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二〇一二年硕士研究生入学考试试题

考试科目：基础英语

- 注意事项：1. 本试卷共 四 道大题（共计 60 个小题），满分 150 分；
2. 本卷属试题卷，答题另有答题卷，答案一律写在答题卷上，写在该试题卷上或草纸上均无效。要注意试卷清洁，不要在试卷上涂划；
3. 必须用蓝、黑钢笔或签字笔答题，其它均无效。

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Part I Vocabulary and Grammar. Fill in the blank with the word or phrase that you think is the most appropriate from the four choices given below. (30 points)

1. The manager vowed to revenge the _____ insult of his competing counterpart yesterday.
A. calculated B. outrageous C. intentioned D. selfish
2. Almost any solid _____ can be called dust if it is light enough to float in the air.
A. waste B. spot C. Metal D. speck
3. We heard wolves _____ mournfully somewhere nearby in the complete darkness when we camped in the forest last weekend.
A. barking B. roaring C. howling D. growling
4. The sweater he bought last week _____ after he washed it.
A. shrank B. shortened C. decreased D. lessened
5. As a result of sluggish business, the boss of the company is urging his clerks to be _____ with electricity.
A. economics B. economical C. stingy D. thrifty
6. The minister has to provide a very _____ explanation for the new medical care reform.
A. compulsory B. comprehensive C. sophisticated D. understanding
7. They sell their military equipment to whoever needs it with the _____ purpose of making profit.
A. only B. unique C. singular D. sole

8. No one believed that such a little girl could _____ the things well ahead.
A. reconcile B. suspect C. forsake D. anticipate
9. Tom's lecture was careful and _____ but his words did not seem to make much sense.
A. distinct B. distinguished C. distinguishable D. distinctive
10. The most _____ of all Olympic events is the decathlon (a sports competition with 10 different events).
A. creative B. excited C. gruesome D. grueling
11. As it _____ the effects of high temperatures, rhenium is a valuable ingredient in certain alloys.
A. resists B. withholds C. reduces D. discharges
12. In ancient China, thunder was believed to be a manifestation of the _____ of the gods.
A. spirit B. power C. wrath D. sorrow
13. The African quality of his music is _____ in the art that people of his generation enjoyed.
A. inborn B. ingrained C. impregnated D. included
14. I am in no _____ this evening to listen to his silly jokes.
A. feeling B. attitude C. mood D. tendency
15. The young scientist became known for his _____ into the distribution of the wild species in this part of the region.
A. examination B. exposition C. research D. account
16. As soon as World War II ended, Einstein urged that atomic energy _____ to peaceful uses.
A. be put B. is put C. will be put D. would be put
17. You _____ the washing-up. I would have done it for you.
A. needn't have done B. didn't need to have done
C. weren't to D. mustn't have done
18. The professor is very busy _____ for the examination now. Please come again at some other time.
A. preparing B. prepared C. being prepared D. to prepared
19. Next time we go house-hunting, remember _____ the agent for very clear directions. I wasted hours _____ the last house.
A. to ask; to look for B. to ask; looking for
C. asking; looking for D. asking; to look for

20. It is a common expression to characterize something as “light as air”, but air is _____ “light”.
- A. so B. rather C. hardly D. somewhat
21. The stout fellow over there is _____ the great magician Charlie Steward, himself.
- A. no other than B. none other than C. no other than D. no one but
22. In the new movie she wore, _____ was very uncommon in the country, a scarlet coat.
- A. what B. that C. of what D. the
23. Robinson Crusoe was hungry _____ human companionship.
- A. for B. about C. of D. with
24. Among all the students in this class, Tony is the quickest one _____ figures.
- A. to B. for C. in D. at
25. I’m very hopeful _____ passing the course.
- A. for B. about C. in D. on
26. He was laid _____ for six weeks with two broken ribs.
- A. away B. down C. by D. up
27. The population _____ their flags to celebrate the return of their victorious team.
- A. hung out B. hung together C. hung behind D. hung over
28. As a citizen it is important to _____ with your neighbors.
- A. keep in B. keep off C. keep out D. keep on
29. The government has _____ new measures to combat inflation.
- A. brought in B. brought about C. brought on D. brought up
30. The idea of a balanced diet is very difficult to _____ to anyone who knows little about food values.
- A. put through B. put across C. take in D. make over

Part II Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Read the following essay carefully, and then, answer the questions in Section A, B, C, and D.

How to Avoid Foolish Opinions

- 1 To avoid the various foolish opinions to which mankind is prone, no superhuman genius is required. A few simple rules will keep you, not from all errors, but from silly ones.
- 2 If the matter is one that can be settled by observation, make it yourself. Aristotle could have

avoided the mistake of thinking that women have fewer teeth than men by simply asking Mrs. Aristotle to keep her mouth open while he counted. He did not do so because he thought he knew. Thinking that you know when in fact you don't is a fatal mistake, to which we are all prone. I believe hedgehogs eat black beetles, because I have been told that they do; but if I were writing a book on the habits of hedgehogs, I shouldn't commit myself until I had seen one enjoying this unappetizing diet. Aristotle, however, was less cautious. Ancient and medieval authors knew all about unicorns and salamander; not one of them thought it necessary to avoid dogmatic statements about them because he had never seen one of them.

3 Many matters, however, are less easily brought to the test of experience. If you have passionate convictions on many such matters, there are ways in which you can make yourself aware of your own bias. If an opinion contrary to your own makes you angry, that is a sign that you are subconsciously aware of having no good reason for thinking as you do. If someone maintains that two and two are five, or that Iceland is on the equator, you feel pity rather than anger, unless you know so little of arithmetic or geography that his opinion shakes your own contrary conviction. The most savage controversies are those about matters as to which there is no good evidence either way. Persecution is used in theology, not in arithmetic, because in arithmetic there is knowledge, but in theology there is only opinion. So whenever you find yourself getting angry about a difference of opinion, be on guard; you'll probably find, on examination, that your belief is going beyond what the evidence warrants.

4 A good way of riding yourself of certain kinds of dogmatism is to become aware of opinions held in social circles different from yours. When I was young, I lived much outside my own country, and I found this very profitable in diminishing the intensity of insular prejudice. If you can't travel, seek out people with whom you disagree, and read a newspaper belonging to a party that is not yours. If the people and the newspaper seem mad, perverse, and wicked, remind yourself that you seem so to them. In this opinion both parties may be right, but they can't both be wrong. This reflection should generate a certain caution.

5 For those who have enough psychological imagination, it is a good plan to imagine an argument with a person having a different bias. This has one advantage: the method is not subject to the same limitations of time and space. Mahatma Gandhi deplored railways and steamboats and machinery; he would have liked to remove the effect of the whole of the

industrial revolution. You may never have an opportunity of actually meeting any one who holds this opinion, because in Western countries most people take the advantages of modern technique for granted. But if you want to make sure you are right in agreeing with the prevailing opinion, you'll find it a good plan to test the arguments that occur to you by considering what Gandhi might have said in refutation of them. I have sometimes been led actually to change my mind as a result of this kind of imaginary dialogue, and short of this, I have frequently found myself growing less dogmatic and cocksure through realizing the possible reasonableness of a hypothetical opponent.

- 6 Be very wary of opinions that flatter your self-esteem. Both men and women, nine times out of ten, are firmly convinced of the superior excellence of their own sex. There is abundant evidence on both sides. If you are a man, you can point out that most poets and men of science are male; if you are a woman, you can retort that so are most criminals. The question is inherently insoluble, but self-esteem conceals this from most people. We are all persuaded that our own nation is superior to others. Seeing that each nation has its characteristic merits and demerits, we adjust our standard of values so as to make out that the merits possessed by our nation are the really important ones, while its demerits are comparatively trivial. Here, again, the rational man will admit that the question is one to which there is no demonstrably right answer. It is more difficult to deal with the self-esteem of man as man, because we cannot argue out the matter with some non-human. The only way I know of dealing with this general human conceit is to remind ourselves that man is a brief episode in the life of a small planet in a little corner of the universe, and that for aught we know, other parts of the cosmos may contain beings as superior to ourselves as we are to jelly-fish.

Section A. Answer the following questions. (15%)

31. The title of this essay is an adaptation of a phrase from its first paragraph. Is there any other phrase in the first paragraph which could be used to make up a good title for the essay? If so, what is it?
32. What are the "simple rules" which the author suggests in his essay? What are the examples does the author use to illustrate his rules respectively?
33. What, in the author's opinion, is the difference between knowledge and opinion?
34. There is one statement in Para. 2 which is ironical, i.e. it means the opposite of what it appears. What is the statement?

35. "The author's main point is that we should not believe strongly in anything." Is this correct?

If so, why do you agree with the author? If not, how would you change the statement?

Section B. Read the short extract given below and answer the questions by choosing the best alternative (a, b, c, d) under each. (10%)

"If an opinion contrary to your own makes you angry, that is a sign that you are subconsciously aware of having no good reason for thinking as you do. If someone maintains that two and two are five, or that Iceland is on the equator, you feel pity rather than anger, unless you know so little of arithmetic or geography that his opinion shakes your own contrary conviction."

36. The second sentence _____

- (a) simply adds a further point to the argument already stated in the first sentence.
- (b) illustrates the point made in the first sentence.
- (c) builds up the argument of the first sentence by restating it from the opposite point of view.
- (d) makes the main point which has only been introduced by the first sentence.

37. If someone else's opinion makes us angry, it means that _____

- (a) our own opinion is not based on good reasons and we know this subconsciously.'
- (b) we are not consciously aware of having no good reason for becoming angry.
- (c) we are subconsciously aware of having no good reason for becoming angry.
- (d) there may be good reasons for his opinion but we are not consciously aware of them.

38. The author mentions arithmetic and geography because _____

- (a) we should know both subjects in order to avoid foolish opinions.
- (b) many foolish opinions and unnecessary arguments occur in those two subjects.
- (c) the two opinions he has mentioned already have to do with those subjects.
- (d) he himself is very knowledgeable about those two subjects.

39. "... your own contrary conviction" refers to _____

- (a) the opinion that two and two are five and that Iceland is on the equator.
- (b) the fact that you know so little about arithmetic or geography.
- (c) the fact that you feel pity rather than anger.
- (d) the opinion that two and two are four and that Iceland is a long way from the equator.

40. The main point of these two sentences is _____

- (a) that we should feel pity rather than anger when someone disagree with us.
- (b) that we shouldn't be angry with people who hold foolish opinions.

(c) that one way of avoiding foolish opinions is to feel pity rather than anger.

(d) that we can test our own opinion by finding out whether we feel pity or anger when someone disagrees with us.

Section C. Find single words or phrases in this essay which have roughly the meanings given below. (10%)

41. conscious of
42. narrow-minded
43. regretted the existence of
44. good opinion of oneself
45. ending in death or disaster
46. making yourself free from
47. prejudice
48. thinking too highly of oneself
49. unreasonable; wrong
50. feel unhappy about; dislike

Section D. Match the words given under List A with the meanings given under List B. List B has some extra items. (5%)

- | A | B |
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| 51. inherently | (a) fierce; cruel |
| 52. episode | (b) quite certain |
| 53. retort | (c) answer back quickly |
| 54. cosmos | (d) inside |
| 55. persecution | (e) fashionable |
| 56. savage | (f) unreasonable punishment |
| 57. cocksure | (g) instinctively |
| 58. prevailing | (h) one event in a series of events |
| 59. subconsciously | (i) careful |
| 60. wary | (j) going to a court of law |
| | (k) by its very nature |
| | (l) power; snow |
| | (m) universe |

Part III Translation (50 points)

Section A. Translate the following passage into English. (25%)

笔者日前买了台电脑，喜滋滋地上网交友。谁知打开电脑映入眼帘的不少是难以入目的低级趣味和无所顾忌的调侃，令我大失所望。网上交友是通讯技术的进步，缩短了人与人情感交流的空间，但决非是低级趣味沉渣泛滥的空间。虽然作者大多是用化名，但灵魂的空虚和彷徨却暴露无遗。时下，网上交友大多是青少年，有关方面应当站岗放哨，给网友一个晴朗的空间。不妨开展一些诸如网上格言正文、评比之类的活动，用高尚的情感、雅俗共赏的文笔、幽默活泼的文风，陶冶网友的情操，沐浴精神文明的阳光雨露。

Section B. Translate the following passage into Chinese. (25%)

Benjamin Franklin, more than 200 years ago, noted in a *Poor Richard's Almanac*, "the used sky is always bright". This homely saying, it seems to me, applies with relevance to the place of education in today's world. It is the sky to a meaningful life. And its possessor finds that with continuing use, it is a key, which he will keep bright for all of his days. The bright key of education is of surpassing importance in all activities of our society. Business, a segment at one time not characterized by a high intellectual level, now avidly seeks educated people. As never before, our complex industries depend upon them for continuing growth and progress.

Part IV Writing (30 points)

Friendship is generally regarded as one of the most important human relationships in one's life. Please write an article of approximately 300 words on this issue. In the first part of your writing you are supposed to present your statement, followed by your support with appropriate details. In the last part you bring what you have written to a natural conclusion with a summary. Marks will be awarded for content, organization, grammar and appropriateness.