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前言

Preface

考研英语是一个技巧性很强而且非常重要的科目，尤其对于那些英语基础不是很好的考生。如果在考研英语的复习过程中找不到最好的、最适合自己的方法和技巧，会导致复习事倍功半，浪费宝贵的复习时间，最后可能因为英语不过关而全盘皆输，那将是非常可惜的。

现在正值考研复习的基础阶段，主要任务就是摸清楚自身底细，了解命题规律和趋势，主攻弱点难点，取得初步的突破和提高。因此我们要明确，真题是任何一本考研英语辅导书都不能代替的、最好用的资料。

历年真题是最好的复习资料，研究一下真题能更多地从中提炼出题规律，感受真题难易程度，所以很有价值。可以通过做真题搞清楚自己的英语处在一个什么水平上，测试一下复习之前你能考多少分，这时候历年的真题就是最好的摸底工具。一般真题要做二到三遍。第一遍可以做题为主，把里面不会的单词查出来，将每篇文章的每个选项归类，弄明白考试题目会在哪些方面设计；第二遍主要把握文章的结构，找到文章出题的规律；第三遍可以根据自己的情况查漏补缺。

真题是许多专家精心编纂的，每道题都要深思熟虑、反复论证才会最终呈现在考生面前。所以，能否用好真题，就成了考研是否成功的关键一步。

每本书的真题都一样，但题目解析是否用心，是否能帮助大家用好真题、快速提高成绩，才是区分一本真题书好坏的关键。《屠屠讲真题》是一本教大家如何用好真题的教材，前后耗时2年时间编撰完成。下面给大家介绍本书的特色和使用方法。

《屠屠讲真题》三大特色

特色1: 答案解析更全面, 正确选项、错误设置一并呈现。



特色2: 阅读理解逐段分析, 标注最高频词汇, 进行难句剖析, 帮助考生将复习基础与提升阅读思路有效结合。



特色 3: 作文部分选用官方范文, 更有效地协助考生零距离掌握高分命脉。

考研英语真题讲真题

又论这本书的亮点还在于指出了“环境不会造就人, 而是反映人。”(448)这似乎为悲观绝望薄弱的人找到了借口, 使利便变得合理化了, 使富人优越、穷人卑微变得有道理了。

但这不过是对一个模棱两可的论点的本能回应。每一种环境, 无论多么恶劣, 都提供了独一无二的成长机遇。如果环境总是决定人们的生活和希望, 那么人类永远不会进步。事实上, (449)环境似乎旨在激发我们最大的潜能; 如果我们感到“上天不公”, 就不大可能有意识地试图脱离现状。但正如任何一位传记作家都知道的那样, 一个人的早年生活和周遭际遇往往是他最大的财富。

又论这本书令人费解之处在于——对于我们当下的处境, 我们不能怪罪别人, 只能归咎于自己。(50)从积极的方面看, 既然万事都取决于我们自己, 那么就有无限可能; 过去, 我们应对种种局限性的专家; 现在, 我们成了掌控所有可能性的权威。

Section III Writing

Part A

[高分范文]	[权威译文]
Dear Neo,	尼奥:
I'm so glad to hear from you. In your letter, you talked about movies you love. I agree with you that <i>Morris</i> is a great movie. Guess what? If you lose some weight, you'll be as cool as "Neo" in the film!	很高兴收到你的来信。信里你谈到了你喜爱的电影。我也认为《黑客帝国》是一部很棒的电影。你知道吗? 如果你减点肥的话, 会像电影里的“尼奥”一样酷。
Anyway, here is one of my favorite movies that I would like to recommend to you. The title of the movie is the <i>Legend of 1900</i> and there're some reasons for my recommendation. Firstly, the director is very famous and respected all over the world. Its story is very moving and its hero is a very talented pianist named "1900". More importantly, the sound track of the movie is extraordinarily beautiful. I know you like music and you are learning to play the piano. I hope you'll enjoy the movie and learn something about playing the piano.	总之, 我想向你推荐我最喜欢的电影。电影的名字是《海上钢琴师》。推荐理由如下: 首先, 电影导演全球闻名, 并且受人敬重。它的故事非常感人。主人公名叫“1900”, 是一位天才钢琴师。更重要的是, 电影的音效尤其优美。我知道你喜欢音乐, 而且你正在学习弹钢琴。希望你喜爱这部电影, 并且从中学学习一些钢琴技巧。
I am looking forward to your reply. Take care!	期待着你的回复。保重!
Yours sincerely, Li Ming	真诚的, 李明

闪光点剖析

1. Guess what? 你知道吗? (用于非正式书信)

2. sound track 音效

《屠屠讲真题》使用方法

第Ⅰ阶段: 2007~2011五年试题

试题特点: 难易程度交替变化, 专业话题偏多。

使用攻略: 将试题拆解, 一周时间完成一年试题, 将重心放在提升解题能力方面, 而不必太关注正确率问题。

第Ⅱ阶段: 2012~2015四年试题

试题特点: 试题难度基本保持一致, 注重细节点考查。

使用攻略: 可以按照时间要求完成试题, 评测自己复习状态和水平, 同时进行精细分析。

第Ⅲ阶段: 2016~2019四年试题

试题特点: 最新出题组命制, 注重基础, 选材角度发生变化。

使用攻略: 重点复习的素材, 挖掘新的命题组出题思路和考点设置, 词汇句子是后面考试再次出现的依据。

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Section I Use of English

Directions: Read the following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and mark A, B, C or D on ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)

By 1830 the former Spanish and Portuguese colonies had become independent nations. The roughly 20 million 1 of these nations looked 2 to the future. Born in the crisis of the old regime and Iberian Colonialism, many of the leaders of independence 3 the ideas of representative government, careers 4 to talent, freedom of commerce and trade, the 5 to private property, and a belief in the individual as the basis of society. 6 there was a belief that the new nations should be sovereign and independent states, large enough to be economically viable and integrated by a 7 set of laws.

On the issue of 8 of religion and the position of the Church, 9, there was less agreement 10 the leadership. Roman Catholicism had been the state religion and the only one 11 by the Spanish crown. 12 most leaders sought to maintain Catholicism 13 the official religion of the new states, some sought to end the 14 of other faiths. The defense of the Church became a rallying 15 for the conservative forces.

The ideals of the early leaders of independence were often egalitarian, valuing equality of everything. Bolivar had received aid from Haiti and had 16 in return to abolish slavery in the areas he liberated. By 1854 slavery had been abolished everywhere except Spain's 17 colonies. Early promises to end Indian tribute and taxes on people of mixed origin came much 18 because the new nations still needed the revenue such policies 19. Egalitarian sentiments were often tempered by fears that the mass of the population was 20 self-rule and democracy.

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. [A] natives | [B] inhabitants | [C] peoples | [D] individuals |
| 2. [A] confusedly | [B] cheerfully | [C] worriedly | [D] hopefully |
| 3. [A] shared | [B] forgot | [C] attained | [D] rejected |
| 4. [A] related | [B] close | [C] open | [D] devoted |
| 5. [A] access | [B] succession | [C] right | [D] return |
| 6. [A] Presumably | [B] Incidentally | [C] Obviously | [D] Generally |
| 7. [A] unique | [B] common | [C] particular | [D] typical |
| 8. [A] freedom | [B] origin | [C] impact | [D] reform |
| 9. [A] therefore | [B] however | [C] indeed | [D] moreover |
| 10. [A] with | [B] about | [C] among | [D] by |
| 11. [A] allowed | [B] preached | [C] granted | [D] funded |
| 12. [A] Since | [B] If | [C] Unless | [D] While |
| 13. [A] as | [B] for | [C] under | [D] against |
| 14. [A] spread | [B] interference | [C] exclusion | [D] influence |
| 15. [A] support | [B] cry | [C] plea | [D] wish |



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|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 16. [A] urged | [B] intended | [C] expected | [D] promised |
| 17. [A] controlling | [B] former | [C] remaining | [D] original |
| 18. [A] slower | [B] faster | [C] easier | [D] tougher |
| 19. [A] created | [B] produced | [C] contributed | [D] preferred |
| 20. [A] puzzled by | [B] hostile to | [C] pessimistic about | [D] unprepared for |

Section II Reading Comprehension

Part A

Directions: Read the following four texts. Answer the questions below each text by choosing A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET 1. (40 points)

Text 1

If you were to examine the birth certificates of every soccer player in 2006's World Cup tournament, you would most likely find a noteworthy quirk: elite soccer players are more likely to have been born in the earlier months of the year than in the later months. If you then examined the European national youth teams that feed the World Cup and professional ranks, you would find this strange phenomenon to be ever more pronounced.

What might account for this strange phenomenon? Here are a few guesses: a) certain astrological signs confer superior soccer skills; b) winter-born babies tend to have higher oxygen capacity, which increases soccer stamina; c) soccer-mad parents are more likely to conceive children in springtime, at the annual peak of soccer mania; d) none of the above.

Anders Ericsson, a 58-year-old psychology professor at Florida State University, says he believes strongly in "none of the above." Ericsson grew up in Sweden, and studied nuclear engineering until he realized he would have more opportunity to conduct his own research if he switched to psychology. His first experiment, nearly 30 years ago, involved memory: training a person to hear and then repeat a random series of numbers. "With the first subject, after about 20 hours of training, his digit span had risen from 7 to 20," Ericsson recalls. "He kept improving, and after about 200 hours of training he had risen to over 80 numbers."

This success, coupled with later research showing that memory itself is not genetically determined, led Ericsson to conclude that the act of memorizing is more of a cognitive exercise than an intuitive one. In other words, whatever inborn differences two people may exhibit in their abilities to memorize, those differences are swamped by how well each person "encodes" the information. And the best way to learn how to encode information meaningfully, Ericsson determined, was a process known as deliberate practice. Deliberate practice entails more than simply repeating a task. Rather, it involves setting specific goals, obtaining immediate feedback and concentrating as much on technique as on outcome.

Ericsson and his colleagues have thus taken to studying expert performers in a wide range of pursuits, including soccer. They gather all the data they can, not just performance statistics and biographical details but also the results of their own laboratory experiments with high achievers. Their work makes a rather startling assertion: the trait we commonly call talent is highly overrated. Or, put another way, expert performers—whether in memory or surgery, ballet or computer programming—are nearly always made, not born.



21. The birthday phenomenon found among soccer players is mentioned to _____.
[A] stress the importance of professional training
[B] spotlight the soccer superstars in the World Cup
[C] introduce the topic of what makes expert performance
[D] explain why some soccer teams play better than others
22. The word “mania” (Line 4, Paragraph 2) most probably means _____.
[A] fun [B] craze [C] hysteria [D] excitement
23. According to Ericsson, good memory _____.
[A] depends on meaningful processing of information
[B] results from intuitive rather than cognitive exercises
[C] is determined by genetic rather than psychological factors
[D] requires immediate feedback and a high degree of concentration
24. Ericsson and his colleagues believe that _____.
[A] talent is a dominating factor for professional success
[B] biographical data provide the key to excellent performance
[C] the role of talent tends to be overlooked
[D] high achievers owe their success mostly to nurture
25. Which of the following proverbs is closest to the message the text tries to convey?
[A] “Faith will move mountains.” [B] “One reaps what one sows.”
[C] “Practice makes perfect.” [D] “Like father, like son.”

Text 2

For the past several years, the Sunday newspaper supplement *Parade* has featured a column called “Ask Marilyn.” People are invited to query Marilyn vos Savant, who at age 10 had tested at a mental level of someone about 23 years old; that gave her an IQ of 228 — the highest score ever recorded. IQ tests ask you to complete verbal and visual analogies, to envision paper after it has been folded and cut, and to deduce numerical sequences, among other similar tasks. So it is a bit confusing when vos Savant fields such queries from the average Joe (whose IQ is 100) as, what’s the difference between love and fondness? Or what is the nature of luck and coincidence? It’s not obvious how the capacity to visualize objects and to figure out numerical patterns suits one to answer questions that have eluded some of the best poets and philosophers.

Clearly, intelligence encompasses more than a score on a test. Just what does it mean to be smart? How much of intelligence can be specified, and how much can we learn about it from neurology, genetics, computer science and other fields?

The defining term of intelligence in humans still seems to be the IQ score, even though IQ tests are not given as often as they used to be. The test comes primarily in two forms: the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale and the Wechsler Intelligence Scales (both come in adult and children’s version). Generally costing several hundred dollars, they are usually given only by psychologists, although variations of them populate bookstores and the World Wide Web. Superhigh scores like vos Savant’s are no longer possible, because scoring is now based on a statistical population distribution among age peers, rather than simply dividing the mental age by the chronological age and multiplying by 100. Other standardized tests, such as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), capture the main aspects of IQ tests.



Such standardized tests may not assess all the important elements necessary to succeed in school and in life, argues Robert J. Sternberg. In his article “How Intelligent Is Intelligence Testing?”, Sternberg notes that traditional tests best assess analytical and verbal skills but fail to measure creativity and practical knowledge, components also critical to problem solving and life success. Moreover, IQ tests do not necessarily predict so well once populations or situations change. Research has found that IQ predicted leadership skills when the tests were given under low-stress conditions, but under high-stress conditions, IQ was negatively correlated with leadership—that is, it predicted the opposite. Anyone who has toiled through SAT will testify that test-taking skill also matters, whether it’s knowing when to guess or what questions to skip.

26. Which of the following may be required in an intelligence test?
- [A] Answering philosophical questions.
[B] Folding or cutting paper into different shapes.
[C] Telling the differences between certain concepts.
[D] Choosing words or graphs similar to the given ones.
27. What can be inferred about intelligence testing from Paragraph 3?
- [A] People no longer use IQ scores as an indicator of intelligence.
[B] More versions of IQ tests are now available on the Internet.
[C] The test contents and formats for adults and children may be different.
[D] Scientists have defined the important elements of human intelligence.
28. People nowadays can no longer achieve IQ scores as high as vos Savant’s because _____.
[A] the scores are obtained through different computational procedures
[B] creativity rather than analytical skills is emphasized now
[C] vos Savant’s case is an extreme one that will not repeat
[D] the defining characteristic of IQ tests has changed
29. We can conclude from the last paragraph that _____.
[A] test scores may not be reliable indicators of one’s ability
[B] IQ scores and SAT results are highly correlated
[C] testing involves a lot of guesswork
[D] traditional tests are out of date
30. What is the author’s attitude towards IQ test?
[A] Supportive. [B] Skeptical. [C] Impartial. [D] Biased.

Text 3

During the past generation, the American middle-class family that once could count on hard work and fair play to keep itself financially secure has been transformed by economic risk and new realities. Now a pink slip, a bad diagnosis, or a disappearing spouse can reduce a family from solidly middle class to newly poor in a few months.

In just one generation, millions of mothers have gone to work, transforming basic family economics. Scholars, policymakers, and critics of all stripes have debated the social implications of these changes, but few have looked at the side effect: family risk has risen as well. Today’s families have budgeted to the limits of their new two-paycheck status. As a result, they have lost the parachute they once had in times of financial setback—a back-up earner (usually Mom) who could go into the workforce if the primary earner got laid off or fell sick. This “added-worker effect” could support the



safety net offered by unemployment insurance or disability insurance to help families weather bad times. But today, a disruption to family fortunes can no longer be made up with extra income from an otherwise-stay-at-home partner.

During the same period, families have been asked to absorb much more risk in their retirement income. Steelworkers, airline employees, and now those in the auto industry are joining millions of families who must worry about interest rates, stock market fluctuation, and the harsh reality that they may outlive their retirement money. For much of the past year, President Bush campaigned to move Social Security to a savings-account model, with retirees trading much or all of their guaranteed payments for payments depending on investment returns. For younger families, the picture is not any better. Both the absolute cost of healthcare and the share of it borne by families have risen—and newly fashionable health-savings plans are spreading from legislative halls to Wal-Mart workers, with much higher deductibles and a large new dose of investment risk for families' future healthcare. Even demographics are working against the middle class family, as the odds of having a weak elderly parent—and all the attendant need for physical and financial assistance—have jumped eightfold in just one generation.

From the middle-class family perspective, much of this, understandably, looks far less like an opportunity to exercise more financial responsibility, and a good deal more like a frightening acceleration of the wholesale shift of financial risk onto their already overburdened shoulders. The financial fallout has begun, and the political fallout may not be far behind.

31. Today's double-income families are at greater financial risk in that _____.

- [A] the safety net they used to enjoy has disappeared
- [B] their chances of being laid off have greatly increased
- [C] they are more vulnerable to changes in family economics
- [D] they are deprived of unemployment or disability insurance

32. As a result of President Bush's reform, retired people may have _____.

- [A] a higher sense of security
- [B] less secured payments
- [C] less chance to invest
- [D] a guaranteed future

33. According to the author, health-savings plans will _____.

- [A] help reduce the cost of healthcare
- [B] popularize among the middle class
- [C] compensate for the reduced pensions
- [D] increase the families' investment risk

34. It can be inferred from the last paragraph that _____.

- [A] financial risks tend to outweigh political risks
- [B] the middle class may face greater political challenges
- [C] financial problems may bring about political problems
- [D] financial responsibility is an indicator of political status

35. Which of the following is the best title for this text?

- [A] The Middle Class on the Alert
- [B] The Middle Class on the Cliff
- [C] The Middle Class in Conflict
- [D] The Middle Class in Ruins

Text 4

It never rains but it pours. Just as bosses and boards have finally sorted out their worst accounting



and compliance troubles, and improved their feeble corporation governance, a new problem threatens to earn them—especially in America—the sort of nasty headlines that inevitably lead to heads rolling in the executive suite: data insecurity. Left, until now, to odd, low-level IT staff to put right, and seen as a concern only of data-rich industries such as banking, telecoms and air travel, information protection is now high on the boss's agenda in businesses of every variety.

Several massive leakages of customer and employee data this year—from organizations as diverse as Time Warner, the American defense contractor Science Applications International Corp and even the University of California, Berkeley—have left managers hurriedly peering into their intricate IT systems and business processes in search of potential vulnerabilities.

“Data is becoming an asset which needs to be guarded as much as any other asset,” says Haim Mendelson of Stanford University's business school. “The ability to guard customer data is the key to market value, which the board is responsible for on behalf of shareholders.” Indeed, just as there is the concept of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), perhaps it is time for GASP, Generally Accepted Security Practices, suggested Eli Noam of New York's Columbia Business School. “Setting the proper investment level for security, redundancy, and recovery is a management issue, not a technical one,” he says.

The mystery is that this should come as a surprise to any boss. Surely it should be obvious to the dimmest executive that trust, that most valuable of economic assets, is easily destroyed and hugely expensive to restore—and that few things are more likely to destroy trust than a company letting sensitive personal data get into the wrong hands.

The current state of affairs may have been encouraged—though not justified—by the lack of legal penalty (in America, but not Europe) for data leakage. Until California recently passed a law, American firms did not have to tell anyone, even the victim, when data went astray. That may change fast: lots of proposed data-security legislation is now doing the rounds in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, the theft of information about some 40 million credit-card accounts in America, disclosed on June 17th, overshadowed a hugely important decision a day earlier by America's Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that puts corporate America on notice that regulators will act if firms fail to provide adequate data security.

36. The statement “It never rains but it pours” is used to introduce _____.
[A] the fierce business competition
[B] the feeble boss-board relations
[C] the threat from news reports
[D] the severity of data leakage
37. According to Paragraph 2, some organizations check their systems to find out _____.
[A] whether there is any weak point
[B] what sort of data has been stolen
[C] who is responsible for the leakage
[D] how the potential spies can be located
38. In bringing up the concept of GASP the author is making the point that _____.
[A] shareholders' interests should be properly attended to
[B] information protection should be given due attention
[C] businesses should enhance their level of accounting security
[D] the market value of customer data should be emphasized



39. According to Paragraph 4, what puzzles the author is that some bosses fail to _____.

- [A] see the link between trust and data protection
- [B] perceive the sensitivity of personal data
- [C] realize the high cost of data restoration
- [D] appreciate the economic value of trust

40. It can be inferred from Paragraph 5 that _____.

- [A] data leakage is more severe in Europe
- [B] FTC's decision is essential to data security
- [C] California takes the lead in security legislation
- [D] legal penalty is a major solution to data leakage

Part B

Directions: You are going to read a list of headings and a text about what parents are supposed to do to guide their children into adulthood. Choose a heading from the list A-G that best fits the meaning of each numbered part of the text (41-45). The first and last paragraphs of the text are not numbered. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)

- [A] Set a Good Example for Your Kids
- [B] Build Your Kids' Work Skills
- [C] Place Time Limits on Leisure Activities
- [D] Talk about the Future on a Regular Basis
- [E] Help Kids Develop Coping Strategies
- [F] Help Your Kids Figure Out Who They Are
- [G] Build Your Kids' Sense of Responsibility

How Can a Parent Help?

Mothers and fathers can do a lot to ensure a safe landing in early adulthood for their kids. Even if a job's starting salary seems too small to satisfy an emerging adult's need for rapid content, the transition from school to work can be less of a setback if the start-up adult is ready for the move. Here are a few measures, drawn from my book *Ready or Not, Here Life Comes*, that parents can take to prevent what I call "work-life unreadiness."

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You can start this process when they are 11 or 12. Periodically review their emerging strengths and weaknesses with them and work together on any shortcomings, like difficulty in communicating well or collaborating. Also, identify the kinds of interests they keep coming back to, as these offer clues to the careers that will fit them best.

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Kids need a range of authentic role models—as opposed to members of their clique, pop stars and vaunted athletes. Have regular dinner-table discussions about people the family knows and how they got where they are. Discuss the joys and downsides of your own career and encourage your kids to form some ideas about their own future. When asked what they want to do, they should be discouraged from saying "I have no idea." They can change their minds 200 times, but having only a foggy view of the



future is of little good.

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Teachers are responsible for teaching kids how to learn; parents should be responsible for teaching them how to work. Assign responsibilities around the house and make sure homework deadlines are met. Encourage teenagers to take a part-time job. Kids need plenty of practice delaying gratification and deploying effective organizational skills, such as managing time and setting priorities.

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Playing video games encourages immediate content. And hours of watching TV shows with canned laughter only teaches kids to process information in a passive way. At the same time, listening through earphones to the same monotonous beats for long stretches encourages kids to stay inside their bubble instead of pursuing other endeavors. All these activities can prevent the growth of important communication and thinking skills and make it difficult for kids to develop the kind of sustained concentration they will need for most jobs.

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They should know how to deal with setbacks, stresses and feelings of inadequacy. They should also learn how to solve problems and resolve conflicts, ways to brainstorm and think critically. Discussions at home can help kids practice doing these things and help them apply these skills to everyday life situations.

What about the son or daughter who is grown but seems to be struggling and wandering aimlessly through early adulthood? Parents still have a major role to play, but now it is more delicate. They have to be careful not to come across as disappointed in their child. They should exhibit strong interest and respect for whatever currently interests their fledging adult (as naive or ill conceived as it may seem) while becoming a partner in exploring options for the future. Most of all, these new adults must feel that they are respected and supported by a family that appreciates them.

Part C

Directions: Read the following text carefully and then translate the underlined segments into Chinese. Your translation should be written clearly on ANSWER SHEET 2. (10 points)

The study of law has been recognized for centuries as a basic intellectual discipline in European universities. However, only in recent years has it become a feature of undergraduate programs in Canadian universities. (46) Traditionally, legal learning has been viewed in such institutions as the special preserve of lawyers, rather than a necessary part of the intellectual equipment of an educated person. Happily, the older and more continental view of legal education is establishing itself in a number of Canadian universities and some have even begun to offer undergraduate degrees in law.

If the study of law is beginning to establish itself as part and parcel of a general education, its aims and methods should appeal directly to journalism educators. Law is a discipline which encourages responsible judgment. On the one hand, it provides opportunities to analyze such ideas as justice, democracy and freedom. (47) On the other, it links these concepts to everyday realities in a manner which is parallel to the links journalists forge on a daily basis as they cover and comment on the news. For example, notions of evidence and fact, of basic rights and public interest are at work in the process of journalistic judgment and production just as in courts of law. Sharpening judgment by absorbing and



reflecting on law is a desirable component of a journalist's intellectual preparation for his or her career.

(48) But the idea that the journalist must understand the law more profoundly than an ordinary citizen rests on an understanding of the established conventions and special responsibilities of the news media. Politics or, more broadly, the functioning of the state, is a major subject for journalists. The better informed they are about the way the state works, the better their reporting will be. (49) In fact, it is difficult to see how journalists who do not have a clear grasp of the basic features of the Canadian Constitution can do a competent job on political stories.

Furthermore, the legal system and the events which occur within it are primary subjects for journalists. While the quality of legal journalism varies greatly, there is an undue reliance amongst many journalists on interpretations supplied to them by lawyers. (50) While comment and reaction from lawyers may enhance stories, it is preferable for journalists to rely on their own notions of significance and make their own judgments. These can only come from a well-grounded understanding of the legal system.

Section III Writing

Part A

51. Directions:

Write a letter to your university library, making suggestions for improving its service.

You should write about 100 words on ANSWER SHEET 2.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Li Ming" instead.

Do not write the address. (10 points)

Part B

52. Directions:

Write an essay of 160-200 words based on the following drawing. In your essay, you should

- 1) describe the drawing briefly,
- 2) explain its intended meaning, and then
- 3) support your view with an example/examples.

You should write neatly on ANSWER SHEET 2. (20 points)

