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入学考试试题(答案必须写在答题纸上)

考试科目: 英语(二外) (A 卷) 考码: 244 专业名称: 日语语言文学

Part I: Vocabulary and Structure (20 points)

Directions: There are 20 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the ONE answer that best completes the sentence. Then write down the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.

1. The Spring Festival, like Christmas in western countries, is a holiday for family_____.
A) amusement B) reunion C) entertainment D) congratulation
2. It's one thing to communicate with your friends on the phone, but it is quite another to _____ a nice letter explaining the same ideas.
A) postpone B) tackle C) compose D) anticipate
3. Because of rising cost, we spent _____ money on the project as had been planned.
A) twice much B) twice as much C) twice D) twice as more
4. "The Internet will ensure that the children of the future are not going to know _____ nationalism is," an expert at MIT declared.
A) how B) that C) what D) as
5. To postpone _____ the debt will ruin our business reputation.
A) paying B) to pay C) pay D) paid
6. During the war there was a severe food shortage. It was not unusual that even the well-to-do families had to _____ meat for days.
A) do with B) turn away C) do without D) turn in
7. The rainstorm has damaged the crops. The loss has not yet been _____ accurately, but it is believed to be well beyond a million dollars.
A) assessed B) considered C) explored D) calculated
8. I guess Professor Wang hasn't finished grading the papers yet. If he had, he would not keep us in _____.
A) suspense B) trouble C) doubt D) wonder
9. The child is a born mathematician. He loves mathematics _____ he will spend a whole day solving mathematical problems without remembering to have meals.
A) and so B) so much so that C) to the extent D) so much that

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10. Bonuses are meant to _____ hard work and outstanding performance. This means that not all workers are entitled to them.
A) restore B) grab C) push D) reward
11. In the past ten years Jack has been with us, I think he has proved that he _____ respect from everyone of us.
A) deserves B) reserves C) expects D) qualifies
12. As a receptionist, my job _____ answering phone calls and offering general information about the company.
A) is involved with B) consists of C) requires D) evolves
13. This entrance is in _____ use: do not block it.
A) tender B) constant C) creative D) critical
14. We are all _____ to dislike those who are critical of us.
A) suspicious B) easy C) liable D) desirable
15. James Joyce's novels are difficult to understand and impossible _____ into another language.
A) to translate B) for translation C) to translate it D) being translated
16. A remote-controlled bomb exploded outside a hotel near the town square yesterday, _____ at least 12 people.
A) having been injured B) having injured C) injured D) injuring
17. A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough _____ a fair deal afterwards.
A) to be given B) been given C) given D) being given
18. Never _____ such a beautiful place before.
A) did I see B) had I seeing C) have I seen D) will I see
19. Sports is not just for fun or exercise. It is also good for _____ building.
A) capacity B) reputation C) confidence D) character
20. The house _____ at a very good price.
A) was bought B) having been bought C) will buy D) have been bought

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Part II: Reading Comprehension (40 points)

Directions: There are 4 passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C), and D). You should decide on the best choice and write down the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.

Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

Black Box Tells Its Secrets

The “black box” in an aircraft is actually orange in color with two white stripes painted on its surface.

“It is like a shock-proof, heat-proof tape recorder,” says Mr. Hellyer, Cathay Airlines technical services superintendent of aircraft electronics. “About half the size of a home video recorder, it is bright orange in color so that, in the event of a crash, it can be more easily found. Inside its one-centimeter-thick steel case is a layer of waxy insulating material, three centimeter thick, for extra fire-resistance and to reduce the shock of impact. Inside this is the motor, electronics and 160 meters of magnetic tape which records about 50 aspects of the aircraft’s operation over the previous 25 hours.

“It weights 10 kilograms and can withstand heat of 1200°C over half its surface area for 30 minutes as well as the weight of very heavy, sharpened spikes being dropped on it. It is almost indestructible. However, in the case of the EL AL aircraft which crash into a tower block in Amsterdam only minutes after take-off, the device was so badly damaged by the resulting fire and explosion of the plane’s full petrol tanks that the tape could not be played back.

“The black box is also fitted with an underwater beacon which gives off ultrasonic signals when an aircraft crashes into the sea and this signal helps in the search for the location of the crash. In 1974 a TWA Boeing 707 exploded in mid-air above the Ionian Sea near Greece. When the wreckage was eventually found a month later, the black box was found lying on the ocean bed 3km below the sea surface, still signaling,” he continued.

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The black box was made compulsory for all aircraft in the later 1950's and is located near the tail of the airplane. It is the safest area as the tail is usually found to be the least damaged after a crash. Next to it is another armored box, the cockpit voice recorder which records everything picked up by a microphone in the cockpit on a tape loop 30 minutes long. The two boxes look very similar and sometimes even rescuers mistake one for the other.

At the front is another unit, not designed to withstand a crash. Called the brains of the system, this flight data acquisition unit collects data from all over the aircraft and compresses it into a single stream of digital data to be sent to the crash-proof recorder.

After a crash and when the black box is found, the accident investigators play the tape and present their evidence. "The pilot could have been careless or the manufacturer could have been at fault or a bomb could have been placed on board," says Mr. Hellyer. "Whatever the cause, the black box can point the finger of blame."

"Apart from that, the box is also used on a day-to-day basis to help locate any problems in maintenance, check each engine's performance and in other way. This data will ensure even more safety for passengers and crew," Mr. Hellyer concluded.

21. According to the passage, the black box _____.
- A) is painted a bright color to make it easy to locate
 - B) is painted black to make it heat-proof
 - C) is made of steel to make it water-proof
 - D) is packed with wax insulating material to make it shock-proof
22. The black box is considered "almost indestructible" because _____.
- A) its case is made of material stronger than steel
 - B) it can support the heavy weight of sharpened spikes
 - C) it is, to a great extent, both heat-proof and shock-proof
 - D) there has never been a case where it was damaged beyond use
23. The example of the 1974 TWA Boeing 707 crash used to show that the beacon in the black box _____.
- A) gives off light to illuminate it in dark water
 - B) can function for a long time

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C) is equipped with a long-lasting battery inside

D) beeps when it sends out signals

24. We learn from the passage that _____.

A) the tail of a plane is seldom damaged in a crash

B) a plane is usually equipped with two black boxes

C) another black box is also installed in the cockpit

D) the cockpit voice recorder is also located near the tail of the plane

25. Why isn't the flight data acquisition unit designed to withstand a crash?

A) Because it is only the brains of the system.

B) Because it is only used on a day-to-day basis.

C) Because it does not contain the data of the plane's flight record.

D) Because it is only responsible for checking the engine's performance.

Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

Family Rituals

Many American families can boast of certain rituals centered around traditional occasions, usually holidays. To family members, such small acts seem unremarkable; sometimes, talking about them, they cannot pinpoint when or why the custom began. But social scientists believe that as family life tends to become increasingly fragmented, such repeated ceremonies play a significant role in creating and strengthening our sense of emotional security. Jay Schvaneveldt at Utah State University who has studied hundreds of families, points out that families with the strongest ties have most rituals. "They are important not so much for whatever is actually said or done," he says, "but for the results the yield—the sense of 'we-ness' that grows out of the shared experience. More than anything, the ritual is a symbol of how family members feel about one another."

There are numerous manifestations of this custom. At Christmas, for example, many families have special ways of exchange gifts: "We sit in a circle and take turns opening one present at a time..." Or: "The children get one package to open on Christmas Eve, and it's always a pair of pajamas."

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Thanksgiving and birthday rituals usually center around food: "It wouldn't be Thanksgiving if Aunt Grace didn't bring her blueberry pie." Or: "Whoever's birthday it is has the privilege of choosing the menu for the entire dinner." Other ritualized occasions include family reunions, Sunday prayers, and July Fourth picnics.

But family rituals are just as likely to grow out of spontaneous or chance events. One woman, without realizing it, started a ritual when she and her husband made a list of their household possessions for a fire-insurance policy. "When the job was done I said, 'Well, we know what things we have, but what about intangibles or abstract things?' So we made another list of qualities like love, trust, good health, a sense of humor—what we call our happiness inventory. Now once a year we review it and try to add an item or two to it."

According to Professor Schvaneveldt, family rituals serve several basic purposes:

Firstly, they reinforce family closeness. A friend of mine prizes the memory of a childhood event that took place each year, on the first warm April Sundays: "My dad would go out in the yard, breathe in deeply, and say, 'It looks like spring is here at last.' Then I knew that it was the day for our spring hike. We'd pack a lunch and head out into the countryside. We didn't do anything different on that hike than on others we took during the year, but it was the idea—the first hike of the season, just Dad and me—that made it special."

Secondly, rituals also help newcomers feel part of the family group. The late sociologist, James Bossard, told of a couple who began the custom of reading the poem "The Night Before Christmas" on Christmas Eve when their first child was three years old. The custom continued with a second daughter and became an essential part of the holiday. Later, the girls' fiancés and husbands were included in the ceremony. Eventually, the couple's close friends and three grandchildren also gathered each year for the reading.

Finally, if wisely cultivated, rituals provide the sense of continuity, understanding, and love that strengthens family closeness. As one woman put it: "Rituals are family keepsakes that live in your heart."

26. According to the passage, the word "ritual" means _____.

- A) something that is done regularly and always in the same way
- B) traditional occasions like holidays

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- C) the custom of the whole family getting together on Christmas Eve
D) a way of getting newcomers to feel at home
27. What kind of families tends to have the most rituals?
A) Families whose members are very closely connected.
B) Families whose members tend to share their experience with one another.
C) Families that like to celebrate family reunions and pray together on Sundays.
D) Families what have a strong sense of emotional security.
28. The custom of many American families to hold rituals helps to _____.
A) create financial security
B) increase the sense of humor of family members
C) make small events important
D) increase their feeling of solidarity
29. Ritualized occasions mentioned include _____.
A) making an inventory of good qualities and adding to the list every year
B) sitting in a circle and opening Christmas gift at the same time
C) making a list of household possessions for a fire-insurance policy
D) having dinner together every Sunday
30. According to the passage, rituals are family events that _____.
A) members of the family have to be present at
B) will live in people's hearts and convey a sense of continuity
C) people come from all over the country to take part in
D) provide people with the opportunity to eat their favorite food

Passage Three

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

Starting Your Own Business

Many people, particularly recent college graduates, dream of owning their own business. Although such ventures are often exciting and profitable, the new entrepreneur should thoroughly

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investigate and plan the situation before plunging in. The first step should be to assemble a board of advisers, including a lawyer, an accountant, and an insurance representative. These individuals can provide valuable information and counsel. Securing the necessary licenses and permits is also a precondition and may require research to determine what is necessary.

Most successful small-business owners have considerable experience in the field working for others before they become independent. They also begin with substantial financial backing and a good location. Renting space may be preferable or necessary at the start, but the lease on the building must be examined carefully before it is signed. The new owner should be thoroughly familiar with the market and the competition. A person who wants to buy an existing business can often learn the history of the company and its prospects from the owner's records. Once the business gets started, accurate and complete records should be kept to monitor the company's progress and profits

Financing may be the most difficult step for small-business owners. They may rely on their own savings or borrow money from a bank or the Small Business Administration. Some suppliers will sell merchandise on credit, and manufacturers may be willing to finance the purchase of equipment. If the new business is a corporation, the owner may choose to sell stock.

Once the new business is started, the Small Business Administration is a good source of advice. Several of its programs are designed to help new owners with the advice and expertise of retired executives. A nearby university or trade association may also help owners locate local sources of help.

New business owners often report that they work long, hard hours but find the experience extremely satisfying. The realization that their efforts will produce actual results in the form of profit success, and pride can be quite motivating. Those who have worked for others enjoy the opportunity to make decisions and follow projects through to completion. Many report that hard work has never been so enjoyable before. Careful research, investigation, and planning at the outset do not guarantee success, but they provide a good foundation for the new small business and its owner.

31. The main idea of the passage is about _____.

- A) the history of the small business
- B) how a small business works
- C) tips on how to start a your own business
- D) the best way to build up a profitable business

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32. Which of the following advisers is most necessary before you begin?
- A) A retired executive
 - B) A bank officer
 - C) A lawyer
 - D) A professor of economics
33. The article indicates that most successful small-business owners are ____.
- A) recent college graduates
 - B) experienced in the field
 - C) financially secure
 - D) new entrepreneurs
34. One advantage of buying an existing business over starting a new one is that ____.
- A) it minimizes the competition
 - B) it has record readily available
 - C) it is cheaper
 - D) it already has many customers
35. New business owners may avoid potential problems by ____.
- A) hard work
 - B) selling stock
 - C) buying on credit
 - D) careful planning

Passage Four

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

The Thanksgiving Story

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of the English Separatist Church. They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland

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to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disappointed with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance their journey to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the Mayflower were non-separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was terrible. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast—including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true “thanksgiving” observance. It lasted three days.

Men were sent to hunt after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison or meat of a deer. The term “turkey” was used by the Pilgrim to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There was no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

This “thanksgiving” feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. When a long, steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian friends. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed.

On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the food fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as

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a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include the Indians, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives".

October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was conflict among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not merit a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson laughed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose effort eventually led to what we now recognized as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her Boston Ladies' Magazine. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the fourth Thursday in November.

36. The Pilgrims made the voyage to American _____.

- A) because of religious persecution in Holland
- B) due to dissatisfaction with life in England
- C) in order to protect their own interests
- D) with financial support from a stock company

37. The help given by the Indians made it possible for the Pilgrims _____.

- A) to survive the cold winter there

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- B) to live through the hardships of the first year
- C) to cultivate new types of food crops
- D) to raise turkeys for food

38. The first official Thanksgiving was celebrated in _____.

- A) 1789
- B) 1777
- C) 1941
- D) 1863

39. Which American president did not support celebrating a day of Thanksgiving?

- A) George Washington
- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) Thomas Jefferson
- D) Franklin Roosevelt

40. There was a public uproar when Thanksgiving was moved to the _____.

- A) fourth Thursday of November
- B) third Thursday of November
- C) second Thursday of November
- D) first Thursday of November

Part III: Translation (25 points)

Directions: Translate the following sentences into Chinese. Write down your answers on the answer sheet (10 points).

1. Now, no part of the earth has not been visited by man.
2. Doing business with this old fox, you cannot be too careful.
3. After too long on the Net, even a phone call can be a shock.
4. One couldn't put the clock back to an earlier age.
5. Whether we like it or not, the world we live in has changed a great deal in the last hundred years.

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Directions: Translate the following sentences into English by using the words or phrases provided.

Write down your answers on the answer sheet. (15 分, 每小题 3 分)

6. 他尽力和工人打成一片, 从不盛气凌人。(blend in; throw one's weight around)
7. 我的小的时候对动物产生了浓厚的兴趣。(develop an interest in)
8. 他们忘了, 只有通过不懈的努力才能获得成功。(persistent)
9. 他的生活经历使他充分认识到一个道理: 他必须首先获得知识, 然后才能积累财富。[drive (sth.) home to (sb.)]
10. 他的父亲过去经常向他强调必须经历各种艰难困苦去追求卓越。(in quest of; excellence)

Part IV: Writing (15 points)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed to write a composition entitled My View on Plagiarism (抄袭). You should write at least 150 words following the outline given below:

1. 我身边的抄袭现象。
2. 抄袭现象出现的原因?
3. 杜绝抄袭的方法。