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考 试 科 目：基 础 英 语

- 注意事项：1. 本试卷共 6 道大题（其中有 42 个小题），满分 150 分；
2. 本卷属试题卷，答题另有答题卷，答案一律写在答题卷上，写在该试题卷上或草纸上均无效。要注意试卷清洁，不要在试卷上涂划；
3. 必须用蓝、黑钢笔或签字笔答题，其它均无效。

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Read the essay carefully first.

- 1 It was my liver that was out of order. I knew it was my liver that was out of order, because I had just been reading a patent liver-pill circular, in which were detailed the various symptoms by which a man could tell when his liver was out of order. I had them all.
- 2 It was a most extraordinary thing, but I never read a patent medicine advertisement without being impelled to the conclusion that I am suffering from the particular disease therein dealt with in its most virulent form. The diagnosis seems in every case to correspond exactly with all the sensations that I have ever felt.
- 3 I remember going to the British Museum one day to read up the treatment for some slight ailment of which I had a touch --- hay fever, I fancy it was. I got down the book, and read all I came to read; and then, in an unthinking moment, I idly turned the leaves, and began to indolently study diseases, generally. I forget which was the first distemper I plunged into --- some fearful, devastating scourge, I know --- and, before I had glanced half down the list of "premonitory symptoms", it was borne in upon me that I had fairly got it.
- 4 I sat for a while, frozen with horror; and then, in the listlessness of despair, I again turned over the pages. I came to typhoid fever --- read the symptoms --- discovered that I had typhoid fever, must have had it for months without knowing it --- wondered what else I had got; turned up to St Vitus's Dance --- found, as I expected, that I had that too --- began to get interested in my case, and determined to sift it to the bottom, and so started alphabetically --- read up ague (疟疾), and learned that I was sickening for it, and that the acute stage would commence in about another fortnight. Bright's disease, I was relieved to find I had only in a modified form, and, so far as that was concerned, I might live for years. Cholera I had, with severe complications; and diphtheria (白喉症) I seemed to have been born with. I plodded conscientiously through the 26 letters, and the only malady I could conclude I had not got was housemaid's knee.
- 5 I felt rather hurt about that at first, it seemed somehow to be a sort of slight. Why hadn't I got housemaid's knee? Why this invidious reservation? After a while, however, less grasping feelings prevailed. I reflected that I had every other known malady in the pharmacology, and I grew less selfish, and determined to do without housemaid's knee. Gout (痛风) in its most malignant stage, it would appear, had seized me without my being aware of it; and zymosis (传染病) I had evidently been suffering with from boyhood. There were no more diseases after zymosis, so I concluded there was nothing else the matter with me.
- 6 I sat and pondered. I thought what an interesting case I must be from a medical point of view,

what an acquisition I should be to a class! Students would have no need to “walk the hospitals”, if they had me. I was a hospital in myself. All they need do would be to walk round me, after that, take their diploma.

- 7 Then I wondered how long I had to live. I tried to examine myself. I felt my pulse. I could not at first find any pulse at all. Then, all of a sudden, it seemed to start off. I pulled out my watch and timed it. I made it a hundred and forty-seven to the minute. I tried to feel my heart. I could not feel my heart. It had stopped beating. I have since been introduced to come to the opinion that it must have been there all the time, and must have been beating, but I cannot account for it. I patted myself all over my front, from what I call my waist up to my head, and I went a bit round each side, and a little way up the back. But I could not feel or hear anything. I tried to look at my tongue. I stuck it out as far as ever it could go, and I shut one eye, and tried to exam it with the other. O could only see the tip, and the only thing that I could gain from that was to feel more certain that before that I had scarlet fever.
- 8 I had walked into that reading-room a happy, healthy man. I crawled out a decrepit wreck.
- 9 I went to my medical man. He is an old chum of mine, and feels my pulse, and looks at my tongue, and talks about the weather, all for nothing, when I fancy I'm ill; so I thought I would do him a good turn by going to him now. “What a doctor wants,” I said, “is practice. He shall have me. He will get more practice out of me than out of seventeen hundred of your ordinary commonplace patients, with only one or two diseases each.” So I went straight up and saw him, and he said: “Well, what's the matter with you?”
- 10 I said: “I will not take up your time, dear boy, with telling you what is the matter with me. Life is brief, and you might pass away before I had finished. But I will tell you what is not the matter with me. I haven't got housemaid's knee. Why have I not got housemaid's knee, I cannot tell you; but the fact remains that I have not got it. Everything else, however, I have got.”
- 11 And I told him how I came to discover it all.
- 12 Then he opened me and looked down me, and clutched hold of my wrist, and then hit me over the chest when I wasn't expecting it --- a cowardly thing to do, I call it --- and immediately afterwards butted me with the side of his head. After that, he sat down and wrote out a prescription, and folded it up and gave it to me, and I put it in my pocket and went out.
- 13 I did not open it. I took it to the nearest chemist's and handed it in. The man read it, and then handed it back.
- 14 He said he didn't keep it.
- 15 I said: “you are a chemist?”
- 16 He said: “I am a chemist. If I was a cooperative store and family hotel combined, I might be able to oblige you. Being only a chemist hampers me.”
- 17 I read the prescription. It ran:
 1 lb beefsteak, with
 1 pt bitter beer every 6 hours.
 1 ten-mile walk every morning.
 1 bed at 11 sharp every night.
 And don't stuff your head with things you don't understand.
- 18 I followed the directions, with the happy result --- speaking for myself --- that my life was preserved, and is still going on.

Now do the following tasks.

I. The following statements are all based on the essay you have just read. Mark “T” if it is true, and “F” if it is false on your answer sheet. (20 points)

1. The doctor was an old man to whom the author was quite acquainted with.
2. The author admits that he sometimes imagines that he had something wrong with him.
3. “...and talks about the weather...” this shows that the doctor did not take the author’s complaint seriously.
4. The author thought he was obliging the doctor by going to see him on this occasion.
5. The author says “Life is brief”. He means that he may not live long enough to describe all the diseases he has.
6. The author talks as if he has failed in some way by not having housemaid’s knee.
7. The doctor probably unbuttoned the author’s shirt.
8. The doctor was a cowardly man.
9. The doctor was hoping that the author would not read the prescription immediately.
10. “clutched”, “hit”, “butted”: these words show that the author is describing the medical examination as if it were a physical fight.

II. Answer the following questions briefly. (30 points)

1. Who is made fun of, in this essay? **(5 points)**
2. Which of the following is the main device used by the author in his essay? **(2 points)**
 (a) Irony (b) Pun (c) Understatement (d) Exaggeration
3. Do you think the concluding part of the essay comes as a climax or an anti-climax? **(2 points)**
4. What kind of a book did the author read in the British Museum, a textbook, a journal or a medical encyclopedia? How can you tell from the essay itself? **(3 points)**
5. What do you think when you read the first sentence of the essay? What happens when you read the second sentence? When do you understand the spirit of the essay? **(3 points)**
6. “The essay describes how the author was frightened by imagined illness.” Is this entirely true? Are there any exceptions to it --- particularly to the word “frightened”? **(5 points)**
7. The essay seems to describe what happened to the author on one particular occasion. However, there are two places in it where it is suggested that the author felt like that quite often in his life. Point out the particular words or sentences concerned in the two places. **(10 points)**

III. Find single words or phrases in the essay which have roughly the meanings given below. (30 points)

1. close friend
2. described
3. not interesting
4. in a lazy way
5. illness
6. science of drugs
7. to think
8. to keep safe
9. causing great harm

10. person whose health has been destroyed
11. harmful, difficult to cure
12. valuable possession
13. description of a disease
14. something which causes great pain and suffering
15. warning

IV. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with single words or phrases taken from the essay. Make changes in the forms of the words as necessary. (20 points)

1. I am afraid my car is _____. It is such a nuisance.
2. I'm sorry I cannot _____ your disease without examining you. The _____ you describe could have several causes.
3. There was just a _____ misunderstanding. It is nothing to worry about, really.
4. What is the use of just _____ the pages? You have got to make a close study of the text.
5. I haven't seen him _____. I wonder where he has been hiding.
6. It is important to give the same kind of treatment to everyone. You should not make _____ distinctions.
7. This will take you exactly 5 minutes. I have _____.
8. Some of the receipts seem to be missing. I can't _____ all the money I have spent.
9. You are a busy man and so I do not wish to _____ with a discussion of my problems.
10. Students are taught that if they come across a valuable object lying in the street, they should _____ at the nearest police station.

V. Translate Para. 5 of the essay into proper Chinese. (20 points)

VI. Write a critical note on the essay with no less than 250 words. (30 points)

