

江西师范大学 2007 年博士生招生考试英语试卷

**Part one: Listening comprehension(15%)**

Section one (10%)

Direction: In this section, you will hear 10 short conversations.

1.
  - a. The dean should have consulted her on the appointment.
  - b. Dr. Holden should have taken over the position earlier.
  - c. She doesn't think Dr. Holden has made a wise choice.
  - d. Dr Holden is the best person for the chairmanship.
2.
  - a. They'll keep in touch during the summer vacation.
  - b. they'll hold a party before the summer vacation.
  - c. They'll do odd jobs together at the school library.
  - d. They'll get back to their school once in a while.
3.
  - a. Peaches are in season now.
  - b. Peaches are not at their best now.
  - c. The woman didn't know how to bargain.
  - d. The woman helped the man choose the fruit.
4.
  - a. They join the physics club.
  - b. They ask for an extension of the deadline.
  - c. They work on the assignment together.
  - d. They choose an easier assignment.
5.
  - a. She admires Jean's straightforwardness.
  - b. She thinks dr. Brown deserves the praise.
  - c. She will talk to Jean about what happened.
  - d. She believes jean was rude to Dr. Brown.
6.
  - a. He liked writing when he was a child.
  - b. He enjoyed reading stories in Reader's Digest.
  - c. He used to be an editor of Reader/s Digest.
  - d. He became well known at the age of six.
7.
  - a. He shows great enthusiasm for his studies.
  - b. He is a very versatile person.
  - c. He has no talent for tennis.
  - d.. He does not study hard enough.
8.
  - a. John has lost something at the railway station.
  - b. There are several railway stations in the city.

- c. It will be very difficult for them to find John.
  - d. The train that John is taking will arrive soon.
- 9.
- a. Its rapid growth is beneficial to the world.
  - b. It can be seen as a model by the rest of the world.
  - c. Its success can't be explained by elementary economics.
  - d. It will continue to surge forward.
- 10.
- a. It takes only 5 minutes to reach the campus from the apartments.
  - b. Most students can't afford to live in the new apartments.
  - c. The new apartments are not available until next month.
  - d. The new apartments can accommodate 500 students.

### Section B (5%)

Directions: In this section, you will hear one short passage

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the following passage

- 11.
- a. The role of immigrants in the construction of American society.
  - b. The importance of offering diverse courses in European history.
  - c. The need for greater cultural diversity in the school curriculum.
  - d. The historic landing of Europeans on the Virginia shore.
- 12.
- a. He was wondering if the speaker was used to living in America.
  - b. He was trying to show friendliness to the speaker.
  - c. He wanted to keep their conversation going.
  - d. He believed the speaker was a foreigner.
- 13.
- a. The US population doesn't consist of white European descendants only.
  - b. Asian tourists can speak English as well as native speakers of the language.
  - c. Colored people are not welcome in the United States.
  - d. Americans are in need of education in their history.

## Part Two

### Vocabulary (10%)

1. The political dissident was accused of instigating a plot to overthrow the government
- a. devising
  - b. supporting
  - c. funding
  - d. provoking
2. Tim's utterly bewitched by that woman.
- a. offended
  - b. hostile
  - c. hurt
  - d. enchanted
3. I wish you two would stop bickering.
- a. complaining
  - b. quarreling
  - c. bargaining
  - d. murmuring

4. It certainly takes lots of patience and energy to work with a class of boisterous five-year-olds.  
 a. mischievous      b. noisy                      c. careless                      d. imprudent
5. We cannot go camping while the weather is so capricious  
 a. scorching              b. freezing                      c. threatening                      d. changeable
6. He had been censured for showing cowardice in the battle.  
 a. punished              b. humiliated                      c. blamed                      d. imprisoned
7. Mr. Green's sore arm is not a new development but the return of a chronic ailment.  
 a. serious                      b. disappearing                      c. frequent                      d. lingering
8. The defendant is facing severe verdict despite the appeal for clemency by his lawyers.  
 a. forgiving                      b. release                      c. leniency                      d. impartiality.
9. Their secret to success was manufacturing cheap good on a colossal scale  
 a. local                      b. reasonable                      c. huge                      d. measured
10. The project is not compatible with the company's long-term aims.  
 a. agreeable                      b. profitable                      c. practical                      d. feasible

### Part three

#### Reading comprehension (20%)

##### Passage one

Nowadays, we hear a lot about the growing threat of globalization, accompanied by those warnings that the rich pattern of local life is being undermined, and many dialects and traditions are becoming extinct. But stop and think for a moment about the many positive aspects that globalization is bringing. Read on and you are bound to feel comforted, ready to face the global future, which is surely inevitable now.

Consider the Internet, that prime example of our shrinking world. Leaving aside the all-to-familiar worries about pornography and political extremism, even the most narrow-minded must admit that the net offers immeasurable benefits, not just in terms of education, the sector for which it was originally designed, but more importantly on a global level, the spread of news and comment. It will be increasingly difficult for politicians to maintain their regimes of misinformation, as the oppressed will not only find support and comfort, but also be able to organize themselves more effectively.

MTV is another global provider that is often criticized for imposing popular culture on the unsuspecting millions around the world. Yet the viewers' judgment on MTV is undoubtedly positive; it is regarded as indispensable by most of the global teenage generation who watch it, a vital part of growing up. And in the final analysis, what harm can a few songs and videos cause?

Is the world dominance of brands like Nike and Coca-Cola so bad for us, when all is said and done? Sportswear and soft drinks are harmless products when compared to the many other things that have been globally available for a longer period of time---heroin and cocaine, for example. In any case, just because Nike shoes and

Coke cans are for sale, it doesn't mean you have to buy them---even globalization cannot deprive the individual of his free will.

Critics of globalization can stop issuing their doom and gloom statements. Life goes on, and has more to offer for many citizens of the world than it did for their parents' generation.

1. Some people feel sad about globalization because they believe it will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. bring threat to the world peace
  - b. impact the diversified local life
  - c. disrupt their present easy life-style
  - d. increase the size of people speaking dialects
2. Internet was originally designed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. promote education
  - b. to distribute news and comment
  - c. to relieve people of worries
  - d. publicize political beliefs.
3. What is the writer's attitude towards globalization?
  - a. suspicious
  - b. positive
  - c. indifferent
  - d. contemptuous
4. It is implied in the passage that Nike and Coca-cola \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. should not become dominant brands
  - b. have been ignored by many people
  - c. cannot be compared with drugs
  - d. shouldn't have caused so much concern
5. Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?
  - a. Globalization is Standardization
  - b. Globalization: Like It or Lump It.
  - c. Globalization: Don't Worry, Be Happy.
  - d. Globalization Brings Equality.

### Passage Two

Americans usually consider themselves a friendly people. Their friendships, however, tend to be shorter and more casual than friendships among people from other cultures. It is not uncommon for Americans to have only one close friend during their lifetime, and consider other "friends" to be just social acquaintances. This attitude probably has something to do with American mobility and the fact that Americans do not like to be dependent on other people. They tend to "compartmentalize" friendships, having "friends at work" "friends on the softball team", "family friends", etc.

Because the United States is a highly active society, full of movement and change, people always seem to be on the go. In this highly charged atmosphere, Americans can sometimes seem brusque or impatient. They want to get to know you as quickly as possible and then move on to something else. Sometimes, early on, they will ask you questions that you may feel are very personal. No insult is intended: the questions

usually grow out of their genuine interest or curiosity, and their impatience to get to the heart of the matter. And the same goes for you. If you do not understand certain American behavior or you want to know more about them, do not hesitate to ask them questions about themselves. Americans are usually eager to explain all about their country or anything “American” in which you may be interested so much, so in fact that you may become tired of listening. It doesn’t matter, because Americans tend to be uncomfortable with silence during a conversation. They would rather talk about the weather or the latest sports scores, for example, than deal with silence.

On the other hand, don’t expect Americans to be knowledgeable about international geography or world affairs. Unless those subjects directly involve the United States. Because the United States is not surrounded by many other nations, Some Americans tend to ignore the rest of the world.

6. The general topic of the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. American culture
  - b. American society
  - c. Americans’ activities
  - d. Americans’ personality
7. Which of the following statements is not true according to the passage?
  - a. Americans do not like to depend on other people.
  - b. Friendships among Americans tend to be casual.
  - c. Americans know a lot about international affairs.
  - d. Americans always seem to be on the go.
8. The phrase “highly charged” most probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. extremely free
  - b. highly responsible
  - c. very cheerful
  - d. full of mobility and change
9. It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Americans want to participate in all kinds of activities
  - b. Americans’ character is affected by their social and geographical environment
  - c. Americans do not know how to deal with silence
  - d. curiosity is characteristic of Americans
10. According to the passage, Americans tend to ignore the rest of the world because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. they are not interested in other countries
  - b. they are too proud of themselves
  - c. their country does not have many neighboring nations
  - d. they are too busy to learn about other countries

### Passage Three

Elderly people respond best to a calm and unhurried environment. This is not always easy to provide as their behavior can sometimes be irritating. If they get excited or upset they may become more confused and more difficult to look after.

Although sometimes it can be extremely difficult, it is best to be patient and not to get upset yourself. You should always encourage old people to do as much as possible for themselves but be ready to lend a helping hand when necessary.

Failing memory makes it difficult for the person to recall all the basic kinds of information we take for granted. The obvious way to help in this situation is to supply the information that is missing and help them make sense of what is going on. You must use every opportunity to provide information but remember to keep it simple and straightforward.

“Good morning, mum. This is Mary, your daughter. It is eight o’clock, so you get up now, we can have breakfast downstairs.” When the elderly person makes confused statement, for example, about going out to his old employment or visiting a dead relative, correct in a calm matter-of-fact fashion, “You don’t work in the office any more. You are retired now. Will you come and help me with the dishes?”

We rely heavily on the information provided by clocks, calendars and newspapers. These assist us to organize and direct our behavior. Confused old people need these aids all the time to compensate for their poor memory. Encourage them to use reminder boards or diaries for important coming events and label the contents of different cupboards and drawers. Many other aids such as information cards, addresses or shopping list could help in individual case.

11. The main subject of the passage about elderly people is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. their general care and welfare
  - b. how to look after them properly
  - c. promoting their physical and mental health
  - d. assisting people with physical problems to live a normal life
12. Other people in the family may \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. find it difficult sometimes to deal with matters calmly
  - b. try to do too much for the person concerned
  - c. worry too much about the old person’s condition
  - d. fail to understand the old person’s problems
13. How should the confused ideas of an elderly man be dealt with?
  - a. By explaining his mistake in detail.
  - b. By giving him plain and sensible statements.
  - c. By showing sympathy and understanding.
  - d. By pretending not to hear him.
14. Visual aids can give practical help to elderly people by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. clearing up their mistakes and confusion
  - b. informing them about what has to be done next
  - c. helping them to revive old memories
  - d. helping them remember useful information
15. Which of the following defines the meaning of “compensate for” in the passage?
  - a. Bring back
  - b. fight against
  - c. made up for
  - d. Clear up

## Passage Four

A few years ago a lonely American campaigner wrote a book in which he set out the main point of his fascinating campaign---to abolish television. His manifesto "Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television" is an American bestseller, and after eight editions it is still generating great concern and debate in the USA.

Jerry Mander, a former advertising expert is convinced that for the sake of our freedom, mad mental and physical health, we should learn to live without TV. Through his advertising background, Mander is aware of how much of television is concerned with advertising and money-making. He sees the planting of values for profit as "a deep, profound and disturbing act by few against the many, for a trivial purpose". And, even without commercials, he sees TV as disturbing because it crams people's heads with images which alter the way they feel and behave. Pictures formed by 300,000 tiny dancing dots altering 30 lines per second, bombard their eyes as people scan the images 10 times a second. The brain registers and stores all 30 images, but the conscious mind registers far fewer. But, argues Mander, even if you reject or doubt what you see consciously, it is too late.

He further argues that TV is a deadening experience as it is restricted to just two senses---sight and sound. "Perception is dulled and flattened," says Mander, "when you can't feel and smell and totally experienced an event." People are just sitting passively for up to four hours a night watching a screen and listening to artificial sound. "No culture in history has spent such an enormous amount of time looking at artificial light." Says Mander, "and another worrying fact is that prolonged exposure to artificial light alters human cells, which is why it is being used for certain medical treatment." Researchers do not know if life-long TV exposure is a physical risk or not, but as Mander would argue, why run the risk? It is important that people get up now and with off before the harm is done---they might also become brainwashed, or who knows.

16. Four arguments for the elimination of television is a book which \_\_\_\_\_.
- caused distress to many Americans
  - achieved great success overseas.
  - became a very popular book to read
  - expressed the views of a fascinating man
17. Jerry Mander objects to TV advertising mainly because \_\_\_\_\_.
- the underlying principles concern money-making
  - it is ineffectual in getting its message across
  - a few people are deeply disturbed by it
  - the values it conveys are accepted by all
18. Mander thinks people's feelings and behavior are changed because \_\_\_\_\_.
- the brain is able to make conscious decisions
  - the conscious mind is affected by TV images
  - their eyes scan a TV screen 10 times a second
  - the conscious mind is unable to reject the images it sees

19. By watching TV for several hours every night, Mander implies that \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. people would lose their other senses
  - b. people would be very imaginative
  - c. people will become very passive
  - d. people would come to depend on only watching
20. Mander suggests that viewing TV over long periods of time \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. could lead to death
  - b. might cause brain damage
  - c. could endanger people's health
  - d. would make cells malignant

### Part four Writing (25%)

Directions: 1. Write a short composition of about 200-250 words according to the topic given below

Topic: On examination-oriented education (15%)

(Marks will be given according to structure, contents and language)

2. Comment on the following in about 150 words (10%).

“Death is just the part of life. Life's like a bar of chocolate. You'll never know what you will get.”

-----From Forrest Gump