

2008 年硕士研究生招生入学考试初试试题

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科目名称: 英语 (二外)

考生注意: 所有答案必须按题号顺序写在答题纸上, 否则无效, 后果自负。

Part One Vocabulary and Structure

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

1. It has been _____ that over 250 people died in the airplane disaster.
A. estimated B. established
C. evaluated D. engaged
2. The lecture is so dull that I feel _____ to death.
A. tired B. boring
C. exhausted D. bored
3. Crisis would be the right term to describe the _____ in many animal species.
A. minimization B. restriction
C. descent D. decline
4. Prof. White, my respected tutor, frequently reminds me to _____ myself of every chance to improve my English.
A. assure B. inform
C. avail D. notify
5. I was speaking to Ann on the phone when suddenly we were _____.
A. hung up B. hung back
C. cut down D. cut off

6. She wondered if she could have the opportunity to spend _____ here so that she could learn more about the city.
- A. sometimes B. some time
C. sometime D. some times
7. When traveling, you are advised to take travellers' checks, which provide a secure _____ to carrying your money in cash.
- A. substitute B. alternative
C. preference D. selection
8. People who live in small towns often seem more friendly than those living in _____ populated areas.
- A. densely B. intensely
C. abundantly D. highly
9. No one could guess what his _____ to the news would be.
- A. remark B. impression
C. reaction D. opinion
10. This medicine should _____ your cough if you take it everyday.
- A. heal B. cure
C. recover D. treat
11. Ms. Breen has been living in town for only one year, yet she seems to be _____ with everyone who comes to the store.
- A. accepted B. admitted
C. admired D. acquainted
12. He does not _____ as a teacher of English as his pronunciation is terrible .
- A. equal B. match
C. qualify D. fit
13. Christmas is a Christian holy day usually celebrated on December 25th _____ the birth of Jesus Christ .
- A. in accordance with B. in terms of
C. in favor of D. in honor of

14. When suddenly transplanted in a new land, quite a lot of people find _____ to adjust to the way of life there.
A. difficult B. difficulty
C. the difficulty D. it difficult
15. When he visited the house 50 years later, he found everything was _____ it had been before.
A. that B. which
C. same D. as
16. According to economic theory, a nation should produce and export those items _____ it gains a competitive advantage.
A. from which B. for that
C. by what D. about it
17. Much _____ said about the problem but nothing _____ been done so far.
A. were, has B. is, has
C. were, had D. had been, has
18. _____ worries me is not how to raise the money, but where to find the right people for the project.
A. That B. Which
C. Who D. What
19. After a hard day's work, I couldn't move my legs. It was _____ they stuck to the floor.
A. as if B. like
C. just as D. similar to
20. Tomatoes were once called love apples and were supposed to make those who ate them _____ in love.
A. fell B. feel
C. fall D. felt

Part Two Cloze Test

Directions: Read the following passage through. Then go back and choose one suitable word or phrase marked A, B, C and D for each blank in the passage. Then write your answer *on the Answer Sheet*. (10%)

Most parents, I suppose, have had the experience of reading a bedtime story to their children. And they must have 21 how difficult it is to write a 22 children's book. Either the author has aimed too 23, so that the children can't follow what is in his story, 24 the story seems to be too plain to the readers.

The best children's books are 25 very difficult nor very simple, and satisfy both the 26 who hears the story and the adult who 27 it. Unfortunately, there are in fact 28 books like this, 29 the problem of finding the right bedtime story is not 30 to solve.

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| 21. A. hoped | B. realized | C. told | D. said |
| 22. A. short | B. long | C. bad | D. good |
| 23. A. easy | B. short | C. high | D. difficult |
| 24. A. and | B. but | C. or | D. so |
| 25. A. both | B. neither | C. either | D. very |
| 26. A. child | B. father | C. mother | D. teacher. |
| 27. A. hears | B. buys | C. understands | D. reads |
| 28. A. few | B. many | C. a great deal of | D. a great number of |
| 29. A. but | B. however | C. so | D. because |
| 30. A. hard | B. easy | C. enough | D. fast |

Part Three Reading Comprehension

Directions: There are three reading passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice and write your answer *on the Answer Sheet*. (30%)

Passage 1

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

Have you ever been afraid to talk back when you were treated unfairly? Have you ever bought something just because the salesman talked you into it? Are you afraid to ask someone for a date?

Many people are afraid to assert (表现) themselves. Dr. Alberti, author of *Stand Up, Speak Out, and Talk Back*, thinks it's because their self-respect is low. "Our whole set up (体制) is designed to make people distrust themselves," says Alberti. "There's always 'superior' around – a parent, a teacher, a boss – who 'knows better'. There superiors often gain when they chip (削弱) away at your self-image."

But Alberti and other scientists are doing something to help people assert themselves. They offer "assertiveness training" courses – AT for short. In the AT courses people learn that they have a right to be themselves. They learn to speak out and feel good about doing so. They learn to be more active without hurting other people.

In one way, learning to speak out is to overcome fear. A group taking an AT course will help the timid person to lose his fear. But AT uses an even stronger motive—the need to share. The timid person speaks out in the group because he wants to tell how he feels.

Whether or not you speak up for yourself depends on your self-image. If someone you face is more "important" than you, you may feel less of a person. You start to doubt your own good sense.

You go by the other person's demand. But, why should you? AT says you can get to feel good about yourself. And once you do, you can learn to speak out.

31. As used in the first line, the phrase "talk back" means ____.

- A. persuade somebody to change his mind
- B. answer showing disagreement
- C. talk and go back
- D. fight bravely

32. The passage mainly discusses the problem that ____.

- A. people are easily cheated when they buy something
- B. people are afraid to speak for other people
- C. some people think too low of themselves
- D. some people are afraid of superiors

33. We may infer from the passage that the author's attitude towards the whole set up is _____.
A. positive
B. negative
C. hostile
D. appreciative
34. One thing that "Assertiveness Training" does not do is _____.
A. help people overcome fear
B. show people they have a right to be themselves
C. help people to assert themselves even if others suffer
D. help people to feel good about themselves
35. A best title for this passage is _____.
A. AT Helps You Feel Good about Yourself
B. Development of Self-respect
C. The Importance of Self-image
D. How to Speak Out for Yourself

Passage 2

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

In 1939 two brothers, Mac and Dick McDonald, started a drive-in restaurant in San Bernadino, California. They carefully chose a busy corner for their location. They had run their own businesses for years. first a theater, then a barbecue restaurant, then another drive-in. But in their new operation, they offered a new, shortened menu: French fries, hamburgers, and sodas. To this small selection they added one new concept: quick service, no waiters or waitresses, and no tips.

Their hamburgers sold for fifteen cents. Cheese was another four cents. Their French fries and hamburgers had a remarkable uniformity, for the brothers had developed a strict routine for the preparation of their food, and they insisted on their cooks' sticking to their routine. Their new drive-in became incredibly popular, particularly for lunch. People drove up by the hundreds during the busy noontime. The self-service restaurant was so popular that the brothers had allowed ten copies of their restaurant to be opened. They were content with this modest success until they met Ray Kroc.

Kroc was a salesman who met the McDonald brothers in 1954, when he was selling milkshake-mixing machines. He quickly saw the unique appeal of the brothers' fast-food restaurants and bought the right to franchise (特许经营) other copies of their restaurants. The agreement struck included the right to duplicate the menu, the

equipment, even their red and white buildings with the golden arches.

Today McDonald's is really a household name. Its names for its sandwiches have come to mean hamburger in the decades since the day Ray Kroc watched people rush up to order fifteen-cent hamburgers. In 1976, McDonald's had over \$ 1 billion in total sales. Its first twenty-two years is one of the most incredible success stories in modern American business history.

36. This passage mainly talks about _____.
A. the development of fast food services
B. how McDonald's became a billion-dollar business
C. the business careers of Mac and Dick McDonald
D. Ray Kroc's business talent
37. Mac and Dick managed all of the following businesses except _____.
A. a drive-in
B. a cinema
C. a theater
D. a barbecue restaurant
38. We may infer from this passage that _____.
A. Mac and Dick McDonald never became wealthy for they sold their idea to Kroc
B. The location the McDonalds chose was the only source of the great popularity of their drive-in
C. Forty years ago there were numerous fast-food restaurants
D. Ray Kroc was a wise businessman
39. The passage suggests that _____.
A. creativity is an important element of business success
B. Ray Kroc was the close partner of the McDonald brothers
C. Mac and Dick McDonald became broken after they sold their ideas to Ray Kroc
D. California is the best place to go into business
40. As used in the second sentence of the third paragraph, the word "unique" means _____.
A. special
B. attractive
C. financial
D. strong

Passage 3

Questions 41 to 45 are based on the following passage.

Tea drinking was common in China for nearly one thousand years before anyone in Europe had ever heard about tea. People in Britain were much slower in finding out what tea was like, mainly because tea was very expensive. It could not be bought in shops and even those people who could afford to have it sent from Holland did so only because it was a fashionable curiosity. Some of them were not sure how to use it. They thought it was a vegetable and tried cooking the leaves. Then they served them mixed with butter and salt. They soon discovered their mistake but many people used to spread the used tea leaves on bread and give them to their children as sandwiches.

Tea remained scarce and very expensive in England until the ships of the East India Company began to bring it direct from China early in the seventeenth century. During the next few years so much tea came into the country that the price fell and many people could afford to buy it.

At the same time people on the Continent were becoming more and more fond of tea. Until then tea had been drunk without milk in it, but one day a famous French lady named Madame de Sevigne decided to see what tea tasted like when milk was added. She found it so pleasant that she would never again drink it without milk. Because she was such a great lady her friends thought they must copy everything she did, so they also drank their tea with milk in it. Slowly this habit spread until it reached England and today only very few Britons drink tea without milk.

At first, tea was usually drunk after dinner in the evening. No one ever thought of drinking tea in the afternoon until a duchess (公爵夫人) found that a cup of tea and a piece of cake at three or four o'clock stopped her getting "a sinking feeling" as she called it. She invited her friends to have this new meal with her and so, tea-time was born.

41. Which of the following is true of the introduction of tea into Britain?

- A. The Britons got expensive tea from India.
- B. Tea was not expensive because Britons thought it was a vegetable.
- C. The Britons were the first people in Europe who drank tea.
- D. It was not until the 17th century that many Britons had tea.

42. This passage mainly discusses _____.

- A. the history of tea drinking in Britain
- B. how tea became a popular drink in Britain
- C. how the Britons got the habit of drinking tea
- D. how tea-time was born

As the world is becoming smaller, the number of interracial couples is growing, especially in countries with large numbers of immigrants. For interracial couples, love knows no color. Cultural differences are just another area of the relationship to work through. But as interracial dating becomes more common, it does not treat all ethnic groups equally. In the United States, the vast majority of white/black couples involve a black man and a white woman. Conversely, the same number of Asian/white couples consists of an Asian woman with a white man. The proposed reason for this is that traditionally, women prefer men who are stronger and seem more masculine than they are. For men, the opposite is true.

Chinese version on the Answer Sheet (15%)

Directions: Translate the following passage into Chinese. Remember to write your

Part Four Translation from English into Chinese

43. Tea became a popular drink in Britain _____.
- A. in eighteenth century
B. in sixteenth century
C. in seventeenth century
D. in the nineteenth century
44. People in Europe began to drink tea with milk because _____.
- A. it tasted like milk
B. it tasted more pleasant
C. it became a popular drink
D. Madame de Sevigne was such a lady with great social influence that people tried to copy the way she drank tea
45. We may infer from the passage that the habit of drinking tea in Britain was mostly due to the influence of _____.
- A. a famous French lady
B. the ancient Chinese
C. the upper social class
D. people in Holland

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Part Five Translation from Chinese into English

Directions: Translate the following passage into English. Remember to write your English version on the Answer Sheet. (10%)

如果没有妈妈不辞辛劳的照顾,我们会身在何处?妈妈帮我们擦鼻涕,为我们做午餐,在我们的婚礼上啜泣,始终把已经长大的我们当作宝贝细心呵护。我们也许常把母亲的付出视为理所当然的事情,但至少母亲节这一天能提醒我们一下,应该记住母亲有多么的特别。在每年五月的第二个星期日,人们会用鲜花、巧克力、卡片等的礼物,送给用爱和勇气、无私的奉献抚育他们成长的伟大的母亲。

Part Six Writing

Directions: For this part, you are required to write a composition on the topic *My View on taking the postgraduate program* (我看读研). You should base your composition on the following points and write your composition on the Answer Sheet. (15%)

1. The positive aspect of taking the postgraduate program.
2. The negative aspect of taking the postgraduate program.
3. Your point of view.