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丛 书 序

非常感谢广大在职考生的厚爱和支持——本套丛书于 2007、2008 年连续两年荣登同类书籍销售榜榜首！2009 年 4 月，在各位编者的努力下，又对本套丛书进行了精心修订，对部分内容进行了整合，使得本丛书更加具备应试性！

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丛书的编写老师均为北京、上海、广州、郑州、沈阳、长春、石家庄、天津等地著名的在职联考考前辅导名师，他们熟悉专业学位考试大纲和考生的需求，深谙命题的原则、思路和最新考试动态。

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《英语词汇一本通》：根据最新大纲词条编写，记忆方法灵活实用，考点总结清晰，辨析明确，重点突出，便于考生短期内攻克词汇难关。

《英语备考指南》：从全面复习的角度，详尽阐述了各类题型的有效复习方法和解题技巧，并对考点进行全面归纳，同时各部分配有一定量的、有针对性的习题及解析。该书各部分内容以真题为导向，以有效的应试方法为依托，讲练结合，全面突击考试。

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《阅读理解专项应试高分突破》：针对考试中占举足轻重地位的阅读部分，给出了考前关键的 8 周内科学、合理的复习计划，并对各类考点进行深刻剖析，对各类考题的解题方法和技巧给予了详细讲解，同时也给出了经典的习题及解析。该书语言准确、选材精到、题材热

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第5版前言

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1. **试题精解：**本书给出了2002~2008年试题，并给出了详细的解析，帮助考生了解各类题型的考试难度和考点分布情况，掌握各类题型的解题思路和解题技巧，同时帮助考生自我测试，准确定位，明确复习目标。

2. **名师主笔：**本书作者团队是由一直工作在在职联考英语考试辅导第一线的名师组成。他们授课经验丰富，对考试研究透彻，对考点把握准确，熟悉考生状况，了解考生心理，因此，在编写过程中充分考虑了考生的需求。

3. **权威模拟：**本书严格按照最新版考试大纲修订，模拟试卷的题型、题量、难度均与大纲保持一致。

4. **解析详细：**本书各套模拟试卷都给出了相应的参考答案和详细的解析，让考生在熟悉历年考题的基础上，进一步分析、掌握各类题型的解题思路和解题技巧，做到胸中有数。

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Paper One

Part I Vocabulary and Structure (25 minutes, 10 points)

Directions: There are 20 incomplete sentences in this section. For each sentence there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

- Experiments in the photography of moving objects _____ in both the United States and Europe well before 1990.
A. have been conducting B. were conducting
C. had been conducted D. are conducted
- After long negotiations, the firm _____ to build a double-purpose bridge across the river.
A. contracted B. contacted C. consulted D. convinced
- Diderot was also a philosophical materialist, _____ that thought developed from the movements and changes of matter.
A. believing B. have been located
C. believes D. be locating
- We felt _____ to death because we could make nothing of the lecturer's speech.
A. exposed B. tired C. exhausted D. bored
- The population of many Alaskan cities has _____ doubled in the past three years.
A. larger than B. more than C. as great as D. as many as
- It was very difficult to build a power station in the deep valley, but it _____ as we had hoped.
A. came off B. went off C. brought out D. made out
- A baby might show fear of an unfamiliar adult, _____ he is likely to smile and reach out to another infant.
A. if B. whenever C. so that D. whereas
- Christmas is a holiday usually celebrated on December 25th _____ the birth of Jesus Christ.
A. in accordance with B. in terms of
C. in favor of D. in honor of
- Weather _____, there will be an open air party with live music here this weekend.
A. permits B. should permit C. will permit D. permitting
- When workers are organized in trade unions, employers find it hard to lay them _____.

- A. off B. aside C. out D. down
11. The symbols of mathematics _____ we are most familiar are the signs of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and equality.
A. to which B. which C. with which D. in which
12. The machines in this workshop are not regulated _____ but are jointly controlled by a central computer system.
A. inevitably B. individually C. irrespectively D. irregularly
13. We are sure that _____ to do this face to face, he would find it difficult to express himself without losing his temper.
A. were he to try B. would he try
C. was he trying D. if he tries
14. The local people were joyfully surprised to find the prices of vegetables no longer _____ according to the weather.
A. evaluated B. converted C. fluctuated D. modified
15. _____ he realized it was already too late for us to return home.
A. No sooner it grew dark when B. Hardly it grew dark than
C. It was not until dark that D. Scarcely it grew dark than
16. Without computer network, it would be impossible to carry on _____ any business operation in the advanced countries.
A. practically B. preferably C. precisely D. possibly
17. _____ will Mr. Forbes be able to regain control of the company.
A. With hard work B. As regards his hard work
C. Only if he works hard D. Despite his hard work
18. From the incident they have learned a lesson: _____ decisions often lead to bitter regrets.
A. urgent B. hasty C. instant D. prompt
19. What the teacher of the science class does and says _____ of great importance to the students at college.
A. was B. are C. is D. were
20. The Chinese community there, consisting of 67,000 _____, is the largest concentration of Chinese outside Asia.
A. visitors B. workers C. adults D. inhabitants

Part II Reading Comprehension (70 minutes, 40 points)

Directions: There are 5 passages in this part. Each of the passages is followed by 4 questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best one and mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

Passage One

In the United States the way people spend their leisure time is an important part of their

identity. Perhaps everybody does nearly the same thing all day in the office or the factory, but leisure time is what makes people distinct and reveals who they are. Some people like rock music, for example, and others may like jazz or classical music. Some people are runners or swimmers, and others are “couch (睡椅) potatoes” who “surf” the television channels with a remote control. Some go to museums while others spend long hours at a shopping centre. These kinds of choices are ways that people define themselves.

It hasn't always been this way. “Leisure time” was almost unknown in the United States in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. When most people worked on farms, the workday was from sunrise to sunset every day except Sunday, which was devoted to church. Later, with the rise of factories and city populations, people worked equally long hours and had only Sunday for rest. Some people did more of the things than that they do now—attend concerts, have parties, go to restaurants, read novels, or play sports—but to a much lesser extent.

Slowly, throughout the twentieth century, leisure time grew. Technology made farm work less burdensome, and changes in laws shortened the factory work day and week. New inventions such as the phonograph (留声机) and the radio gave people access to music and mass entertainment on a scale unknown before. People gradually became consumers of entertainment, and businesses competed fiercely for their dollars.

For many people leisure time means going somewhere—to a museum, to a concert, to a restaurant, or to a baseball game, for example. Or it means doing something such as playing volleyball, backpacking, swimming, biking, or playing in a park with their children. For other people free time means staying home with wonderful sources of entertainment, such as a VCR, stereo (立体声系统), or cable TV with dozens of channels. Others pursue creative activities such as cooking, gardening, and home improvement. The latest stay-at-home activity is “surfing the net”—that is looking for information and entertainment on the Internet.

People in the United States are basically not much different from others in what they do in their leisure time. The real difference may lie in the energy, time, money, and sheer enthusiasm that they devote to it.

21. “Couch potatoes” in Paragraph 1 refers to those who _____.
 - A. control their viewing of TV programs
 - B. are happy watching situation comedies
 - C. watch TV while eating potato chips
 - D. are crazy about watching TV programs
22. According to the passage, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, some Americans _____.
 - A. worked from sunrise to sunset seven days a week
 - B. preferred working in factories to working on farms
 - C. had many of the leisure time activities that people now have
 - D. fought for shorter working hours and more leisure time
23. Apart from technology, the growing leisure time throughout the twentieth century is also due to _____.
 - A. changes in laws
 - B. mass entertainment

C. new types of consumption D. competitive businesses

24. In terms of leisure time activities, people in the United States _____.

- A. enjoy a larger variety than people in other countries
- B. are not much different from people in other countries
- C. enjoy more stay-at-home activities such as “surfing the net”
- D. are less energetic and enthusiastic than others

Passage Two

Whether you are logging on to your personal computer, using a credit card, or disarming a door security system, passwords or PINs (personal identification numbers) jealously guard access to numerous regular operations. It is estimated that within ten years, consumers could be faced with handling more than 100 passwords! Given the popularity of passwords, how can you choose ones that are sufficiently complicated to be secure yet are simple enough to remember?

There are basic guidelines to bear in mind. First, don't use as a password your name or that of a member of your family, even in modified form. Also avoid use of your telephone number, your Social Security number, or your address. Such information can easily be obtained by a determined hacker (黑客).

In addition, if possible, don't use passwords made up entirely of letters or digits. A relatively simple computer program can crack such a code quickly. Finally, do not use a word that can be found in any dictionary, even a foreign-language one. Huge lists are available that contain words, place names, and proper names from all languages. Programs can test for variations of these words, such as if they are spelled backward, capitalized, or combined.

So, what kinds of passwords should be used? Usually ones that have a minimum of six to eight characters and that have a mixture of upper- and lower-case letters, digits, and punctuation (标点) symbols. How difficult is it to crack such a combination of characters? One source says that “a machine that could try one million passwords per second would require, on the average, over one hundred years.”

How can you choose a combination that is easy to remember? Some suggest that you take the title of a favorite book or film or a line from a song or poem and use the first letter from each word as your password, adding capital letters, punctuation, or other characters. For example, “to be or not to be” could become “2B/not2B”.

Other suggestions include taking two short words and link them with a punctuation character, such as “High.?Bug” or “Song; Tree”.

Taking into account the suggestions outlined above can help you to protect important information from unwanted hackers. Remember, too, the importance of changing your passwords regularly. Just a final comment: Whatever passwords you decide to use, don't pick any of the examples given above.

25. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. How to strengthen security through a password.
 - B. How to choose a password that is easy to remember.
 - C. How to prevent your password from being cracked.
 - D. How to choose a safe and convenient password.
26. Why shouldn't we use a word that can be found in any dictionary as a password?
- A. Because it can be easily remembered by a computer hacker.
 - B. Because computer programs can crack it.
 - C. Because computer hackers are determined to crack it.
 - D. Because the lists are so huge that the words are not easy to remember.
27. If you are choosing a password for your computer, which of the following is the best choice?
- A. iaHgnahs B. I 9730508 C. 2B/not2B D. Re-B,p12
28. How can you choose a password that is both secure and simple to remember?
- A. Taking the title of your favorite book or film.
 - B. Taking a line from a song or poem you like best.
 - C. Making up a nonsensical word which cannot be found in any dictionary.
 - D. Using two short words linked with a punctuation character.

Passage Three

According to a concerned 1997 article in the Boston Globe, the United States spent less than one percent of its transportation budget on facilities for pedestrians (行人). Actually, I'm surprised it was that much. Go to almost any suburb developed in the last 30 years, and you will not find a sidewalk anywhere. Often you won't find a single pedestrian crossing.

I was made fully aware of this one summer when we were driving across Maine and stopped for coffee in one of those endless zones of shopping malls (购物中心), motels, gas stations and fast-food places. I noticed there was a bookstore across the street, so I decided to forget coffee and go there to have a look.

Although the bookshop was no more than 70 or 80 feet away, I discovered that there was no way to cross over six lanes of swiftly moving traffic on foot without putting myself in danger. In the end, I had to get in our car and drive across.

At the time, it seemed ridiculous and annoying, but afterward I realized that I was possibly the only person ever to have thought of crossing the street on foot.

The fact is, we not only don't walk anywhere anymore in this country, we won't walk anywhere, and dislike anyone who tries to make US, as the city of Laconia, N.H. discovered. In the early 1970s, Laconia spent millions on a comprehensive urban renewal project, which included building a pedestrian mall to make shopping more pleasant. Esthetically (美学上) it was a triumph—urban planners came from all over to praise and take photos—but commercially it was a disaster. Forced to walk one whole block from a parking garage, shoppers abandoned

downtown Laconia for suburban malls.

In 1994 Laconia dug up its pretty paving blocks, took away the flowers and decorative trees, and brought back the cars. Now people can park right in front of the stores again, and downtown Laconia thrives again.

And if that isn't sad, I don't know what is.

29. In Paragraph 1, "I'm surprised it was that much" means the author thinks _____.

- A. the government spends too much on facilities for pedestrians
- B. the government spends just enough on facilities for pedestrians
- C. the amount is more than he has expected
- D. the amount is less than he has expected

30. In Maine the author had to drive to a bookstore 70 or 80 feet away because _____.

- A. it was practically impossible for him to cross the street on foot
- B. the street was actually too broad to cross on foot
- C. it was against the traffic regulations to cross the street on foot
- D. no one has ever walked across such a crowded street

31. According to the author, most Americans _____.

- A. don't care much about the lack of facilities for pedestrians
- B. think it ridiculous and annoying to have no crossing for pedestrians
- C. are interested in building the facilities for pedestrians
- D. have realized the importance of the facilities for pedestrians

32. What is sad according to the author?

- A. The Laconia urban renewal project was poorly supported.
- B. Laconia has become a busy shopping center again.
- C. People park their cars right in front of the stores.
- D. Most Americans are reluctant to walk even a single block.

Passage Four

Dear Sirs,

Your shipment of twelve thousand "Smart" watches was received by our company this morning. However, we wish to make a number of complaints concerning the serious delay in delivery and your failure to carry out our specific instructions with regard to this order.

It was stressed from the beginning that the delivery date had to be less than six weeks from the initial order in order to meet our own customers' requirements. While we understand that delays in production are occasionally inevitable, we must point out that the major reason why the order was placed with your company was because we were assured by you of its speed of delivery, and that your existing stocks were sufficiently high to ensure immediate shipment. Late delivery of the goods has caused US to disappoint several of our most valued customers, and is bound to have a negative effect on potential future orders.

The second complaint concerns the difference in color between the watches we ordered and those delivered. It was stated clearly in the original order that watches in combinations of green/purple and orange/purple only were required. However, only half the watches in the delivery received are of the colors specified. Our Hong Kong agent assures US that she stressed to you the importance of following our instructions precisely, since we consider there to be only a limited market in this country for watches of other colors at the present time. Any watches that are not of the specified colors will, of course, be returned to you.

We are also somewhat concerned about the rather poor quality of the goods received, since it is apparent that the watches that finally arrived have been produced from inferior materials and have been manufactured to a lower standard than those in the sample. We have also found that a number of the watches do not appear to be functioning. Whether the latter problem is due to poor manufacture, damage during transportation or bad batteries is not yet clear, but we should like to point out that we feel this matter to be entirely your responsibility.

As a result of the above problems, therefore, we feel that the most suitable course of action is to return to you unpaid any of the goods considered unsatisfactory, and to subtract any resultant costs from our final settlement. We shall also, of course, be forced to reconsider whether any further orders should be placed with your company.

We look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,
John Smith

33. The manufacturers of "Smart" watches were given the order because _____.
A. they produced the best watches of its kind in the world
B. the watches would be easy to make and the designs were already prepared
C. they promised they could produce enough stocks quite quickly
D. they claimed the order would be easy since the watches were already in stock
34. Receiving watches in the wrong colors is a problem because _____.
A. the Hong Kong agent stressed the need to fulfill the order exactly
B. these watches will be difficult to sell
C. these watches will not be able to get into the limited market
D. people will not buy the watches as presents
35. "The latter problem" in Paragraph 4 refers to _____.
A. the poor quality of the goods
B. the use of inferior materials
C. the IOW standard of manufacture
D. some of the watches not working
36. The last sentence of Paragraph 5 "We shall also, of course, be forced to...with your company" suggests that _____.
A. the company may stop trading with the watch manufacturers
B. the company will probably reduce the number of watches to be ordered in the future
C. the writer is afraid their company might go out of business soon
D. the company is probably willing to give the manufacturers another chance

Passage Five

In London, two weeks ago a class of students made legal history by winning a lawsuit against their college for poor teaching.

In this landmark case the group all passed their course in historic vehicle restoration, but sued (起诉) the Oxfordshire college they had attended, claiming their qualifications were worthless because none had gained jobs in the field. The fact that the course was substantially different from that promised meant they won their case.

James Groves, general secretary of the National Postgraduate Committee in UK reports that students are getting better at complaining. "They are starting to see themselves as consumers of a product, and are reacting accordingly when things don't go right. Most importantly, they usually are paying their own fees and expect to get what they have paid for."

Groves says most complaints to his organization are about facilities and the quality of supervision. He says that more students seem to make complaints might be due simply to the fact that universities are getting better at dealing with them. "In the past there was a tendency for colleges to brush these things aside. Today, most universities observe a code of practice and complaints are taken more seriously."

He adds that students with complaints should first talk informally with the person concerned, taking a "friendly but firm attitude".

Jaswinder Gill, who represented the students in the Oxfordshire case, is co-author of a recently published book: *Universities and Students*. He says the Oxfordshire case is interesting because the majority of students finished the course and were awarded qualifications. "Previously, students have sued when they failed to gain qualifications. But it is not now good enough for universities and colleges to say to grieving students: 'You've got your qualification, so what's the problem?' It's about the quality of that qualification."

The students argued that promises made in the college introduction, in course material and by course representatives during interviews were not met. Promised job opportunities in the industry failed to materialize, as did the promised 50 percent of practical and vocational work, and basic tools had not been available. Gill suggests that in such cases it is easy to prove the college at fault.

37. What made the students of Oxfordshire win their case?

- A. None of them gained jobs a few years after graduation.
- B. The students failed to get their qualifications.
- C. They didn't get what they had been promised.
- D. They were over charged by the college they attended.

38. According to James Groves, _____.

- A. more students make complaints because universities take their criticism more seriously
- B. through handling more complaints from the students, universities have learnt how to

deal with them

C. college students tend to make complaints about the facilities of their schools

D. most university authorities tend to brush student complaints aside

39. According to the passage, the students are complaining about their education, because _____.

A. more courses provided by universities fail to meet the promised quality

B. students want to pay for a consumption worth their own money

C. when things don't go right students have the right to react accordingly

D. students require universities to provide the best facilities and quality supervision

40. In the Oxfordshire case, what did the college promise?

A. 50% of the students could get their qualifications through the course.

B. 50% of the students would receive quality education.

C. 50% of the students could find a job in the field.

D. 50% of the time would be spent practicing in the field.

Part III Cloze Test (20 minutes, 5 points)

Directions: There are 10 blanks in the following passage. For each numbered blank, there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best one and mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

How does water scarcity affect people? First of all, it 41 their health. It is not that they will die of thirst; rather, the poor quality of the water 42 for cooking and drinking may make them ill.

43 our bodies require water to treat waste products, plentiful water is required for proper sanitation(卫生)—water that for much of mankind is simply not available. 44 people without adequate sanitation rose from 2.6 billion in 1990 to 2.9 billion in 1999. And sanitation is literally a matter of life and death. In a 45 statement, United Nations officials warned: "When children lack water that is fit for drinking and sanitation, virtually every aspect of their health and development is 46."

Food production is dependent on water. Many crops, of course, are watered by rain, but in recent times irrigation has become the key 47 the world's booming population. Today 36 percent of the world's harvest depends on irrigation.

If plentiful water flows out of every tap in our home and if we have a clean toilet (抽水马桶) that conveniently washes out waste, it may be 48 to believe that the world is running out of an adequate supply of water. We should remember, however, that only 20 percent of mankind enjoy such 49. In Africa many women spend as much as six hours a day 50 water.

41. A. hurts B. harms C. injures D. destroys

42. A. valuable B. desirable C. capable D. available

43. A. As for B. As well as C. Just as D. Such as

44. A. The number of B. A number of C. Numbers of D. Numerous