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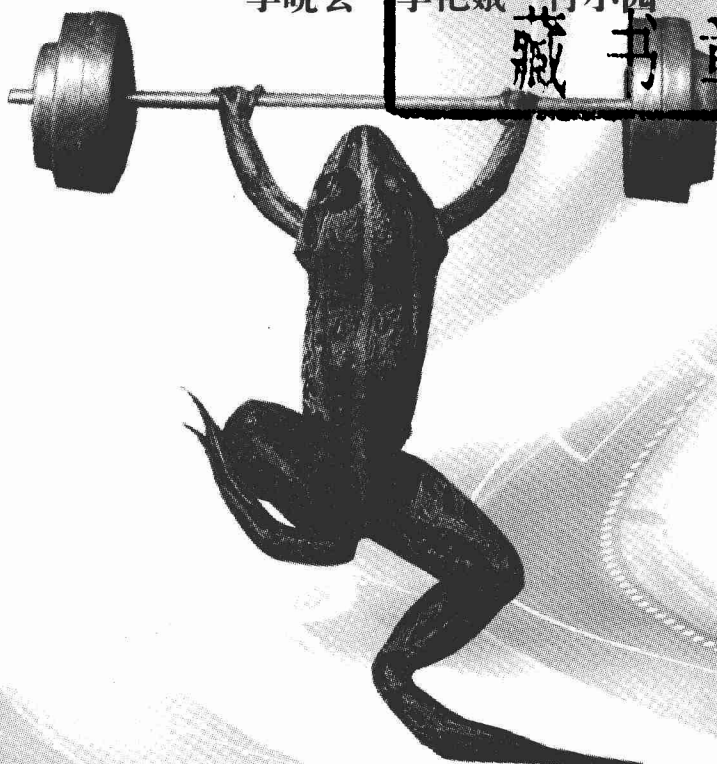
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# 前言

书店的架子上,英语应用能力考试 B 级全真试题不止一种。

不同的版本,题目居然不一样,封面却都标着“全真试题”的字样,哪一本才是完全正确的全真试题呢?

相同的试题,答案却不相同,哪一本的答案才是最权威的呢?

有的版本只给出答案,没有解析,不知其所以然,这样做完了试题只怕也难有进步!

有的版本解析得不够清楚明白:那些令我困惑的考题,在我读了解析之后,依然迷惑着我……

带着解决这些问题的使命,全新的《B 级考试历年全真试题》应运而生。

## 一、试题精确,一丝不苟

编者曾对比过各种不同版本的试题,发现其中错漏之多,令人汗颜,有误人子弟之嫌。本书编写时,多方收集历年真题原卷,并经过一丝不苟的校对和查证,读者可以放心使用。

## 二、答案权威,解析明确

编者发现不同版本的试题答案出入很大。本着“杜绝偏差和误导”的宗旨,编者进行了查证。经过广东外语外贸大学和上海交通大学的部分资深教师的多次讨论,确定了本书的权威性。在本书的试题精解里,可以看到明确的解析,将容易使人迷惑的题目解释得十分清楚,这些便是编者一再求证之后的劳动成果。

## 三、避错指南,体贴入微

编者认为读者的英语水平、解题技巧、思维方式都不尽相同,因此在本书的试题精解里设置“避错指南”一栏,详细分析和解释每个导致答题失误的原因,体贴入微,让读者在知道正确答案的同时发现自己失误的原因,随之而来的自然是英语水平与考试技巧的提高。

## 四、全文翻译,划线点评

B 级考试的 5 篇短文理解,不仅分值高,而且考查的综合难度大。为了帮助读者克服对短文阅读的恐惧、建立攻克难关的信心,本书的试题精解里给出了短文阅读的全文翻译,并且对解题关键句子进行划线点评。在译文和划线点评的引导下,读者的英语阅读理解能力便可得到明显提高。

书店的架子上,英语应用能力考试 B 级全真试题不止一种。但是,有没有一本试题正确、答案权威、解析清楚、贯穿答题技巧和令人豁然开朗的全真试题?

恭喜你,找到了!

编者

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# 2006 年 6 月 B 级考试全真试题

## 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 give proper responses. There are 5 recorded questions in it. After each question, there is a pause. The 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 center.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: A. I'm not sure.

B. You're right.

C. Yes, certainly.

D. That's interesting.

From the question we learn that the speaker is asking the listener to leave a message. Therefore, C. Yes, certainly, is the correct answer. You should mark C on the Answer Sheet. Now the test will begin.

- |                       |                     |                               |                  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. A. Yes, I like it. | B. Thank you.       | C. Yes, of course.            | D. So do I.      |
| 2. A. Yes, I have.    |                     | B. Yes, it is.                |                  |
|                       | C. I like the city. | D. It's a famous city.        |                  |
| 3. A. Sure.           |                     | B. Not at all.                |                  |
|                       | C. My pleasure.     | D. Nothing, thank you.        |                  |
| 4. A. No, thanks.     |                     | B. I often drink tea at home. |                  |
|                       | C. Not likely.      | D. No problem.                |                  |
| 5. A. It's important. | B. Thank you.       | C. Yes, I will.               | D. No, it isn't. |

### Section B

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 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 center.

- |                           |                          |                      |            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 6. A. A working schedule. | B. A computer problem.   |                      |            |
|                           | C. A business plan.      | D. A computer class. |            |
| 7. A. She's a secretary.  | B. She's a manager.      |                      |            |
|                           | C. She's an engineer.    | D. She's a teacher.  |            |
| 8. A. A contract.         | B. A product.            | C. A list.           | D. A book. |
| 9. A. In a restaurant.    | B. In a post-office.     |                      |            |
|                           | C. At a railway station. | D. At the airport.   |            |
| 10. A. This morning.      | B. Anytime today.        |                      |            |
|                           | C. Next afternoon.       | D. Tomorrow morning. |            |

### Section C

Directions: In this section you will hear a recorded short passage. The passage is printed in the test paper, but with some words or phrases missing. The passage will be read three times. During the second

reading, you are required to put the missing words or phrases on the Answer Sheet in order of the numbered blanks according to what you hear. The third reading is for you to check your writing. Now the passage will begin.

Modern technology has a big influence on our daily life. New devices are widely used today. For example, we have to 11 the Internet every day. It is becoming more and more 12 to nearly everybody. Now it's time to think about how the Internet influences us, what 13 it has on our social behavior and what the future world will look like. The Internet has 14 changed our life; there is no doubt about that. I think that the Internet has changed our life in a 15 way.

## Part II Vocabulary & Structure

[15 minutes]

**Directions:** This part is to test your ability to use words and phrases correctly to construct meaningful and grammatically correct sentences. It consists of 2 sections.

### Section A

**Directions:** There are 10 incomplete statements here. You are required to complete each statement by choosing the appropriate answer from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. You should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

16. David has \_\_\_\_\_ much work to do that he is staying late at his office.  
A. such                      B. so                      C. very                      D. enough
17. I tried hard, but I couldn't find the \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem.  
A. solution                      B. help                      C. reply                      D. demand
18. I can't find the key to my office. I \_\_\_\_\_ have lost it on my way home.  
A. would                      B. should                      C. must                      D. ought to
19. There are three colors in the British flag, \_\_\_\_\_ red, white and blue.  
A. rarely                      B. namely                      C. really                      D. naturally
20. As far as I'm concerned, I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ in that way.  
A. to be treated                      B. to treat                      C. treated                      D. treating
21. My impression of the service in the hotel was that it had really \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. imagined                      B. implied                      C. imported                      D. improved
22. The policeman stopped the driver and found that he \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol.  
A. drinks                      B. has drunk                      C. is drinking                      D. had drunk
23. There was a heavy fog this morning, so none of the planes could \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. get through                      B. take off                      C. pull out                      D. break away
24. \_\_\_\_\_ writing a letter to the manager, he decided to talk to him in person.  
A. Instead of                      B. Because of                      C. As for                      D. Due to
25. Lisa was busy taking notes \_\_\_\_\_ Mark was searching the Internet for the information.  
A. until                      B. unless                      C. while                      D. if

### Section B

**Directions:** There are also 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. Of all the hotels in the city, this one is the (good) \_\_\_\_\_.

27. Yesterday they received a written (invite) to a dinner from Mr. Black.

28. That new film is worth (see) \_\_\_\_\_ for the second time.

29. Next week we (sign) the sales contract with the new supplier.

30. (general) \_\_\_\_\_ speaking, he is a person that you can trust.

31. The new machine ought to (test) \_\_\_\_\_ before it is put to use.

32. If your *credit*(信誉) is good, you will be allowed (use) \_\_\_\_\_ the credit card.

33. It will be very (help) \_\_\_\_\_ if each member presents his or her own opinion at the meeting.

34. The number of sales people who have left the company (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very small.

35. It is well-known that sports will (strength) \_\_\_\_\_ the friendship between nations.

**[40 minutes]**

**Directions:** *This part is to test your reading ability. There are 5 tasks for you to fulfill. 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 to 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 center.

Unlike Britain, the US does not have a national health care service. The government does help pay for some medical care for people who are on low incomes and for old people, but most people buy *insurance*(保険) to help pay for medical care. The problems of those who cannot afford insurance are an important political subject.

In Britain, when people are ill, they usually go to a family doctor first. However, people in America sometimes go straight to an expert without seeing their family doctor first. Children are usually taken to a doctor who is an expert in the *treatment*(治疗) of children. In Britain, if a patient needs to see a specialist doctor, their family doctor will usually recommend a specialist.

Doctors do not go to people's homes when they are ill. People always make appointments to see the doctor in the doctor's office. In a serious situation, people call for an *ambulance*(救护车). In America, hospitals must treat all seriously ill patients, even if they do not have medical insurance. The government will then help pay for some of the cost of the medical care.

36. Some medical care is paid by the U.S. government for \_\_\_\_\_.

A. people living in the country

### B. non-government officials

C. people with insurance

D. the poor and the old

37. Most people in the United States buy insurance \_\_\_\_\_.

A. to pay for their own medical care

B. to help to live on their low incomes

C. to improve the national health care service

D. to solve one of the important political problems

38. What do British people usually do when they are ill?

A. They go to see their family doctor first.



- B. They go to see a specialist doctor first.
  - C. They call for a specialist doctor.
  - D. They call for a family doctor.
39. In America, seriously ill patients will \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. be treated if they have an insurance  
 B. make an appointment with a specialist only  
 C. receive treatment even without insurance  
 D. normally go to see an expert for treatment
40. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?  
 A. Types of Doctors in the United States  
 B. Health Care in the United States and Britain  
 C. Treatment of Sick Children in the United States  
 D. Medical Insurance in the United States and Britain

## Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 to 45.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The MDC Company was established in 2001 and in four short years has become one of the most successful companies in the market place. For this, we are pleased, proud and grateful.

We are pleased because our customers have confirmed our belief that if the products we offer are new, exciting, *innovative*(有创意的) and of excellent quality, they will be purchased.

We are proud because we know we are a company that keeps its word to its customers; that guarantees that any product can be returned within 30 days if it proves to be unsatisfactory in any way; and that always lets our customers know if there is to be a delay in delivery.

We are grateful to customers like you, because you confirm our beliefs that good service and quality result in satisfied customers. Without you, there would be no reason for us to be pleased or proud. We thank you for your orders and for giving us the opportunity to be of service to you.

Our special summer *catalogue*(商品目录) is at the printers and should be in your home soon. We hope that you will be pleased with the new selections.

Yours faithfully

*John Brown*

John Brown

41. From the passage we can learn that MDC Company always \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. keeps its promise  
 B. provides the same products  
 C. sells its products at a low price  
 D. delivers its products without delay
42. MDC Company believes that its customers are satisfied because the company \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. gives them opportunities to order  
 B. provides good service and quality  
 C. guarantees the quickest delivery  
 D. sends new catalogues to them
43. The customers will be informed if \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. the product can't be delivered on time  
 B. the product is out-of-date and unsatisfactory

- C. the company doesn't accept the returned product  
 D. the company can't send a new catalogue on time
44. The purpose of this letter is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. tell the customers about the quality of their products  
 B. express the company's thanks to the customers  
 C. prove the excellent service of the company  
 D. inform the customers of a new catalogue
45. What can we learn about the company?  
 A. It has the largest number of customers.  
 B. It is grateful for its employees' efforts.  
 C. It is successful in the market place.  
 D. It charges the least for its services.

### Task 3

**Directions:** *The following is a part of the Guide for a transit system: Metro. After reading it, you should complete the information by filling in the blanks marked 46 to 50 in not more than 3 words in the table below.*

#### Thanks for using *Metro*(地铁)

Clean. Modern. Safe. And easy to use. No wonder Metro is considered the nation's finest *transit*(公交) system. This guide tells how to use Metro, and the color-coded map on the inside will help you use Metro to get all around the Nation's Capital.

#### Metro-rail fares

- Each passenger needs a fare-card. (Up to two children under 5 may travel free with a paying customer.)
- Fares are based on when and how far you ride. Pay regular fares on weekdays 5:30-9:30 a.m. and 3:00-7:00 p.m. Pay reduced fares at all other times.
- Large maps in each station show fares and travel times. Please ask the station manager if you have any questions.
- Fare-card machines are in every station. Bring small banknotes because there are no change machines in the stations and fare-card machines only provide up to \$5 in change (in coins). Some machines accept *credit cards*(信用卡).

#### A Transit System Metro

Features of the system: 1) 46 ,  
 2) modern,  
 3) safe, and  
 4) 47

Fares for weekends: 48 fares

Place showing fares and travel times: large maps in 49

Change provided by fare-card machines: up to \$ 50

Task 4

Directions: The following is a list of signs for public attention. 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—Buses Only

B—No Parking

C—No Standing

D—Police Cars Only

E—No U-Turn

F—No Admittance

G—No Entry By This Door

H—One Way Street

I—One Lane Bridge

J—Admission By Ticket Only
- K—Admission Free

L—Keep Away

M—House To Let

N—Keep Order

O—Wet Paint

P—Line Up For Tickets

Q—No Posting of Signs

R—Seat By Number

S—Wheelchairs Only

Examples: (Q)请勿张贴 (C)禁止停车候客

51. ( )禁止停车	( )禁止掉头
52. ( )此门不通	( )不得入内
53. ( )房屋出租	( )单行道
54. ( )排队购票	( )凭票入场
55. ( )公交专用道	( )对号入座

Task 5

Directions: There are two business letters here. After reading them, you are required to complete the answers that follow the questions (No. 56 to No. 60). You should write your answers in not more than 3 words on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.

Letter 1

June 10, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

Last night the central heating system that you installed(安装) in our factory exploded. The explosion caused a great deal of damage and our stock of fashion clothes has been completely ruined.

We must insist that you replace the heating system immediately and pay for our damaged stock, valued at \$400,000.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,  
Bill Black  
Assistant Manager

Letter 2

June 15, 2006

Dear Mr. Black,

We are writing in connection with the recent explosion at your factory.

We would like to point out that we have been manufacturing heating systems for over 25 years and we have never had a complaint before. We have asked a surveyor to find out the cause of the explosion.

We are hoping that we can provide you with a satisfactory answer soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Miller

Service Manager

56. What happened in the factory last night?

The central heating system \_\_\_\_\_.

57. What was the damage caused to the factory?

The stock of \_\_\_\_\_ was ruined.

58. How much was the stock valued at?

It was valued at \_\_\_\_\_.

59. What did Bill Black demand in his letter?

To replace \_\_\_\_\_ and pay for the damage.

60. What has been done by the heating system supplier?

\_\_\_\_\_ has been asked to find out the cause of the accident.

## Part IV Translation—English into Chinese

[25 minutes]

**Directions:** *This part, numbered 61 to 65, is to test your ability to translate English into Chinese. Each of the four sentences (No. 61 to No. 64) is followed by four choices of suggested translation marked A, B, C and D. Make the best choice and write the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet. Write your translation of the paragraph (No. 65) in the corresponding space on the Translation/Composition Sheet.*

61. Not surprisingly, many scientists predict that such changes in the climate will probably result in hotter days.

- A. 毫不奇怪,许多科学家都预计气候的这些变化可能会导致天气变暖。
- B. 毫不奇怪,许多科学家认为这样的变化可能会导致热天更多。
- C. 许多科学家对于气候变化和炎热天气所产生的后果毫不惊讶。
- D. 许多科学家都认为天气变暖会改变气候,这并不令人怀疑。

62. Both late sleepers and early risers find the fixed hours of a nine-to-five workday a problem.

- A. 早起的和晚睡的人都发现了问题,应该把早9晚5的工作时间定下来。
- B. 早起的和晚睡的人都发现了早9晚5这种固定工作时间带来的问题。
- C. 早起的和晚睡的人都认为早9晚5这种固定的上班時間有问题。
- D. 早起的和晚睡的人都认为应该把工作时间定为早9点到晚5点。

63. We are confident that we will get rid of those difficulties since the government has agreed to give us some help.

- A. 由于政府已经同意给予我们一些帮助,我们有信心克服那些困难。
- B. 自从政府同意给予我们帮助以来,我们才下了脱贫致富的决心。
- C. 政府同意给予我们一些帮助,因此我们要下定决心直面困境。
- D. 我们有信心克服困难,争取政府同意给我们一些资助。

64. All in all, the ABC Company offered me the experience to advance my career in China.

- A. 总而言之,ABC 公司使我有了工作经历,我要在中国发展我的事业。
- B. 总而言之,ABC 公司的历程有助于我实现在中国发展事业的目标。
- C. 总而言之,ABC 公司使我有了在中国拓展我的职业生涯的经历。
- D. 总而言之,ABC 公司的历程使我认识到我应该在中国发展事业。

65. We are glad to welcome our Chinese friends to this special Business Training program. Here, you will have a variety of activities and a chance to exchange ideas with each other. We hope that all of you will benefit a lot from this program. During your stay, please do not hesitate to speak to us with questions or concerns. We believe this will be an educational and enjoyable program.

Part V Writing

[25 minutes]

Directions: This part is to test your ability to do practical writing. You are required to write a Memo(内部通知) according to the instructions given in Chinese below. Remember to write your memo on the Translation/Composition Sheet.

说明:假定你是销售部经理 John Green,请以 John Green 的名义按照下面的格式和内容给本公司其他各部门经理写一个内部通知。

主题:讨论 2006 年度第三季度(the 3rd quarter)销售计划

通知时间:2006 年 6 月 16 日

内容:本部门已制定 2006 年第三季度的销售计划。将于 2006 年 6 月 19 日下午 1:00 在本公司会议室开会,讨论这一计划。并希望各部门经理前来参加。如不能到会,请提前告知本部门秘书。

Words for reference:

告知 notify                      提前 in advance

SALES DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2006 年 1 月 B 级考试全真试题

## 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 give proper responses. There are 5 recorded questions in it. After each question, there is a pause. The 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 center.*

**Example:** *You will hear:*

*You will read:* A. I'm not sure.

B. You're right.

C. Yes, certainly.

D. That's interesting.

*From the question we learn that the speaker is asking the listener to leave a message. Therefore, C. Yes, certainly, is the correct answer. You should mark C on the Answer Sheet. Now the test will begin.*

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| 1. A. With pleasure.    | B. That's great.        |
| C. What a pity!         | D. Please don't.        |
| 2. A. About 10 dollars. | B. By 12 o'clock.       |
| C. In the photo shop.   | D. A moment ago.        |
| 3. A. Why not?          | B. I see.               |
| C. I don't think so.    | D. Go ahead.            |
| 4. A. Yes, please.      | B. No problem.          |
| C. Don't worry.         | D. Thank you.           |
| 5. A. What's there?     | B. Can I help you?      |
| C. No trouble.          | D. Thank you very much. |

### Section B

**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 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 center.*

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| 6. A. The man will do everything. | B. The man needs a rest.             |
| C. Alice offers to help.          | D. Alice is quite busy.              |
| 7. A. They are free.              | B. They are charged.                 |
| C. They are expensive.            | D. They are cheap.                   |
| 8. A. Many people died in a fire. | B. Two persons were injured.         |
| C. There was a traffic accident.  | D. There was an air crash.           |
| 9. A. Buy a train ticket for her. | B. Enjoy a concert with her.         |
| C. Go to the meeting with her.    | D. Drive her to the railway station. |
| 10. A. Where to have the meeting. | B. When to have the meeting.         |

- D. What to discuss at the meeting.

**Directions:** *In this section you will hear a recorded short passage. The passage is printed in the test paper, but with some words or phrases missing. The passage will be read three times. During the second reading, you are required to put the missing words or phrases on the Answer Sheet in order of the numbered blanks according to what you hear. The third reading is for you to check your writing. Now the passage will begin.*

First of all, let me thank you for inviting us to such a great Christmas party. We 11 enjoyed the delicious food and excellent wine. Also, the music was perfect, so if I were a better dancer, I would have enjoyed the party twice 12. I enjoyed meeting and 13 to you, and sharing the time together. I hope we'll be able to keep this good relationship and make 14 another great one together.

## Part II Vocabulary & Structure

**[15 minutes]**

**Directions:** *There are 10 incomplete statements here. You are required to complete each statement by choosing the appropriate answer from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. You should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.*

16. I am looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ from you as soon as possible.  
A. hear                                      B. be hearing  
C. hearing                                  D. have heard
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ that the people he works with are all very interested in their job.  
A. feels                                    B. tries                                    C. looks                                    D. asks
18. \_\_\_\_\_, a friend of Mrs. Black found the watch she had lost two days before.  
A. Especially                            B. Usually                                C. Generally                               D. Fortunately
19. Few people \_\_\_\_\_ applied for the position meet the requirements of the company.  
A. whom                                    B. who                                    C. what                                    D. whose
20. Why didn't you \_\_\_\_\_ that pencil which was on the floor?  
A. pick up                                  B. bring up                                C. get up                                    D. put up
21. Mary found \_\_\_\_\_ extremely difficult to pass the examination.  
A. it    B. this                                    C. that                                    D. what
22. She tried hard, but she still couldn't make us \_\_\_\_\_ our mind.  
A. to change                                B. changed                                C. change                                    D. changing
23. I was late for the interview because the bus \_\_\_\_\_ on the way to London.  
A. got off                                    B. brought in                                C. kept off                                    D. broke down
24. The manager required that all the employees \_\_\_\_\_ at the office before 9:00 in the morning.  
A. will arrive                                B. arrive                                    C. arrived                                    D. have arrived
25. She was talking about her \_\_\_\_\_ as a nurse in a hospital, which we had never heard of.



A. expenses

B. excuses

C. experiences

D. expressions

## Section B

**Directions:** *There are also 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. The children looked (health) \_\_\_\_\_ with bright smiles on their faces.
27. (work) \_\_\_\_\_ as a team, the foreign and Chinese engineers cooperated closely and successfully.
28. We were surprised at the (achieve) \_\_\_\_\_ the young man had made in the last three years.
29. The survey shows that green food is becoming (popular) \_\_\_\_\_ than traditional food.
30. The price of oil in the world market has (great) \_\_\_\_\_ increased in recent months.
31. I (work) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Human Resources Department for five months since I joined the company.
32. The flexible working time system will enable the (employ) \_\_\_\_\_ to work more efficiently.
33. Jane (praise) \_\_\_\_\_ many times by the general manager when she was working as the office secretary.
34. The railway station was crowded with people (say) \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye to their friends and relatives.
35. The professor, as well as his assistants, (do) \_\_\_\_\_ the experiment in the lab forty hours a week.

## Part III Reading Comprehension

[40 minutes]

**Directions:** *This part is to test your reading ability. There are 5 tasks for you to fulfill. 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 to 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 center.*

Most people buy a lot of gifts just before Christmas. But some people think they buy too much. They have started a special day called Buy Nothing Day. They don't want anyone to go shopping on that day.

Buy Nothing Day is November 29. It's 25 days before Christmas. The idea for Buy Nothing Day started in Vancouver, British Columbia. Now people all over the United States celebrate Buy Nothing Day. In California, parents and children get together to read stories, sing songs and paint pictures. The children talk about why they don't need a lot of toys.

This year in Albuquerque, New Mexico, high school students wanted to tell other students about Buy Nothing Day. They organized a simple dinner to give people information about Buy Nothing Day. They asked restaurants in the neighborhood to *donate* (赠送) the food. They made *posters* (海报) and talked to other students about it. The dinner was a big success, and many students agreed not to buy anything on November 29. The students at the high school liked the idea

of this new tradition. Next year, they want to have another dinner to inform more people about Buy Nothing Day!

36. Some people start Buy Nothing Day because they think \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. people need more time to do other things  
B. people buy too many gifts for Christmas  
C. people can hardly afford to buy a lot of gifts  
D. people waste too much time going shopping
37. The idea for Buy Nothing Day first started in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. California  
B. Albuquerque  
C. British Columbia  
D. New Mexico
38. To make Buy Nothing Day more popular, the students in Albuquerque plan to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. provide free food to more people  
B. persuade more restaurants to donate food  
C. put up more advertising posters on that day  
D. have another dinner to inform more people of the Day
39. According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?  
A. Buy Nothing Day has become popular in the United States.  
B. Restaurants have a tradition of donating food on holidays.  
C. Gift shops are expected to be closed on Buy Nothing Day.  
D. Children like the idea of Buy Nothing Day best.
40. The best title for the passage might be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Buy Nothing Day in the U.S.  
B. The Future of Buy Nothing Day  
C. Free Dinners on Buy Nothing Day  
D. Students' Activities on Buy Nothing Day

## Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 to 45.

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Dear Sirs,

I am very happy to apply for the position of secretary, which you advertised in *China Daily* of December 10, 2005.

I have been working as a secretary at a college office. Because I am the only secretary in the office, it is necessary for me to work quickly and efficiently and to be flexible in my daily work. Professors value my work and my ability to meet their needs.

Although I am happy now, I feel that my *promotion*(晋升) is limited here, and I would like to have a more challenging job. Therefore, I *enrolled*(参加) in a program to expand my knowledge of international business affairs. Now, both my English and Chinese have been improved and I am ready to begin working as a bilingual secretary in an international company like yours, and I believe I can be a great help to your firm.

The enclosed resume gives further details of my qualifications, and I would appreciate it if you could give me an opportunity to have an interview. I am looking forward to receiving your