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基础英语 (共 10 页)

考生注意: 所有答题务必书写在考场提供的答题纸上, 写在本试题单上的答题一律无效 (本题单不参与阅卷)。

I. Vocabulary and structure (20 points)

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

1. A mixture of selected funds is a(n) _____ choice for future security and return on investment.

[A] superior [B] fantastic [C] decent [D] optimum

2. We are on the _____ of a new era in European relations.

[A] threshold [B] advent [C] commencement [D] departure

3. She had a strong _____ to give a talk about her experiences, because she didn't like the limelight.

[A] disinclination [B] dissolution [C] dissidence [D] dissension

4. The path follows the river closely, occasionally _____ round a clump of trees.

[A] diverting [B] diverging [C] deviating [D] deflecting

5. I was standing waiting for a bus, _____ between two old ladies and their bags of shopping.

[A] wedged [B] mingled [C] primed [D] stuffed

73. In the 1900s, _____ emerged in the U.S. to meet the immediate need of the economic expansion and rapid rise in immigrants of the times.

- [A] open universities [B] six-forms
[C] comprehensive schools [D] community colleges

74. The holiday peculiar to North Americans is _____.

- [A] New Year's Day [B] Independence Day
[C] Thanksgiving Day [D] Christmas Day

75. The speech of _____ is close to BBC English.

- [A] Southerners in England [B] Cockneys
[C] Northerners in England [D] Welsh people

76. _____ mainly live in the Miami area.

- [A] Hispanics [B] Mexican-Americans
[C] Puerto Ricans [D] Cuban Americans

77. _____ is the nation's leading center of heavy industry in the United States.

- [A] Northwest [B] Midwest [C] Southwest [D] West

78. _____ was the king killed in the battle of Hastings.

- [A] Edward I [B] William I [C] Alfred [D] Harold

79. In his inaugural speech, _____ said, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself".

- [A] Abraham Lincoln [B] Theodore Roosevelt
[C] Franklin Roosevelt [D] Woodrow Wilson

80. Each state in the U.S. is entitled to _____ senators.

- [A] three [B] four [C] two [D] five

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 some of the characteristics of American education?

82. Why is the English nation said to be a mixture of nationalities of different origins?

6. The area qualifies for _____ as a site of special scientific interest.

[A] constellation [B] vicinity [C] designation [D] remnant

7. The disease didn't _____ itself during the journey.

[A] multiply [B] manifest [C] transfuse [D] transpire

8. The eye tends to see distance as _____. In painting, this is sometimes called "the vanishing point".

[A] conforming [B] comforting [C] contriving [D] converging

9. People's confidence in Blair was greatly _____ by his wife's misbehavior.

[A] sapped [B] presumed [C] sabotaged [D] confirmed

10. The official was arrested for inability to _____ all his fortune he has enjoyed.

[A] clarify [B] intensify [C] verify [D] justify

11. Nowadays, our government advocates credit to whatever we do or whoever we contact with. Once you _____ your words, you will lose your social status and personal reputation.

[A] keep up with [B] give away with [C] go back on [D] lose sight of

12. Grant was one of a body of men who were self-reliant _____, who cared hardly anything for the past but had a sharp eye for the future.

[A] on themselves [B] on not making a fault

[C] to a fault [D] to remain ahead

13. The very biggest and most murderous wars during the industrial age were intra-industrial wars that _____ Second Wave nations like Germany and Britain against one another.

[A] pitted [B] clipped [C] alleged [D] embarked

14. It is very plain that such a life as this is far more _____ to health than that of the man who can afford little leisure for necessary rest in the course of the day.

[A] conductive [B] constructive [C] conciliate [D] conducive

15. Nicholas Chauvin, a French soldier, aired his veneration of Napoleon Bonaparte so _____ and unceasingly that he became the laughingstock of all people in Europe.

[A] vociferously [B] patriotically [C] verbosely [D] loquaciously

24. Clearly, the words are up for grabs, and students much prefer the fabulous jumble

[A]

than the hard work of stopping to think and make sense of what they've read.

[B]

[C]

[D]

25. It demonstrates more of a random montage than the ability to sustain an argument

[A]

[B]

[C]

through 10 to 15 double-space pages.

[D]

26. Like most children, I read greedily adventure stories about travelers entering other

[A]

dimensions and exploring unseen parallel universes, which the unusual laws of physics

[B]

[C]

could be kept for explanation.

[D]

27. "Without warning," he would say, "I was somehow lifted out of the universe and

[A]

[B]

thrown into a mysterious world, with blinding lights and strangely shaped objects that I

[C]

have never seen before...."

[D]

28. I suggested that, in order to prove him a somewhat competent student, he had

[A]

[B]

[C]

another try at answering the question.

[D]

29. They have been tried to teach him how to think, to use the "scientific method," and

[A]

to go deep into the inner logic of the subject in a pedantic way, rather than teaching him

[B]

[C]

some creative ways of solving problems.

[D]

30. Take the barometer to the top of the building, attach a long rope to it, lower the

[A]

[B]

barometer to the street, and then bring it up, measure the length of the rope.

[C]

[D]

31. Recent reform efforts have been focused on encouraging lifelong or recurrent

[A]

education to meet changing individual and social needs. Thus, not only the number of

[B]

[C]

students has increased, but the scope of education has also expanded.

[D]

32. As long as poor people, who in general are colored, are in conflict with richer

[A]

[B]

people, who in general are lighter skin, there's going to be a constant racial conflict in

[C]

[D]

the world.

33. Conversation calls for a willingness to alternate the role of speaker with one of

[A]

[B]

listener, and calls for occasional digestive pauses by both.

[C]

[D]

34. All those left undone may sound greatly in theory, but even the truest believer has

[A]

[B]

[C]

great difficulty when it comes to specifics.

[D]

35. Even if automakers modify commercially produced cars to run on alternative fuels,

[A]

[B]

[C]

the cars won't catch on in a big way when drivers can fill them up at the gas station.

[D]

36. There was the unusual element of the bridge, of course, and the fact that the plane

[A]

[B]

clipped it at a moment of high traffic, one routine thus intersecting others and

[C]

[D]

disrupting both.

37. Members of a nation's foreign service represent that country's interests abroad and

[A]

report on the conditions, trends, and policies of the country where it is stationed.

[B]

[C] [D]

38. The invention of fresh metaphor today continues to make it possible the vivid

[A]

[B]

[C]

expression of emotions.

[D]

39. Two hundred leading American and European scientists recently collaborated on a

[A]

book, *Objections to Astrology*, in which they pointed out that astrology is based on

[B]

magical thinking – such that Mars is red, like blood, so people born under the “sign”

[C]

of Mars are aggressive.

[D]

40. Popular culture, what its other functions, is also entertainment, and it is far more

[A]

entertaining to believe that alien spacecraft are visiting us than that lights in the sky are

[B]

nothing more than the navigation lights of an Atlanta-bound airliner, refracted through

[C]

[D]

passing clouds.

III. Cloze (20 points)

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

China's first lunar orbiter, the Chang'e I, is to be launched at the end of this month, a senior official said Tuesday, adding 41 researchers and technicians have completed final 42.

The orbiter is scheduled to blast 43 from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan Province, Zhang Qingwei, minister in 44 of the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense, said Tuesday 45 in the capital to attend the 17th National 46 of the Communist Party of China.

A Long March-3 carrier 47 and the Chang'e I orbiter have already been set up on the launch pad, the official said. His team has almost finished pre-launch 48 on the carrier rocket and orbiter, he said.

The satellite, 49 after the legendary Chinese goddess 50 flew to the moon, will 51 the Earth five to seven times before heading to the moon within 12 days.

"The best times for a 52 are in April or October. We chose October after 53 weather patterns and celestial conditions into account," Zhang said, noting the peaceful objectives the country has in lunar 54.

The days from October 22 to 25, an expert at the center said, are the best for a launch. "55, the detailed launch 56 cannot be revealed yet," the official said. The Beijing Youth Daily reported that the Chang'e I would be launched on October 24 at 6pm.

57 the nation's first moon probe launch, the government is offering the public a 58 to view the launch. This month, 2,000 tickets to 59 the launch center went on 60.

IV. E-C Translation (30 points)

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

Human domination over the natural world is ubiquitous in this age, so that now one practically takes it for granted. But as Blackbourn, Coolidge professor of history since 1997, demonstrates time and again in *The Conquest of Nature: Water, Landscape, and the Making of Modern Germany*, the power to effect change is not the same thing as mastery. With rich language, economy of expression, and masterly rendered descriptions of technical subjects, the new book “tells the story of how Germans transformed their landscape over the last 250 years by reclaiming marsh and fen, draining moors, straightening rivers, and building dams in the high valleys,” writes Blackbourn. Such interventions were not new, but their scale and impact after 1750 “changed the face of the land as much as familiar and obvious symbols of the modern age like the factory chimney, the railway, and the burgeoning city.” His account of attempts to control water—where and when it flows, how fast and how deep, and to whose benefit—provides a striking portrait of the German state. And yet, while cleaving to its German subject matter in exquisite, carefully researched detail, the book is much more than the sum of its parts. From the meticulous descriptions of environmental consequences good and bad, from the confident pronouncements of one generation of engineers after another, emerge a complex portrait of humanity’s relationship with the rest of nature. From this history of how the German state sought to instrumentalize the environment—plants, animals, and even people—emerges a universal story, rich in ironies.

V. Writing (20 points)

Directions: In this part you should write a composition of no less than 200 words.

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VI. Filling the blanks (20 points)

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

61. Irish is a kind of the old _____ language.
 [A] Anglo-Saxon [B] Gaelic [C] Latin [D] Roman
62. _____ is known as the agricultural capital of the United States.
 [A] Omaha [B] Oakland [C] Cleveland [D] Chicago
63. _____ is more important than Christmas to Scots.
 [A] Whit Sunday [B] New Year's Day [C] April Fools' Day [D] Easter
64. Christianity was introduced into Britain by _____.
 [A] the Celts [B] the Romans
 [C] the Viking Danes [D] the Norman-French
65. The Celts' religion was _____.
 [A] Christianity [B] Druidism
 [C] Roman Catholicism [D] Islam
66. The National Health Service was established in the U.K. in _____.
 [A] 1848 [B] 1858 [C] 1958 [D] 1948
67. The president of the United States cannot veto a law if Congress passes it by a _____ vote at the second time.
 [A] one-third [B] half [C] two-thirds [D] three-fourths
68. A major part of the Canadian population lives along the _____ border.
 [A] Northern [B] Southern [C] Western [D] Eastern
69. _____ was the first Archbishop of Canterbury who was remarkably successful in converting the British king and the nobility of Christianity.
 [A] St. Patrick [B] St. Paul I [C] St. Augustine [D] St. Bede
70. The English Protestant Reformation, led by _____, took place in the 16th century.
 [A] Henry VIII [B] James I [C] Charles I [D] William I
71. The longest war that the United States has fought is _____.
 [A] the Independence War [B] the Civil War
 [C] the Gulf War [D] the Vietnam war
72. The largest state in area in the U.S. is _____.
 [A] New Mexico [B] Texas [C] California [D] Alaska