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基础英语

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I. Vocabulary and structure (20 points)

Directions: Choose one from the four alternatives that best completes the sentence and mark the corresponding letter.

1. Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural ____ doing so.

[A] aptitude for [B] repugnance to [C] ignorance of [D] reaction to

2. My wealthy aunt exceeds the trait of being economical. She is so ____ that who washes paper plates to be used again.

[A] affluent [B] parsimonious [C] indigent [D] selfish

3. Lowbrows are quite ____ for highbrows to have symphonies and their Russian novels.

[A] skeptical [B] contained [C] stunning [D] yearning

4. Are we going to see an end to the Arab-Israeli ____?

[A] disaster [B] controversy [C] confrontation [D] aggression

5. The couple departed ____ a heavy rain.

[A] far away [B] between [C] in the midst of [D] among

6. If you know in advance that the examination is going to be easy, you have no ____ to study very hard.

[A] index [B] incentive [C] time [D] interest

7. If you ____ your demand, then maybe you will have more chance of getting the job you want.

[A] lessen [B] alleviate [C] moderate [D] degenerate

8. The patient took the prescription given him by his oculist to the ____.

[A] beneficence [B] optician [C] sanitary [D] utopia

9. He was fired because of his ____ refusal to follow orders.

[A] obstinate [B] obstructive [C] obscure [D] obsessive

10. If you wait for the ____ moment to act, you may have never begun your project.

[A] definitive [B] optimum [C] implacable [D] righteous

11. The hidden room is ____ only through a secret back entrance.

[A] obtainable [B] achievable [C] attainable [D] accessible

12. Many who ____ their visits to the dentist regret it later.

[A] refer [B] infer [C] defer [D] confer

13. He was so ____ by his work that he did not notice that other employees had already left.

[A] prevailed [B] predominated [C] prescribed [D] preoccupied

14. The idea of a balanced diet is very difficult to put ____ to someone who knows nothing about food values.

[A] over [B] aside [C] along [D] across

15. He is so ____ that he will never stop at trying to persuade her to marry him.

[A] tenacious [B] shrewd [C] illegible [D] awkward

16. My reading in later life has supplied me with some possible explanations of his ____.

[A] temperature [B] temperament [C] temptation [D] temperance

17. The story was so terrible that it sent ____ down my spine.

[A] trenches [B] tremors [C] tremolos [D] trends

18. The ____ of smoking among women, formerly negligible, has grown to such a degree

that lung cancer has become the chief causer of cancer-related deaths among women.

[A] affluence [B] ferociousness [C] impudence [D] incidence

19. Those who support violence on television claim that it helps the viewer to ____ steam and to get rid of his feelings in a harmless way.

[A] let off [B] lash out [C] leave off [D] leak out

20. Thomas Hardy's novels are said to suffer from the "long arm of coincidence" because too many events seem to have a casual rather than a ____ connection.

[A] incidental [B] substantial [C] causal [D] plausible

II. Error spotting (20 points)

Directions: Decide which underlined part is incorrect and mark the corresponding letter.

21. Beethoven the great musician wrote nine symphonies in his life, most of them

[A]

were written after he had lost his hearing.

[B]

[C]

[D]

22. I regret having left the work unfinished; I should plan everything ahead carefully.

[A]

[B]

[C]

[D]

23. If you want your film to properly process, you'll have to wait and pick it up on

[A]

[B]

Friday, which is the day after tomorrow.

[C] [D]

24. We are taught that a business letter should be written in a formal style other than in

[A]

[B]

[C]

[D]

a personal style.

25. So involved with their computers become the children that leaders at summer

[A]

[B]

[C]

computer camps often have to force them to break for sports and games.

[D]

26. In this way these insects show an efficient use of their sound-produced ability,

[A]

organizing two sounds delivered at a high rate as one call.

[B]

[C]

[D]

27. One sign by which you are making progress in an art such as painting or

[A]

[B]

photography is that you begin to realize how much there is to learn.

[C]

[D]

28. I'd rather you would go by train, because I can't bear the idea of your being in an

[A]

[B]

[C]

airplane in such bad weather.

[D]

29. Neither rain nor snow keeps the postman delivering our letters which we so much

[A]

[B]

[C]

look forward to receive.

[D]

30. In theory, governments are free to set their own economic policies; in practice,

[A]

they must conform to a global economic model or risk to be penalized by the markets.

[B]

[C]

[D]

31. Although the Asian economic crisis has not spread to China, it faces some of the

[A]

same problems like its neighbours. So clearly the main concern is that the crisis

[B]

[C]

not worsen and spread.

[D]

32. Tony Blair is now thought to be considering an official apology for the 1972 killing

[A]

of Northern Irish Catholics by the British Army on what has become known for
[B] [C] [D]

“Bloody Sunday”.

33. Mary claimed that her wallet was stolen, not lost, but her friend said she
[A]

might leave it on the counter while shopping downtown.

[B] [C] [D]

34. Probably neither of us know anything that is really good, but he thinks he has
[A] [B]

knowledge when he has not, while I, having no knowledge, do not think that I have.
[C] [D]

35. If someone maintains that two and two are five, or that Iceland is on the equator,
[A]

you feel pity rather than anger, unless you know very little of arithmetic or
[B] [C] [D]

geography that his opinion shakes your own contrary conviction.

36. In places where rates of natural population increase exceed three per cent annually
[A]

– meaning much of the Third World – that alone is enough to double a city
[B] [C]

population within 20 years.

[D]

37. It is quite probable that every law of Nature so far stated has been stated incorrectly.
[A] [B]

Nevertheless, these inaccurately stated laws are immense value.
[C] [D]

38. If a number of observations have been found to conform with a law, it is highly
[A] [B]

possible that the next one will do so whether the law is true or not.

[C]

[D]

39. Doctor Godmin says no matter how forceful arguments against smoking there are,

[A]

[B]

[C]

many people persist in smoking.

[D]

40. By the 1980s more than two-fifth of U.S. crop production was exported, making

[A]

[B]

[C]

U.S. agriculture heavily dependent upon international markets.

[D]

III. Cloze (20 points)

Directions: filling in each blank with one word and write the answers on the answer sheet.

Passage One

The length of a girl's ring finger could be an indicator of her future sporting potential, researchers at King's College London said on Thursday.

In the largest study of its kind, hand measurements of 607 female twins aged 25-79 from the UK were compared with the women's lifetime 41 achievements. The findings, 42 in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, found that women with ring fingers longer than their index fingers had performed 43 at running and running-associated sports such as soccer and tennis. In women the ring finger is commonly shorter or the same 44 as the index finger, 45 in men the ring finger is generally longer.

The report said detection of sporting 46 by examining the ratio between the index and ring fingers "could help identify talented individuals at a pre-competitive stage." The reasons for the 47 were unclear, said one of the report's authors, Professor Tim Spector from King's College, who said he was originally skeptical about the link to sporting ability.

"Previous studies have suggested the change in finger length was 48 to changes in testosterone levels in the womb", he said. But he said it had been found in a separate

study of twins that finger length was largely 49, possibly explaining why sporting parents often have sporting children. He said no specific candidate genes had been identified for the 50 and that multiple genes were probably responsible.

Here in this ancient city, China seems very young to me tonight, blessed 51 both a proud history and the promise of 52. I am delighted to begin journey in Xi'an, once the 53 of China, still the heartland of the Chinese people. I was raised in the heartland of my country. I know that the character of a 54 is determined by the hardworking people who live here.

Over 1,000 years 55, during the Tang Dynasty, 56 I have seen recreated tonight, Xi'an was perhaps the 57 open and culturally advanced city in the entire world. From this place, trade routes extended through Asia to 58 and Africa. And to this place, great thinkers 59, spreading philosophy and new ideas that have 60 to the greatness of China.

IV. E-C Translation (30 points)

Directions: translate the following passage into Chinese and write your answer on the answer sheet.

It is a research that is guaranteed to delight men – and infuriate the women in their lives. A controversial new study has claimed that men really are more intelligent than women. The study concluded that men's IQs are almost four points higher than women's.

British-born researcher John Philippe Rushton, who previously created a furor by suggesting intelligence is influenced by race, says the finding could explain why so few women make it to the top in the workplace. He claims the 'glass ceiling' phenomenon is probably due to inferior intelligence, rather than discrimination or lack of opportunity.

The University of Western Ontario psychologist reached his conclusion after scrutinizing the results of university aptitude tests taken by 100,000 students aged 17

and 18 of both sexes. A focus on factors such as the ability to quickly grasp a complex concept, verbal reasoning skills and creativity - some of the key ingredients of intelligence - revealed the male teenagers had IQs that were an average of 3.63 points higher. The average person has an IQ of around 100.

The findings, which held true for all classes and levels of parental education, overturn a 100 year consensus that men and women average the same in general mental ability. They also conflict with evidence that girls do better in school exams than boys. But Prof Rushton, who was born in Bournemouth and obtained his doctorate in social psychology from the London School of Economics, argues that the faster maturing of girls leads to them outshining boys in the classroom.

V. Writing (20 points)

Directions: In this part you should write a composition of no less than 200 words. You should argue reasonably, basing your arguments on status quo and your background knowledge.

What Do Examinations Mean to Children in China?

VI. Filling the blanks (20 points)

Directions: There are altogether 20 blanks in the following sentences. Fill in the blanks with appropriate expressions and write your answers on the answer sheet.

1. The 1970s saw the growth of (61) in Wales and Scotland.
2. For nearly 400 years Britain was under the (62) occupation.
3. Many famous universities and colleges such as (63), Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are located in New England.
4. When we speak of "father of waters" or "old man river", we are referring to (64).
5. During the War of Independence, America allied with (65).
6. A president of the United States can serve (66) term(s).

7. The modern games of tennis originated in (67) of the United Kingdom in the late 19th century.
8. London's Metropolitan Police Force is directly under the control of the (68).
9. (69), water power, and electric power in Britain replace coal for many purposes.
10. For electoral purposes Britain is divided into 659 constituencies, each of which returns (70) to the House of Commons.
11. In Britain, ministers are appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the (71).
12. (72) is Hawaii's most important industry.
13. In Britain, the Speaker is a member who is acceptable to all shades of opinion in the (73).
14. The National Health Service established in (74) provides for every resident in the United Kingdom, regardless of income, with a full range of (75) services.
15. Chicano is Mexican-Americans, the three major (76) groups, historically have had the greatest influence on the (77).
16. The Civil List is an annual grant approved by (78). The grant is made to the British Sovereign and members of the (79). It is used to cover the expense involved in carrying out their (80).

VII. Answer the questions (20 points)

Directions: Answer the following two questions with 50-60 words for each and write the answers on the answer sheet.

81. What are the functions of the Congress of the United States?
82. What do you know about state schools and "public schools" in the United Kingdom?