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入学考试试题(答案必须写在答题纸上)

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I. Vocabulary (20 points)

Directions: There are two sections in this item: Section A. multiple choices (10 points) and Section B. lexical interpretation (10 points). Remember to write answers on the Answer Sheet.

Section A. Choose one answer from A, B, C and D that best explains the underlined word or phrase in the following sentences (0.5×20 points).

1. Little donkeys with harmonious tinkling bells thread their way among the throngs of people.
A. push B. zigzag C. kill D. work
2. The earthen floor, beaten hard by countless feet, deadens the sound of footsteps.
A. kills B. murders C. muffles D. deafens
3. After a hearty breakfast, my companions and I traveled by snowmobiles a few miles farther north to a rendezvous point where the ice was thinner and a nuclear submarine hovered in the water below.
A. substantial B. heart-stirring C. cordial D. heartfelt
4. In Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*, Santiago was a fisherman by trade.
A. commerce B. exchange C. barter D. profession
5. Now that our relationship to the earth has changed so utterly, we have to see that change and understand its implications.
A. significances B. consequences C. implied meanings D. sequences
6. Some industry observers predict the development of two parallel home markets.
A. homely B. native C. local D. domestic
7. Hitler's blood lust and the hateful appetites have impelled him on his Russian adventure.
A. ambition B. stomach C. belly D. intestines
8. No one would anticipate that my case would snowball into one of the most famous trials in history.
A. evolve B. run C. develop D. roll
9. The house detective's gaze moved on to sweep the spacious, well-appointed room.
A. clean B. mop C. clear D. examine
10. Sitting in her chair, she clasped her hands in order to conceal their trembling.
A. pretend B. uncover C. prevent D. disguise
11. I was offered my teaching job back but I declined.
A. refused B. reclined C. inclined D. intended

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12. The microcomputer is rapidly assuming huge burdens of drudgery from the human brain and thereby expanding the mind's capacities.

- A. drug B. coolie C. dull work D. chore

13. For the mighty army of consumers, the ultimate applications of the computer revolution are still around the bend of a silicon circuit.

- A. numbers B. regiment C. squad D. files

14. The children went from adult to adult like buckets in a fire brigade. But the cars wouldn't start; the electrical systems had been killed by water.

- A. murdered B. destroyed C. slaughtered D. butchered

15. In New York an inhabitant never sees a star-filled sky; the city's bright glow arrogantly obscures the heavens.

- A. secures B. dwarfs C. obstructs D. overshadows

16. The merchant fleets of the developing nations are bent on taking over the lion's share of the trade between Europe and Africa, Asia and the Far East.

- A. the greater part B. the proper portion C. the minor ration D. the required proportion

17. All languages are systems of human conventions, not systems of natural laws.

- A. congresses B. conferences C. practices D. habits

18. No journal or periodical could sell a single issue today if it restricted itself to the American language of twenty-eight years ago.

- A. problem B. question C. number D. tissue

19. In the early morning the wireless told us today that there is fog all over England.

- A. radio B. weather forecast C. broadcast D. weather report

20. You've no doubt seen those TV shows where the child is confronted, as a surprise, by her own mother and father, tottering in weakly from backstage.

- A. sauntering B. staggering C. loitering D. jogging

Section B. There are ten words or phrases underlined in the following sentences. You are required to use brief and simple English to explain them with the meaning that best suits the sentences (1×10 points). For example:

Johnny Carson has much to do to keep up with my quick and witty tongue.

Answer: great eloquence

1. As the corpse went past the flies left the restaurant table in a cloud and rushed after it, but they came back a few minutes later.

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2. As the Jews live in self-contained communities they followed the same trades on the Arabs, except for agriculture.
3. Every afternoon a file of very old women passes down the road outside my house, each carrying a load of firewood.
4. It is usual to plough with a cow and a donkey yoked together in the field like this.
5. I have sworn before you and Almighty God the same solemn oath our forebears prescribed nearly a century and three-quarters ago.
6. To those nations who would make themselves our adversary, we offer not a pledge but a request: that both sides begin anew the quest for peace.
7. In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility; I welcome it.
8. At nine o'clock, three gray destroyers steamed into view, ahead of a camouflaged battleship.
9. Conversation, in my understanding, is the most sociable of all human activities. And it is an activity only of humans.
10. I award this championship only after laborious research and incessant prayer.

II. Cloze (20 points)

Directions: There are twenty blanks in the following passage. You are required to fill the words or phrases in them that can best complete the passage to make a smooth and logical reading semantically, syntactically and textually. Six bases of words are provided while the rest of the blanks are left for you to fill with the words or phrases you can think of. The six bases are: dominance, assimilate, social, ethnics, use, culture.

A shared culture background makes people feel more comfortable with other people from their own culture. Many people initially may feel confused and uneasy when they deal with people of another culture. The discomfort that people often feel when they have contact with an unfamiliar culture is called (1). Culture shock usually passes (2) a person stays in a new culture long (3) to understand it and get (4) to its ways.

People of one culture who move to a country where (5) culture dominates may give up their old ways and become part of the (6) culture. The process by which they do this is called assimilation. Through assimilation, a minority group eventually disappears because its members lose the cultural characteristics that set (7) apart. In a multicultural society, however, (8) does not always

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occur. A multicultural (9) supports the view that many distinct cultures are good and desirable. The multicultural (10) encourages such diversity. Thus, in the United States, millions of people speak both (11) and the language of their (12) culture. They eat (13) American food and ethnic (14). They celebrate both national holiday and their (15) holidays. For example, in Chinese communities across the US, parades and other festivities mark the Chinese New Year.

Many people in all cultures think that their own (16) is right, proper, and moral. They tend to use their own cultural standards and values to judge the behavior and beliefs of people from different cultures. They regard the behavior and beliefs of people from other cultures (17) strange or savage. The attitude that one's culture is best is called (18). Ethnocentrism is harmful if carried to extremes. It may cause prejudice and automatic rejection of ideas from other cultures.

The (19) view of ethnocentrism is called cultural relativism. It contends that no culture should be judged by the standards of another. This view can also present problems if carried to extremes. An extreme cultural relativist would say there is no such thing as a universal morality. But many social scientists would reply that certain values are common (20) all societies. They would argue that international standards of justice and morality should not be ignored.

III. Error Detection and Correction (20 points)

Directions: There are twenty-three errors in the following passage. You may detect and correct either twenty of them or more than that. When you get more than twenty correct answers, your scores will not surpass twenty. Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Some people are rich as they are famous. Some people are famous just for (1) _____ being rich. Eric Donnelly is one of the second sort, but I knew it before he was (2) _____ either, when we were at Victoria Road Primary together. I don't really know Eric some (3) _____ more, but I can read about him on the papers any time, same as you can. He was in one (4) _____ of the color supplements last Sunday, with a photograph of his house all at a double- (5) _____ page spread. You need a double-page spread to take in Eric those days. He was being (6) _____ interviewed about the things he really considers important in life, which includes, in the (7) _____ followed order, world peace, conservation, foreign travel (to promote world peace, of (8) _____ course, not in fun), his Samoyeds (a kind of very fluffy wolf) and his wife. He didn't (9) _____ mention money but anyone who has never known Eric—for three years like I did or (10) _____ even for five minutes—know that on Eric's list it comes at the top, way in front of (11) _____ world peace. In the photo he was standing with the wife and three of the Samoyeds before (12) _____ front of the house, try to look ordinary. To prove how ordinary he is, he was explaining (13) _____ how he was used to be very poor and clawed his way up using only his own initiative. (14) _____ Well, that's true as long as it goes: his own initiative and his own claws—and other (15) _____ people's teeth. He didn't mention the teeth.

“Well,” says Eric modest, in the Sunday supplement, “it's a standing joke, how I (16) _____ got started. Cast-iron baths.” That too is true as far as it goes. When Eric is fifteen (17) _____ he got a job with one of those firms that specialize for house clearances. One day they (18) _____

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clear a warehouse which happened to contain two hundred and fifty Victorian cast- (19) _____
iron baths with claw foot. It occurred to Eric that there were a lot of people daft enough (20) _____
to actually want a Victorian bath with claw feet; people, that is, they hadn't had to grow (21) _____
up with them, so he sold the lot at a knock-down price, did them up and flogged them. (22) _____
collecting scrap metal, cast-offs, old furniture and returnable bottles.

That bit's well known, but in the Sunday supplement he decided to come to clean. (23) _____
He came clean about how he'd saved enough money to buy the baths.

IV. Sentence Paraphrase (10 points)

Directions: There are five long or difficult sentences underlined in the following passage. You are required to paraphrase them in your own words. Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(1) Every society is really governed by hidden laws, by unspoken but profound assumptions on the part of the people, and ours is no exception. It is up to the American writer to find out what these laws and assumptions are. (2) In a society much given to smashing taboos without thereby managing to be liberated from them, it would be no easy matter.

It is no wonder, in the meantime, that the American writer keeps running off to Europe. He needs sustenance for his journey and the best models he can find. (3) Europe has what we do not have yet, a sense of the mysterious and inexorable limits of life, a sense, in a word, of tragedy. And we have what they sorely need: a new sense of life's possibilities.

(4) In this endeavor to wed the vision of the Old World with that of the New, it is the writer, not the statesman, who is our strongest arm. (5) Though we do not wholly believe it yet, the interior life is a real life, and the intangible dreams of people have a tangible effect on the world.

V. Reading Comprehension (30 points)

Directions: There are three sections in this item. There is a passage in each section. Section A requires you to read a passage and provide a brief answer to each of the given questions. Section B requires you to read and judge whether the relevant statements are true or false. Section C requires you to read and write a summary of it. Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Section A. Read the following passage and provide a brief answer to the questions after the passage (2.5×4 points).

When I was a kid, everything in my bedroom was pink. I have two sisters and we had a complete miniature kitchen, a herd of My Little Ponies and several Barbie and Ken dolls. We didn't have any toy trucks, G. I. Joes or basketballs. We did have a Wiffle-ball set, but you would have been hardpressed to find it in our playroom. Tomboys we weren't.

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So some people may find it ironic that I grew up to be a mechanical engineer. In fact, I am the only female engineer at my company. In order to get my college degree, I had to take a lot of math and science classes. I also had to work with a team of students as part of a national competition to convert a gas-guzzling SUV into a hybrid electric vehicle—that's where I learned how to fix cars. I'm proud to say that I got A's in all my classes, including multivariable calculus and differential equations. I've always been pretty good at math and design, but I didn't understand where that could take me. I was expected to go to college, but no one ever told me I'd make a good engineer someday.

When I was in high school, I didn't know the first thing about engineering. I couldn't have distinguished a transmission from an alternator. The car I drove needed some work but I was afraid to take it to the mechanic. Because honestly, the mechanic could have shown me an electric can opener and said "This is part of your car and it's broken—pay me to fix it," and I wouldn't have known any better.

At the end of my junior year of high school, I heard about a summer program designed to interest girls in engineering. The six-week program was free, and students were given college credit and a dormroom at the University of Maryland. I applied to the program, not because I wanted to be an engineer, but because I was craving independence and wanted to get out of my parents' house for six weeks.

I was accepted to the program and I learned six engineering credits. The next year I entered the university as an engineering major. Five years later I had a degree and three decent job offers.

I can't help shuddering when I heard about studies that show that women are at a disadvantage when it comes to math. They imply that I am somehow abnormal. I'm not, but I do know that if I hadn't stumbled into that summer program, I wouldn't be an engineer.

When I was growing up I was told, as many students are, to do what I am best at. But I didn't know what that was. Most people think that when you are good at something, it comes easily to you. But this is what I discovered: just because a subject is difficult to learn, it does not mean you are not good at it. You just have to grit your teeth and work harder to get good at it. Once you do, there's a strong chance you will enjoy it more than anything else.

1. What was the reason that "I" took a lot of math and science classes?
2. How well did "I" study multivariable calculus and differential equations?
3. What was the purpose that "I" applied to the summer program?
4. What was the different thing that "I" discovered in her life?

Section B. Read the following passage and decide whether the statements after it are true or false (2.5×4 points).

Research suggests that forgiveness works in at least two ways. One is by reducing the stress of the state of unforgiveness, a potent mixture of bitterness, anger, hostility, hatred, resentment and fear (of being hurt or humiliated again). These have specific physiologic consequences—such as increased blood pressure and hormonal changes—linked to cardiovascular disease, immune suppression and, possibly, impaired neurological function and memory. One study examined 20 individuals in happy relationships, matched with 20 in troubled relationships. The latter had higher baseline levels of cortisol, a hormone associated with impaired immune function—which shot up even further when they were asked to think

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about their relationships. "It happens down the line, but every time you feel unforgiveness, you are more likely to develop a health problem," says Everett Worthington, executive director of A Campaign for Forgiveness Research.

The other benefit of forgiveness is more subtle; it relates research showing that people with strong social networks—of friends, neighbors and family—tend to be healthier than loners. Someone who nurses grudges and keeps track of every slight is obviously going to shed some relationships over the course of a lifetime. Forgiveness, says Charlotte Van Oyen Witvliet, a researcher at Hope College in Holland, Mich., should be incorporated into one's personality, a way of life, not merely a response to specific insults.

In fact, forgiveness turns out to be a surprisingly complex process, according to many researchers. Washington distinguishes what he calls "decisional forgiveness"—a commitment to reconcile with the perpetrator—from the more significant "emotional forgiveness", an internal state of acceptance. Forgiveness does not require us to forgo justice, or to make up to people we have every right to despise. Anger has its place in the panoply of human emotions, but it shouldn't become a way of life. "When I talk about forgiveness, I mean letting go, not excusing the other person or reconciling with them or condoning the behavior," says Ornish. "Just letting go of your own suffering."

"It's a process, not a moment," says Dr. Edward M. Hallwell, a Harvard psychiatrist and the author of "Dare to Forgive". Forgiveness, he emphasizes, has to be cultivated; it goes against a natural human tendency to seek revenge and the redress of injustice. For that reason, he recommends doing it with help—of friends, a therapist or through prayer. It was from his faith that John Paul II drew the strength to forgive Mehmet Agca setting (as he no doubt intended) an example for the rest of us. The message is the same whether it's couched in the language of Christian charity, clinical psychology or the wisdom of Confucius, as quoted by Hallwell: "If you devote your life to seeking revenge, first dig two graves."

1. According to Everett Worthington, when you forgive somebody, you will develop a health problem. ()
2. According to Charlotte Van Oyen Witvliet, forgiveness need be part of one's character in his life. ()
3. Emotional forgiveness is a kind of heartfelt lenience by which you don't ask for law to punish the offender. ()
4. Forgiveness has to be cultivated because it goes against human nature. ()

Section C. Read the following passage and write a summary of it within 100 words (1×10 points).

If a child is made to believe that he couldn't survive without his dad or mom bailing him out or somehow protecting him, it has the opposite result. Carducci says it sends a clear message to kids that they are incapable of success or decision-making without their parents. Furthermore, many professionals contend overparented kids are at a higher risk for anxiety disorders and depression. They also tend to have trouble charting their course later in life.

"Hot-house raised kids often need a period in which they need to wander later," says Stearns. "This isn't bad necessarily, but it's not how life used to be. Kids used to graduate from college and then enter the workforce." He sees the delayed growing up, where kids meander after college, as their way of

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reclaiming their childhood—leading the less directed and controlled life that they probably should've had as youngsters.

Another impact, says Stearns, has been on something even less intangible. "Parenting has become less enjoyable and that's really the shame," says Stearns.

Dr. George Cohen, a clinical professor of pediatrics at George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics, says that while overparenting can be a problem, there's also the good side of it—at least the children are lucky enough to have parents who are vigilant and care, albeit perhaps a little too much. "Finding a happy medium parenting enough but not too much—is sometimes easier said than done," says Cohen.

It's not even that people who overparent are fanatics necessarily. They're more than likely just confused and uncertain. "A lot of times the reason some parents are overtly anxious is because they don't know what to do," he says. "They read one article and it tells them to do one thing, another article tells them to do the opposite. Parents often don't know what to believe or where to turn."

A good pediatrician can do an anxious parent a world of good, according to Cohen. "Sometimes people can start out as an over-anxious parent but as they become much more comfortable they strike a better balance," he says.

Nobody is suggesting that parenthood can or should be anxiety-free. What they are suggesting is that parents love their children for who they are, not what they want them to be. Most people don't excel in every subject. So getting straight A's is probably more about what you want rather than a true reflection of your child's abilities.

Summary

VI. Writing (50 points)

Directions: Nowadays more and more BA students are aiming at MA programs, which is good. However, there are many who only want to be MA students without knowing what an MA student should be like. In this item, you are required to write an English essay in about 500 words with the title of "How to Be a Qualified MA Student" stating your ideas on the qualities a good MA student should have or acquire in present-day China. You are highly suggested to write it in three parts, logically arguing your own idea with introduction, argumentation and conclusion. Remember to write your essay on the Answer Sheet.

How to Be a Qualified MA Student