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(注意: 答案必须写在统一印制的答题纸上, 否则不给分)

Directions: This test is to assess your proficiency in English language. Read each question carefully, and write your answers in your ANSWER SHEET clearly and in given order.

I. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If a statement is true, write a T; if it is false, write an F. (10)

1. The last sound of *laugh* and the initial sound of *philology* are both pronounced as [f].
2. "The apparition of these faces in the crowd; Petals on a wet, black bough." is written by Robert Frost.
3. In 'My leg was stuck fast in the mud', *fast* means quickly.
4. The word *flora* is often used together with *fauna* as a couplet to refer to Nature.
5. For the same degree, you may be called a *graduate student* in the US, but a *postgraduate student* in the UK.
6. Noam Chomsky is well known for his Transformational Grammar.
7. The phrase 'raise Cain' is derived from *The Bible*.
8. Chinese, an inflecting language, belongs to the Sino-Tibetan family.
9. If you are going to decline an offer, you are advised to say, "No, thanks."

10. In English name system, *Jimmy* is an intimate form for *James*.

II: In each of the following items, a relationship is shown in the given pair of capitalized words. From among the lettered choices, select the one that best keeps the relationship. (10)

11. TRANSPARENT : TRANSLUCENT :: _____ : ANGER

- A. ire
B. pique
C. opaque
D. fury

12. _____ : DOLLAR :: FREEZE : STOP

- A. shoot
B. pause
C. buck
D. flee

13. BOUGH : PLOUGH :: _____ : THOUGH

- A. cough
B. rough
C. dough
D. borough

14. WILLIAM JAMES : _____ :: PIAGET : EGOCENTRISM

- A. gestalt
B. humanism
C. idealism
D. pragmatism

15. BUTCHER : CLEAVER :: _____ : WRENCH

- A. plumber
B. carpenter
C. drill
D. mason

16. URBANE : _____ :: INGENUOUS : SOPHISTICATED

- A. polished
B. cosmopolitan
C. uncultured
D. deceitful

17. CONCERTO : MOVEMENT :: PLAY : _____

- A. act
B. motif
C. scene
D. epilogue

18. PARALLEL : ANALOGOUS :: _____ : HOMOLOGOUS

- A. mixed
B. heterogeneous
C. corresponding
D. balanced

19. _____ : CORRUPTION :: VERITY : ILLUSION

- A. aptitude B. similitude
C. rectitude D. adversity

20. POTENTIAL : KINETIC :: _____ : MOTION

- A. inertia B. position
C. acceleration D. momentum

III. Determine whether the underlined part is correct and effective regarding the requirements of standard written English. (10)

21. The relationship between corpulence and disease remain controversial, although statistics clearly associate a reduced life expectancy with chronic obesity.

- A. remains controversial, although statistics clearly associates reduced life expectancy to
B. remain controversial, although statistics clearly associates a reduced life expectancy with
C. remain controversial, although statistics clearly associates reduced life expectancy to
D. remains controversial, although statistics clearly associate a reduced life expectancy with

22. It has long been known to Europeans that quail, when it is eaten, has sometimes made the eater ill, but only recently has it been established that the illness is caused by a toxin present in the quail's body only under certain conditions.

- A. Europeans have long known that eating quail sometimes makes
B. Europeans have long known quail eating is sometimes able to make
C. Eating quail has long been known to Europeans to sometimes make
D. It has long been known to Europeans that quail eating will sometimes make

23. Assigning additional work to an already overburdened worker,

one made often by inept managers, it increases the risk that the worker will become totally alienated and cease being productive altogether.

- A. one often made by inept managers, increases the risk
- B. which is often done by inept managers, the risk is increased that
- C. a mistake often made by inept managers, the risk rises
- D. a mistake often made by inept managers, increases the risk

24. The root system of most lowering perennials either become too crowded, which results in loss of vigor, and spread too far outward, producing a bare center.

- A. resulting in loss of vigor, or spreading
- B. with the result of loss of vigor, or spreading
- C. resulting in loss of vigor, or spread
- D. with a resulting loss of vigor, and spread

25. There is no consensus on what role, if any, is played by acid rain in slowing the growth or damaging forests in the eastern area.

- A. damaging or slowing the growth of
- B. the damage or slowing the growth of
- C. the damage to or slowness of the growth of
- D. damaged or slowed growth of

IV. Read each of the following passages and choose one best answer to each question. (30)

26. In a survey of job applicants, two-fifths admitted to being at least a little dishonest. However, the survey may underestimate the proportion of job applicants who are dishonest, because . . .

- A. some dishonest people taking the survey might have claimed on the survey to be honest
- B. some generally honest people taking the survey might have claimed on the survey to be dishonest
- C. Some people who claimed on the survey to be dishonest may have been answering honestly
- D. Some people who claimed on the survey to be dishonest may have been answering honestly

27. The average life expectancy for the United States population as a whole is 73.9 years, but children born in Hawaii will live an average of 77 years, and those born in Louisiana. 71.7 years. If a newlywed couple from Louisiana were to begin their family in Hawaii, therefore, their children would be expected to live longer than would the case if the family remained in Louisiana.

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the conclusion drawn in the passage?

- A. The governor of Louisiana has falsely alleged that statistics for his state are inaccurate.
 - B. The longevity ascribed to Hawaii's current population is attributable mostly to genetically determined factors.
 - C. Thirty percent of all Louisianians can expect to live longer than 77 years.
 - D. Most of the Hawaiian Islands have levels of air pollution well below the national average for the United States.
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Which of the following statements, if true, would most significantly strengthen the conclusion drawn in the passage?

- A. As population density increases in Hawaii, life expectancy figures for that state are likely to be revised downward.
- B. Environmental factors tending to favor longevity are abundant in Hawaii and less numerous in Louisiana.
- C. Twenty-five percent of all Louisianians who move to Hawaii live longer than 77 years.
- D. Studies show that the average life expectancy for Hawaiians who move permanently to Louisiana is roughly equal to that of Hawaiians who remain in Hawaii.

29. Insurance Company X is considering issuing a new policy to cover services required by elderly people who suffer from diseases that afflict the elderly. Premiums for the policy must be low enough to attract customers. Therefore, Company X is concerned that the income from the policies would not be sufficient to pay for the claims that would be made.

Which of the following strategies would be most likely to minimize Company X's losses on the policies?

- A. Including a greater number of services in the policy than are included in other policies of lower cost
 - B. Insuring only those individuals who were rejected by other companies for similar policies
 - C. Insuring only those individuals who are wealthy enough to pay for the medical services.
 - D. Attracting middle-aged customers unlikely to submit claims for benefits for many years
30. A program instituted in a particular state allows parents to prepay their children's future college tuition at current rates. The program then pays the tuition annually for the child at any of the state's public colleges in which the child enrolls. Parents should participate in the program as a means of decreasing the cost for their children's college education.

Which of the following strategies would be most likely to minimize Company X's losses on the policies?

- A. The parents are unsure about which public college in the state the child will attend.
- B. Some of the state's public colleges are contemplating large increases in tuition next year.
- C. The amount of money accumulated by putting the prepayment funds in an interest-bearing account today will be greater than the total cost of tuition for any of the public-colleges when the child enrolls.
- D. The annual cost of tuition at the state's public colleges is expected to increase at a faster rate than the annual increase in

the cost of living.

Questions 31-34

Great comic art is never otherworldly, it does not seek to mystify us, and it does not deny ambiguity by branding as evil whatever differs from good. Great comic artists assume that truth may bear all lights, and thus they seek to accentuate contradictions in social action, not gloss over or transcend them by appeals to extrasocial symbols of divine ends, cosmic purpose, or laws of nature. The moment of transcendence in great comic art is a social moment, born out of the conviction that we are human, even though we try to be gods. The comic community to which artists address themselves is a community of reasoning, loving, joyful, compassionate beings, who are willing to assume the human risks of acting rationally. Without invoking gods or demons, great comic art arouses courage in reason, courage which grows out of trust in what human beings can do as humans.

31. The passage suggests that great comic art can be characterized as optimistic about the ability of humans to
- A. rid themselves of pride
 - B. differentiate clearly between good and evil
 - C. avoid social conflicts
 - D. act rationally
32. It can be inferred from the passage that the author admires great comic artists primarily for their
- A. ability to understand the frequently subtle differences between good and evil
 - B. ability to reconcile the contradictions in human behavior
 - C. ability to distinguish between rational and irrational behavior
 - D. insistence on confronting the truth about the human condition
33. Which of the following is the most accurate description of the organization of the passage?
- A. A list of inferences drawn from facts stated at the beginning of the passage
 - B. A series of assertions related to one general subject

- C. statement of the major idea, followed by specific examples
- D. A succession of ideas moving from specific to general

34. The style of the passage can best be described as
- A. Speculative
 - B. Argumentative
 - C. Expository
 - D. Persuasive

Questions 35-40

Until recently, scientists did not know of a close vertebrate analogue to the extreme form of altruism observed in eusocial insects like ants and bees, whereby individuals cooperate, sometimes even sacrificing their own opportunities to survive and reproduce, for the good of others. However, such a vertebrate society may exist among underground colonies of the highly social rodent *Heterocephalus glaber*, the naked mole rat.

A naked mole rat colony, like a beehive, wasp's nest, or termite mound, is ruled by its queen, or reproducing female. Other adult female mole rats neither ovulate nor breed. The queen of the largest member of the colony, and she maintains her breeding status through a mixture of behavioral and, presumably, chemical control. Queens have been long-lived in captivity, and when they die or are removed from a colony one sees violent fighting for breeding status among the larger remaining females, leading to a takeover by a new queen.

Eusocial insect societies have rigid caste systems, each insects' role being defined by its behavior, body shape, and physiology. In naked mole rat societies, on the other hand, differences in behavior are related primarily to reproductive status (reproduction being limited to the queen and a few males), body size, and perhaps age. Smaller nonbreeding members, both male and female, seem to participate primarily in gathering food, transporting nest material, and tunneling. Larger nonreaders are active in defending the colony and perhaps in removing dirt from the tunnels. Jarvis' work has suggested that differences in growth rates may influence the length of time that an individual performs a task, regardless of its age.

Cooperative breeding has evolved many times in vertebrates, but

unlike naked mole rats, most cooperatively breeding vertebrates (except the wild dog, *Lycaon pictus*) are dominated by a pair of breeders rather than by a single breeding female. The division of labor within social groups is less pronounced among other vertebrates than among naked mole rats, colony size is much smaller, and mating by subordinate females may not be totally suppressed, whereas in naked mole rat colonies subordinate females are not sexually active, and many never breed.

35. Which of the following most accurately states the main idea of the passage?
- A. Naked mole rat colonies are the only known examples of cooperatively breeding vertebrate societies.
 - B. Naked mole rat colonies exhibit social organization based on a rigid caste system.
 - C. Behavior in naked mole rat colonies may well be a close vertebrate analogue to behavior in eusocial insect societies.
 - D. The mating habits of naked mole rats differ from those of any other vertebrate species.
36. The passage suggests that Jarvis' work has called into question which of the following explanatory variables for naked mole rat behavior?
- A. Size
 - B. Age
 - C. Reproductive status
 - D. Rate of growth
37. It can be inferred from the passage that the performance of tasks in naked mole rat colonies differs from task performance in eusocial insect societies in which of the following ways?
- A. In naked mole rat colonies, all tasks are performed cooperatively.
 - B. In eusocial insect societies, the distribution of tasks is based on body size.
 - C. In naked mole rat colonies, the performance of tasks is less rigidly determined by body shape.

- D. In naked mole rat colonies, breeding is limited to the largest animals.
38. According to the passage, which of the following is a supposition rather than a fact concerning the queen in a naked mole rat colony?
- She is the largest member of the colony.
 - She mates with more than one male.
 - She attains her status through aggression.
 - She exerts chemical control over the colony.
39. The passage supports which of the following inferences about breeding among *Lycaon pictus*?
- The largest female in the social group does not maintain reproductive status by means of behavioral control.
 - An individual's ability to breed is related primarily to its rate of growth.
 - Breeding in the social group is not cooperative.
 - Breeding is not dominated by a single pair of dogs.
40. One function of the third paragraph of the passage is to
- state a conclusion about facts presented in an earlier paragraph
 - introduce information that is contradicted by information in the fourth paragraph
 - qualify the extent to which two previously mentioned groups might be similar
 - show the chain of reasoning that led to the conclusions of a specific study

V. Cloze (10)

Has it __41__ occurred to you, Winston, that by the year 2050, at the __42__ latest, not a single human being will be alive __43__ could understand __44__ a conversation as we are having now?

By 2050, earlier probably, all real knowledge of Oldspeak __45__ have disappeared. The whole literature of the past will have

__46__ destroyed. Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Byron – they'll exist __47__ in Newspeak versions, not merely changed __48__ something different, but __49__ changed into something contradictory of what they __50__ to be.

VI. Express in your own words the underlined parts of the following sentences. (20)

51. The introduction and conclusion are very important. The first captures the audience's interest; the second may finally engage their support for the author's point of view.
52. The veritable concrete jungle is, in fact, the epitome of a city completely overshadowing the country's economy.
53. The hills in the south are less precipitous, and apartment blocks have gained a sometimes precarious foothold as development has pressed ever outwards.
54. It is surprising to anyone who has been inured to the idea that England has a problem unparalleled anywhere in the world.
55. The motor car has in no way stimulated the residential sprawl at very low densities.

VII. Translation (30)

A. Translate the following into Chinese. (15)

Jack: Oh! about a hundred and thirty thousand pounds in the Funds. That is all. Goodbye, Lady Bracknell. So pleased to have seen you.

Lady Bracknell: (*sitting down again*). A moment, Mr. Worthing. A hundred and thirty thousand pounds! And in the Funds! Miss Cardew seems to me a most attractive young lady, now that I look at her. Few girls of the present day have any really solid qualities, any of the qualities that last, and improve with time. We live, I regret to say, in an age of surfaces. (*To Cecily*) Come over here, dear. (*Cecily goes across.*) Pretty child! Your dress is

sadly simple, and your hair seems almost as Nature might have left it. But we can soon alter all that. A thoroughly experienced French maid produces a really marvellous result in a very brief space of time. I remember recommending one to young Lady Lancing, and after three months her own husband did not know her.

B. Translate the following paragraphs into English. (15)

在西方人特别是美国人眼里，时间是固定不变的，我们深陷其中无法摆脱。时间是我们周围环境永不消失的一部分，就像我们呼吸的空气一样。在我们看来，说人们会用别的什么方式感受时间，既有悖常理，也不可思议。即便真的发现时间在其他人的眼里确实大不相同，我们这种感觉也很少改变。就是在西方某些国家的文化中，时间的总体重要性也大大低于美国。你会常听到这句话，“我们的时间还是你们的时间？”

VIII. Writing (30)

In recent years, teachers of introductory courses have been facing a dilemma nonexistent a few decades ago, when hardly any such texts were available. Today, introductory texts exist, and books on general issues are published almost weekly. Even professors who are experts find it difficult to decide which of these to assign to students; nonexperts who teach are in an even worse position.

Write an article in about 200 words to analyze the factors possibly leading to the dilemma both professors and nonexperts are facing.

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