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此次修订,我们特别聘请了具有丰富教学经验的老师,着重修改了第二部分听力Section C、第三部分阅读理解和第四部分翻译(中译英)等部分,使之更贴近近年通行的大学英语四、六级考试题型。为使学生在作文写作时,能学会运用标准地道的英语语言,此次修订,我们还特别聘请了美籍教师Andy, Amanda, Chad, Daisy, Leona和Luke等几位专家,对所有试题中的作文范文进行审阅,并替换了部分与大学英语四、六级考试难易程度不相匹配的作文范文。相信这对广大学生的写作水平的提高有较大的帮助!

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College English Test 1

Part I Writing (30 minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition on the topic **On Long Holiday**. You should write at least 120 but no more than 150 words following the outline given below in Chinese:

1. 如今长假已经成为了家人团聚的主要机会。
2. 一些人认为长假没有必要。
3. 我的观点。

注意:此部分试题写在答题卡 1 上。

Part II Listening Comprehension (30 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear 8 short conversations and 2 long conversations. At the end of each conversation, one or more questions will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken 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 **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

注意:此部分试题请在答题卡 1 上作答。

1. A) At 2:00.
B) At 2:30.
C) At 3:00.
D) At 3:20.
2. A) 617.
B) 640.
C) 657.
D) 670.
3. A) Classmates.
B) Reader and writer.
C) Editor and writer.
D) Teacher and student.
4. A) Go to the concert.
B) Go shopping.
C) Clean the table.
D) Clean the house.
5. A) The woman wants to sell newspaper.
B) The woman wants to be a journalist.
C) The woman is skillful in selling.

- D) Good sales skills are necessary for the job.
6. A) Her hairstyle is very beautiful. B) Her hairstyle is not nice.
C) She doesn't like the new hairstyle. D) The man is good at observing.
7. A) At a theatre. B) In a travel agency.
C) At a train station. D) At an airport.
8. A) A waitress. B) A cook.
C) The man's wife. D) The man's friend.

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

9. A) It demands another class first. B) It's too expensive.
C) It's too difficult to get the credit. D) It's already full.
10. A) The course has already full.
B) Her boss didn't like her to attend this course.
C) The class meets during her working hours.
D) She is not interested in the course.
11. A) Her boss is not so good-tempered.
B) There is no suitable work schedule for her.
C) She prefers to work in the evening.
D) She doesn't want to ask her boss to change her working schedule again.
12. A) The credit can be transferred.
B) It may provide the class she need during the day.
C) It is cheaper.
D) It is easier to get the credit.

Questions 13 to 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

13. A) Nutrition classes in the university.
B) Food served in the cafeteria.
C) The price of meals in students' dining room.
D) A research project on Nutrition.
14. A) To work in his cafeteria.
B) To give some advice on nutrition.
C) To give him some ideas about the cafeteria menu.
D) To discover students' likes and complaint concerning food service.
15. A) Somewhat curious.
B) Quite annoyed.
C) Very doubtful.
D) Not at all interested.

Section B

Directions: In this section you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. 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 **Answer sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

注意:此部分试题请在答题卡1上作答。

Passage One

Questions 16 to 19 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

16. A) Thunderstorm. B) Old age.
C) Car accident. D) Lightning.
17. A) A clock. B) His wife.
C) His doctor. D) A tree.
18. A) He woke up some 30 minutes later.
B) He went into the house and lay down on the ground.
C) He took refuge under a roof when a thunderstorm approached.
D) He had been blind for nine years.
19. A) Sightseeing B) A terrible accident.
C) A severe blow. D) Cold water.

Passage Two

Questions 20 to 22 are based on the passage you have just heard.

20. A) The United States, England and Sweden are less advanced.
B) Different people mean different things by the word advanced.
C) How advanced the country is.
D) Some countries use 50 kilograms of paper for each person in a year.
21. A) Before 1400. B) In 1400.
C) After 1400. D) In 1240.
22. A) Because they are forest countries.
B) Because there are many people in those countries.
C) Because most people in those countries are intellectuals.
D) Because they are short of paper.

Passage Three

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

23. A) To the Middle East. B) To the suburbs.
C) To small towns. D) To metropolitan areas.
24. A) The towns with a population of 2, 500 or fewer people.

- B) The towns with a population of 25,000 or more people.
- C) The big cities with population of more than 2,500 people.
- D) The areas around the Middle East.
25. A) Because people prefer living in cities.
- B) Because people feel secure in small towns.
- C) Because a majority of people like moving about.
- D) Because people are not satisfied with crowded places.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear a passage three times. When the passage is read for the first time, you should listen carefully for its general idea. When the passage is read for the second time, you are required to fill in the blanks with the exact words you have just heard. Finally, when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.

注意:此部分试题请在答题卡1上作答。

Sport is not only physically challenging, but it can also be mentally challenging. _____ 26 _____ from coaches, parents, and other teammates, as well as pressure to win can create an _____ 27 _____ anxiety or stress for young athletes. Stress can be physical, _____ 28 _____, or psychological, and research has indicated that it can lead to burnout. Burnout has been _____ 29 _____ as dropping or quitting of an activity that was at one time _____ 30 _____.

The early years of development are critical years for learning about oneself. The sport setting is one where valuable _____ 31 _____ can take place. Young athletes can, for example, learn how to _____ 32 _____ others, make friends and gain other social skills that will be used throughout their lives. Coaches and parents should be aware, at all times, that their feedback to youngsters can greatly affect their children. _____ 33 _____ may take their parents' and coaches' criticisms to heart and find a flaw in themselves.

Coaches and parents should also be cautious that youth sport participation does not become work for children. The outcome of the game should not be more important than the process of learning the sport and other life lessons. In today's youth sport setting, young athletes may be worrying more about who will win instead of enjoying themselves and the sport. Following a game, many parents and coaches focus on the outcome and _____ 34 _____ youngster's performances. Positive reinforcement should be provided _____ 35 _____ the outcome. Research indicates that positive reinforcement motivates and has a greater effect on learning than criticism. Again, criticism can create high levels of stress, which can lead to burnout.

Part III Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one

word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre. **You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.**

Questions 36 to 45 are based on the following passage.

For a clearer picture of what the student knows, most teachers use another kind of examination in 36 to objective tests. They use essay tests, which 37 students to write long answers to broad, general questions such as the following: mention several ways in which Benjamin Franklin has influenced the thinking of people in his own country and in other parts of the world.

One 38 of the essay test is that it reduces the element of luck. The student cannot 39 a high score just by making a lucky guess. Another advantage is that it shows the examiner more about the student's ability to put facts together into a meaningful whole. It should show how deeply he has thought about the subject. Sometimes, though, essay tests have 40, too. Some students are 41 to write rather good answers without really knowing much about the subject, while other students who actually know the material have trouble 42 their ideas in the essay form.

Besides, in an essay test the student's score may depend 43 the examiner's feelings at the time of 44 the answer. If he is feeling tired or bored, the student may receive a lower score than he should. Another examiner reading the same answer might give it a much 45 mark. Because of this, the objective test gives each student a fairer chance, and of course it is easier and quicker to score.

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| A) reading | I) upon |
| B) require | J) disadvantages |
| C) in | K) advantage |
| D) score | L) besides |
| E) expressing | M) able |
| F) lower | N) get |
| G) question | O) higher |
| H) addition | |

Section B

Directions: In this section, you are going to read a passage with ten statements attached to it. Each statement contains information given in one of the paragraphs. Identify the paragraph from which the information is derived. You may choose a paragraph more than once. Each paragraph

is marked with a letter. Answer the questions by marking the corresponding letter **Answer Sheet 2**.

Small Schools Rising

- A) This year's list of the top 100 high schools shows that today, those with fewer students are flourishing.
- B) Fifty years ago, they were the latest thing in educational reform: big, modern, suburban high schools with students counted in the thousands. As baby boomers (二战后婴儿潮时期出生的人) came of high-school age, big schools promised economic efficiency, a greater choice of courses, and, of course, better football teams. Only years later did we understand the trade-offs this involved: the creation of excessive bureaucracies (官僚机构), the difficulty of forging personal connections between teachers and students. SAT scores began dropping in 1963; today, on average, 30% of students do not complete high school in four years, a figure that rises to 50% in poor urban neighborhoods. While the emphasis on teaching to higher, test-driven standards as set in No Child Left Behind resulted in significantly better performance in elementary (and some middle) schools, high schools for a variety of reasons seemed to have made little progress.
- C) Size isn't everything, but it does matter, and the past decade has seen a noticeable countertrend toward smaller schools. This has been due, in part, to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has invested \$1.8 billion in American high schools, helping to open about 1,000 small schools — most of them with about 400 kids each, with an average enrollment of only 150 per grade. About 500 more are on the drawing board. Districts all over the country are taking notice, along with mayors in cities like New York, Chicago and San Diego. The movement includes independent public charter schools, such as No. 1 BASIS in Tucson, with only 120 high-schoolers and 18 graduates this year. It embraces district-sanctioned magnet schools, such as the Talented and Gifted School with 198 students, and the Science and Engineering Magnet, with 383, which share a building in Dallas, as well as the City Honors School in Buffalo, N. Y., which grew out of volunteer evening seminars for students. And it includes alternative schools with students selected by lottery (抽签), such as H-B Woodlawn in Arlington, Va. And most noticeable of all, there is the phenomenon of large urban and suburban high schools that have split up into smaller units of a few hundred, generally housed in the same grounds that once boasted thousands of students all marching to the same band.
- D) Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, Calif., is one of those, ranking No. 423 — among the top 2% in the country — on Newsweek's annual ranking of America's top high schools. The success of small schools is apparent in the listings. Ten years ago, when the first

- Newsweek list based on college-level test participation was published, only three of the top 100 schools had graduating classes smaller than 100 students. This year there are 22. Nearly 250 schools on the full Newsweek list of the top 5% of schools nationally had fewer than 200 graduates in 2007.
- E) Although many of Hillsdale's students came from wealthy households, by the late 1990s average test scores were sliding and it had earned the unaffectionate nickname (绰号) "Hillsjail". Jeff Gilbert, a Hillsdale teacher who became principal last year, remembers sitting with other teachers watching students file out of a graduation ceremony and asking one another in astonishment, "How did that student graduate?"
- F) So in 2003 Hillsdale remade itself into three "houses", romantically named Florence, Marrakech and Kyoto. Each of the 300 arriving ninth graders are randomly (随机地) assigned to one of the houses, where they will keep the same four core subject teachers for two years, before moving on to another for 11th and 12th grades. The closeness this system cultivates is reinforced by the institution of "advisory" classes. Teachers meet with students in groups of 25, five mornings a week, for open-ended discussions of everything from homework problems to bad Saturday-night dates. The advisers also meet with students privately and stay in touch with parents, so they are deeply invested in the students' success. "We're constantly talking about one another's advisees," says English teacher Chris Crockett. "If you hear that yours isn't doing well in math, or see them sitting outside the dean's office, it's like a personal failure." Along with the new structure came a more demanding academic program; the percentage of freshmen taking biology jumped from 17 to 95. "It was rough for some, but by senior year, two-thirds have moved up to physics," says Gilbert. "Our kids are coming to school in part because they know there are adults here who know them and care for them." But not all schools show advances after downsizing, and it remains to be seen whether smaller schools will be a cure-all solution.
- G) The Newsweek list of top U. S. high schools was made this year, as in years past, according to a single metric, the proportion of students taking college-level exams. Over the years this system has come in for its share of criticism for its simplicity. But that is also its strength: it's easy for readers to understand, and to do the arithmetic for their own schools if they'd like.
- H) Ranking schools is always controversial, and this year a group of 38 superintendents(地区教育主管) from five states wrote to ask that their schools be excluded from the calculation. "It is impossible to know which high schools are the best in the nation," their letter read, in part. "Determining whether different schools do or don't offer a high quality of education requires a look at many different measures, including students' overall academic accomplishments and their subsequent performance in college, and taking into consideration

the unique needs of their communities.”

I) In the end, the superintendents agreed to provide the data we sought, which is, after all, public information. There is, in our view, no real dispute here; we are all seeking the same thing, which is schools that better serve our children and our nation by encouraging students to tackle tough subjects under the guidance of gifted teachers. And if we keep working toward that goal, someday, perhaps, a list won't be necessary.

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46. Fifty years ago, big, modern, suburban high schools were established in the hope of providing good education for baby boomers.
47. Students' performance declined as a result of setting up big schools.
48. Newsweek ranked high schools according to their college-level test participation.
49. The schools funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are mostly small in size.
50. The most noticeable about the current trend in high schools is division of larger schools into small ones.
51. The school performance of the students from Hillsdale was getting worse in the late 1990s.
52. The “advisory” classes at Hillsdale were set up so that students could maintain closer relationships with their teachers.
53. Simplicity is still considered a strength of Newsweek's school ranking system in spite of the criticism it receives.
54. According to the 38 superintendents, to use many different measures to rank schools scientifically, it is necessary to use many different measures.
55. To better serve the children and our nation, schools should hire gifted teachers and encourage students to take tough subjects.

Section C

Directions: There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the center.

Passage One

Questions 56 to 60 are based on the following passage.

Conflict, like stress, is a natural phenomenon when people interact. Conflict in some form is always present; however, it is not always negative. Conflict can be positive, for example, when you and your colleagues try to select the best possible alternative to a problem. However, much more attention is given to the negative aspects of conflict.

Conflict occurs when we fear the unknown. This can be very simple: Someone says something in a tone of voice different from our expectations, which raises questions in our mind

as to what the real meaning might be. Of course conflict can, and does, occur in much more serious circumstances.

Your ability to detect and understand conflict will place you in a better position to control the situation. Conflict is often categorized in three stages. Stage one is the day-to-day irritations (恼人的事) that require minimal coping strategies. Stage one conflict is real but low in intensity. The intensity can increase if irritations increase and no solution is found.

Stage two is reached when the parties become competitive. Each person protects his self-interest and fears loss of face. The win-lose attitude becomes integrated with the problem.

Stage three is reached when the objective changes from wanting to win toward wanting to hurt the other party. This stage can be explosive because other people are drawn into the conflict and sides are chosen. Problem solving is no longer a realistic method of resolution.

By understanding the three stages of conflict, it will be easier for you to handle the day-to-day situations to which you are exposed. You will also be able to detect potential conflict between others in which you do not want to get involved.

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56. Conflict is _____.
- paid attention to because it is negative
 - only positive when occurring between colleagues
 - universally present in human interactions
 - similar to stress in every aspect
57. Stage two conflict is different from stage one conflict in that _____.
- it is caused by daily disputes
 - it is low in intensity
 - it takes a form of competition
 - it always leads to loss of face
58. The third stage can be explosive because _____.
- quarreling becomes inevitable
 - it is no longer a conflict between two individuals
 - people begin to hate each other
 - no solution is possible
59. The ability to identify conflict _____.
- can help you make good use of conflict
 - enables you to win every competition
 - can prevent conflict from occurring
 - can help you deal with the situation better
60. The conflict between a student and his roommate caused by different living habits is an

instance of _____.

- A) stage one conflict
- B) stage two conflict
- C) stage three conflict
- D) none of the above

Passage Two

Questions 61 to 65 are based on the following passage.

Of all the problems facing modern astronomers, perhaps the most fascinating is, "Can intelligent life exist elsewhere?" Since the earth is an unimportant planet moving round an unimportant star, it would be a pride on our part to suppose that we are the only intelligent beings in the universe. But to obtain proof is difficult.

The main trouble is that our neighboring worlds, the bodies in the Solar System appear to be unsuitable for advanced life-forms. The Moon may be ruled out at once; it has hardly any atmosphere. Venus is little better; the surface temperature is extremely high and the atmosphere is mostly carbon dioxide. Mars with a very thin atmosphere and a severe shortage of water, may well support simple plant life but there seems no hope of finding animals, while the attractive Martians of the story-tellers have long since been given up.

Of course this has not stopped the flow of bright ideas for communicating with the supposed people on Mars. In the early nineteenth century the great mathematician Gauss suggested planting tree-patterns in Siberia, so that the Martians would see them and reply suitably. Following up the idea, the Austrian scientist Karl Littrow proposed digging very wide ditches in the Sahara, triangular in pattern, and then filling them with petrol or some such substance so that, when lit, the ditches would present Martian observers with a "flaming triangle" which would show the existence here of intelligent minds. Even better were the plans of Charles Cros, a French writer of the eighteen-seventies, who wanted to build a large mirror to reflect the sun's rays and concentrate them on the surface of Mars, thereby making a vast burning glass. By swinging the mirror around, Cros explained it would be practicable to write words in the Martian deserts simply by burning the sand. For many years he bombarded the French government with literature about this plan and was very disappointed when no official interest was shown.

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61. The opinion of the writer is that _____.
- A) there may be other intelligent beings in the universe
 - B) there are other intelligent beings in the universe
 - C) people living on the earth are almost certainly the only intelligent beings in the universe
 - D) people living on the earth are definitely the only intelligent beings in the universe
62. There is unlikely any life on Venus because _____.

- A) the surface temperature is too hot
 B) the weather is too cold
 C) it is severely short of water
 D) it has a very thin atmosphere
63. It seems that Mars _____.
- A) may be inhabited by attractive Martians
 B) may have some vegetable life
 C) can have no life at all
 D) may have both vegetable and animal life
64. Gauss wanted to establish contact with the Martians by _____.
- A) planting trees in triangular shape
 B) filling wide ditches with oil
 C) building a large mirror
 D) making patterns with trees
65. Charles Cros felt _____.
- A) angry when the government paid little attention to his ideas
 B) pleased when the government did take notice of his plan
 C) surprised that the officials were interested in his suggestion
 D) disappointed at the lack of interest shown in his plan

Part IV

Translation

(30 minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to translate a passage from Chinese into English. You should write your answer on **Answer Sheet 2**.

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