of FT from Mary White in Room 129. If you have any questions, see your department manager — do not contact the Personnel Office directly.

Flexible Time Working Schedule

Users: employees suitable for using it

Application process:

1. get (46)_____ and
2. (47)_____ a copy of Form FT to the Personnel Office, and then
3. be notified by (48)_____

Starting Time: (49)_____

Contact person if there are questions: the (50)_____

Task 4

Directions: *The following is a list of WTO special columns. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent to (与……等同) 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. World Trade Organization
- B. Uruguay Round
- C. Dispute Settle Body
- D. North American Free Trade Agreement
- E. Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- F. Investment in Non-productive Projects
- G. Risk Management
- H. Balance of International Payment
- I. Appeal Body
- J. Bound Level
- K. Common Agriculture Policy
- L. Customs Value
- M. Environmentally-sound Technology
- N. Export performance
- O. Food Security
- P. Trade Fair
- Q. Technical Know-how Transfer
- R. North American Free Trade Area
- S. Least-development Countries
- T. Intellectual Property Rights
- U. Market Access
- V. National Treatment

Example: (B) 乌拉圭回合**(J) 约束水平**

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 51. () 风险管理 | () 最不发达的国家 |
| 52. () 市场准入 | () 共同农业政策 |
| 53. () 技术转让 | () 非生产性计划投资 |
| 54. () 上诉机构 | () 北美自由贸易区 |
| 55. () 知识产权 | () 争议处理机构 |

Task 5

Directions: *There is a job ad below. After reading it, you should give brief answers to the 5 questions (No. 56 through No. 60) that follow. The answers (in no more than 3 words) should be written after the corresponding numbers on the Answer Sheet.*

Better Your English and Customers Service Skills in a Better Career

Join our fast expanding team and you will be involved in customer services activities for our customers at our Data Processing Centre. It's a career opportunity where you can use and develop your language skills, your customer service skills and supervisory (监管) skills. Right now we are looking for:

Section Head, Correspondence

In this supervisory role, you will lead a small team to prepare written replies for customer enquires and instructions according to our company policies and guidelines. You will identify customers' needs to ensure high service standards.

You should hold a degree, preferable in English, with supervisory experience in the service-related field, ideally involved in customer correspondence. As a team leader and decision maker, you must possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills and be proficient in written and spoken English and Chinese.

In return, you will be offered an attractive salary and other benefits. If you are interested, please apply by sending your detailed resume, quoting (引用) reference number SHC / GOO3 with expected salary by e-mail to: career51@hsbc.com.hk.

Applicants who are not contacted within four weeks may consider their application unsuccessful.

56. What is the position wanted in the advertisement?

Section head of _____.

57. What are the responsibilities of the job?

To prepare written replies for customer questions and find out _____.

58. What's the other qualification needed apart from a degree in English?

_____ in the service-related field.

59. What favorable terms are offered for the job?

_____ and other benefits.

60. How long should applicants wait before they know the result?

At most _____.

Part IV Translation — English into Chinese (25 minutes)

Directions: This part, numbered 61 through 65, is to test your ability to translate English into 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 your Answer Sheet. And for the paragraph numbered 65, write your translation in the corresponding space on the Translation / Composition Sheet.

61. Seen from the TV tower at night, the city looks even more magnificent with all its lights on.
A. 夜晚, 电视塔上的灯都装上了, 城市看上去显得更美丽。
B. 夜晚在市里看电视塔, 因为所有的灯都亮了, 所以显得更华丽。
C. 夜晚, 从电视塔上望去, 所有的灯都亮了, 城市显得更辉煌。
D. 夜晚, 在电视塔上看这座城市, 要是所有的灯都亮的话, 城市看起来就更壮观。
62. Libraries other than those listed above require additional registration before you can access their collections.
A. 上面另列的一些图书馆, 需要遵守附带的条件才能进藏书库。
B. 上面还列出其他一些图书馆, 需要另行办理登记才能使用其藏书。
C. 除上面列举的图书馆外, 使用其他图书馆的藏书, 你还需另行注册。
D. 在你能够获得他们的藏书之前, 图书馆列出了需要另行登记的书目。
63. His ignorance of the company's financial situation resulted in his failure to take effective measures.
A. 他对公司财务状况毫不理会, 自以为措施有效, 以致失当。
B. 他对公司的财务状况一无所知, 结果未能采取有效的措施。
C. 他采取的措施无效, 使得公司的经营状况更加恶化。
D. 他不了解公司的金融状况, 结果采取的措施失败了。
64. They were so behaved in the debate that we find it difficult not to admire them.
A. 他们在辩论中如此表现了一番, 以致我们不得不称赞他们。
B. 他们在辩论中表现非常出色, 我们很难不佩服他们。
C. 他们在辩论中行为得体, 使我们觉得很难超越他们。
D. 他们的辩论表现很糟糕, 我们很难不为他们难过。
65. According to *Shanghai Daily* on February 19, Shanghai Telecom (上海电信公司) started to apply the 2004 version of its "Shanghai Yellow Pages" yesterday for free to its subscribers (用户). The 1,700-page directory (电话簿), which has an English index, offers discounts (折扣券) for dining and beauty-care service. It also offers a "Working Guide" and "Life Guide" column. The company estimated more than 700,000 copies of the yellow pages will be distributed.

Part V Writing (25 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your ability to do practical writing. You are required to write a letter according to the information given in Chinese below. Remember to write the letter on the Composition Sheet.

征稿启事 (Contributions Wanted)

内容: 1) 本报的主要对象为我公司员工, 出版日期为每月的 15 日。

2) 欢迎下列各种形式和题材的稿件:

a. 各部门情况的报道;

b. 对我公司生产、销售、产品推广的建议和意见;

c. 员工业余 (spare-time) 生活;

d. 其他。

3) 来稿请勿超过 1 000 字, 英文来稿要求打字。

4) 来稿如不采用, 三个月内退还作者。

5) 联系人: 林月

6) 联系地址: 公司公共关系部

2004 年 12 月高等学校英语应用能力考试

(A 级) 真题

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 centre.*

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 with a single line through the centre.

[A] [B] [~~C~~] [D]

Now the test will begin.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. A. It's attractive. | B. It's exciting. |
| C. It's important. | D. It's boring. |
| 2. A. At a railway station. | B. At a bank. |
| C. At an airport. | D. At a parking lot. |
| 3. A. By referring to the receptionist. | B. By calling the telephone operator. |
| C. By asking his friend. | D. By finding it in the phone book. |
| 4. A. He's the boss. | B. He's a visitor. |
| C. He's a new employee. | D. He's the woman's friend. |
| 5. A. \$400. | B. \$200. |
| C. \$300. | D. \$150. |

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 centre.

Conversation 1

6. A. Sports wear. B. Holiday wear. C. Summer wear. D. Casual wear.
7. A. See more samples. B. Try on some T-shirts.
C. Meet the designers. D. Place an order.

Conversation 2

8. A. He wanted to check the order number. B. He wanted to order some computers.
C. He wanted to report on a problem. D. He wanted to see the secretary.
9. A. They got a wrong order number from the caller.
B. They failed to deliver the computers on time.
C. They couldn't find the order form.
D. They made a wrong delivery.
10. A. The manager. B. The salesman. C. Mr. Peterson. D. Mary.

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 no more than 3 words). The questions and incomplete answers are printed in your test paper. You should write your answer on the Answer Sheet correspondingly. Now the passage will begin.*

11. Why do more middle-aged adults have to take care of their aging parents?
Because people are living _____.
12. What does the speaker think of the job of taking care of an aging parent?
It's _____.
13. How are the family roles changed?
The dependent parents are cared for as if they were _____.
14. What can a nursing home do for aging parents?
It provides them with proper _____.
15. What benefit can middle-aged adults get by sending their parents to a nursing home?
They can return to their _____.

Part II Structure (15 minutes)

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