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入学考试试题(答案必须写在答题纸上)

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Part I Vocabulary and Structure (1×20 = 20 points)

Directions: There are twenty incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the ONE answer that best completes the sentence and mark the answer on the Answer Sheet.

1. He greatly resented the publication of this book, which he saw as an embarrassing invasion of his _____.
A) privacy B) morality C) dignity D) secrecy
2. These were stubborn men, not easily _____ to change their mind.
A) tilted B) converted C) persuaded D) suppressed
3. The police set a _____ to catch the thieves.
A) plan B) device C) trap D) trick
4. The Car Club couldn't _____ to meet the demands of all its members.
A) ensure B) guarantee C) assume D) confirm
5. Professor Hawking is _____ as one of the world's greatest living physicists.
A) dignified B) clarified C) acknowledged D) illustrated
6. She cut her hair short and tried to _____ herself as a man.
A) decorate B) disguise C) fabricate D) fake
7. Eye contact is important because wrong contact may create a communication _____.
A) barrier B) tragedy C) vacuum D) question
8. The writer was so _____ in her work that she didn't notice him enter the room.
A) focused B) immersed C) centered D) view
9. Actually, information technology can _____ the gap between the poor and the rich.
A) bridge B) break C) link D) ally
10. Tired _____ she was, the nurse stuck to her post.
A) as B) when C) if D) after
11. There was so much noise that the speaker couldn't make himself _____.
A) heard B) to hear C) hearing D) being heard

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12. The last half of the nineteenth century ____ the steady improvement in the means of travel.
A) has witnessed B) was witnessed C) witnessed D) is witnessed
13. Careful study of the market is a ____ for the success of any business.
A) recondition B) precondition C) request D) recognition
14. Now that spring is here, you can ____ these fur coats till you need them again next winter.
A) put down B) put over C) put away D) put off
15. If you cannot have the best, make ____ of what you already have.
A) the good B) the best C) the use D) the ends
16. The government ____ a heavy tax on luxury goods.
A) posed B) exposed C) imposed D) disposed
17. By working hard, he has made progress to ____ the course.
A) get by B) get through C) get across D) get over
18. The native Canadians lived in ____ with nature for they respected nature as a provider of life.
A) harmony B) acquaintance C) coordination D) contact
19. The washing machine has ____ so I have to wash all our clothes by hand.
A) slowed down B) broken down C) cooled down D) turned down
20. Dick didn't want to walk home because he was used to ____ at school every day.
A) pick up B) picking up C) be picked up D) being picked up

Part II Reading Comprehension (2×20 = 40 points)

Directions: There are four 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 mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.

Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

Hi. My name is Dina. I'm a black Canadian. When I was two-and-a-half years old I was adopted by a white couple who already had two biological sons. I am grateful for my parents and two brothers but growing up was sometimes difficult.

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Nearly everyone living in our neighborhood was white. Children sometimes teased me and *called me names* because I was black...because I was different... and because I didn't know who my biological parents were.

Adults could also be cruel. Sometimes they would refuse to acknowledge my parents as my real parents. It was difficult to understand such an attitude but as I grew older I began to realize that they simply didn't understand that my parents had CHOSEN to raise me. I also realized that being an adopted child didn't make my own family less real or less valuable.

Now that I am older, I can see that I was lucky to be adopted. In North America, most couples who adopt children want newborn babies. When a child is older than two or three, it becomes more difficult for him or her to be adopted.

Children who cannot find parents to adopt them are placed in foster (收养) homes. Foster children do not become legal members of the family and may live with several different families while they are growing up.

Fortunately this didn't happen to me. As an adopted child, I grew up as part of a family and with the same security as a child born to the family. My parents are my parents and my brothers are my brothers. I can't imagine calling anyone else "mother" and "father" or "brother". "Adoption" is a word for outsiders.

21. Dina's parents and brothers treat her _____.

- A) very well B) cruelly C) badly D) coldly

22. "Call me names" in Para. 2 means _____.

- A) say something bad to me B) call me Dina
C) give me a nickname D) beat me

23. Most adopted children are adopted when they are _____.

- A) two B) two and a half C) three D) not older than two

24. It is implied in the passage that _____.

- A) Dina was adopted when she was older than two
B) Dina was a black girl
C) Dina's parents have two sons
D) Dina becomes a legal member of the family

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25. Dina is lucky mostly because _____.

- A) she is adopted by a white family
- B) most people living in the neighborhood are white
- C) she has the love from her parents and brothers
- D) she can live like a normal child

Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

Deaths from cigarettes are likely to more than triple over the next quarter century to 20 every minute around the world, scientists warn in a new global survey. The survey covers 45 countries, 15 more than the previous study. The additional nations are from eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Sixty million deaths have been caused by smoking since the 1950s, the investigators estimate. They predict smoking will kill about 10 million people a year by 2020, the vast majority in developing countries where the habit continues to attract young women.

Investigators were unable to acquire smoking statistics from every country, which would allow the most precise estimates. Instead, they compared data on lung-cancer death rates among American non-smokers to the lung-cancer death rate in each country to get an estimate of the number of smoking in a nation.

The researchers said they used lung-cancer rates as the yardstick (标尺) because in developed countries, lung cancer is closely related to smoking and so seldom caused by any other factor among non-smokers.

According to the report, 10 percent of middle-age British men will die from smoking by the time they are 35 to 69 years old. In Poland, 20 percent of men are doomed to die from smoking, the researchers predict.

26. It can be inferred from the passage that now the deaths from cigarettes every minute are most close to ____.

- A) 6
- B) 7
- C) 8
- D) 9

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27. According to the passage, in the previous report countries from ____ are not included.

- A) Asia B) America C) the eastern Europe D) Africa

28. One reason that more deaths from cigarettes are from developing countries is ____.

- A) the medical conditions there are very poor
B) many women start to smoke there
C) there's no control over cigarette advertising
D) there are more male smokers

29. Why lung-cancer is used in the research?

- A) Because lung-cancer among non-smokers is mainly caused by smoking.
B) Because it's easiest to collect information about lung-cancer.
C) Because most smokers have lung-cancer.
D) Because lung-cancer is the biggest killer of human beings.

30. Non-smokers have lung-cancer mainly because ____.

- A) people around them smoke
B) they are infected by other patients
C) they work too hard
D) lung-cancer is the most widespread disease nowadays

Passage Three

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

Man's first real invention, and one of the most important inventions in history, was the wheel. All transportation and every machine in the world depend on it.

The wheel is the simplest yet perhaps the most remarkable of all inventions, because there are no wheels in nature --- no living thing was ever created with wheels. How, then, did man come to invent the wheel?

Perhaps some early hunters found that they could roll the dead body of a heavy animal through the forest on logs more easily than they could carry it. However, the logs themselves weighed a lot.

It must have taken a great prehistoric thinker to imagine two thin slices of log connected at their

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centers by a strong stick. This would roll along just as the logs did yet be much lighter and easier to handle. Thus the wheel and axle came into being, and with them the first carts.

31. The wheel is important because _____.

- A) it was man's first real invention
- B) all transportation depends on it
- C) every machine depends on it
- D) both B and C

32. The wheel is described as _____.

- A) simple
- B) complicated
- C) strange
- D) light

33. It was remarkable of man to invent the wheel because _____.

- A) it led to many other inventions
- B) man had no use for it then
- C) there were no wheels in nature
- D) it was very complicated

34. This passage says that the first wheel might have been a _____.

- A) round piece of stone
- B) heavy log
- C) piece of metal
- D) slice of log

35. The idea of making wheels might have come from _____.

- A) chasing an animal
- B) watching a rolling trunk
- C) watching running animals
- D) rolling the dead body of an animal on logs

Passage Four

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

The field of medicine has always attracted its share of quacks (庸医). The reasons why quackery thrives even in modern times are not hard to find. To begin with, pain seems to be a chronic human condition. A person who suffers from some illness for a long time will pay any amount of money for the promise of relief. Second, even the best medical treatment cannot cure all the ills. Third, many people lack the training necessary to evaluate medical claims. However, most remedies sold by quacks are not only useless, but often can be harmful to the user as well. By far the most potent reason that quack medicines still are sold around the world has to do with the power of "mind over matter". Your brain is the master organ of your body: It regulates all the chemical processes that keep you alive and well. When you become depressed and lose hope, your autonomic nervous system (植物神经系统) slows down these bodily processes and retards your chances of getting well. When you have hope and

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faith, these processes are sped up. You are thus likely to recover even from the most dreadful diseases.

The doctor who can convince the patients of their recovery cures more patients than the one whose behavior causes patients to lose faith in themselves. If a patient mistakenly believes that his condition can be cured by taking a drug of some kind, most physicians are happy to give him a placebo. The placebo does no harm at all, but it may so help the patient psychologically that the person's pain diminishes and the patient may actually recover much faster than without taking the pill. Indeed, placebos may even have a physiological effect.

36. All of the following are reasons why quacks continue to do business **Except** that _____.

- A) people who are in pain will often pay any amount of money for the promise of relief
- B) the average person is not trained to evaluate medical claims and diagnoses
- C) although their remedies may not cure a disease, quacks nevertheless do not harm their patients.
- D) Quacks convince patients that they can help them

37. What does the word "chronic" (L. 3) mean?

- A) painful.
- B) minor.
- C) persistent.
- D) infectious.

38. The effect of becoming depressed about an illness is _____.

- A) a slowing of the body's curative processes
- B) a collapse of the autonomic nervous system
- C) an emotional state that ranges from extremes of depression to happiness
- D) an evident and gradual decrease in the physical symptoms of the disease

39. Doctors who prescribe placebos are _____.

- A) risking harm to their patients
- B) prolonging their patients' agonies
- C) curing over 50percent of serious diseases
- D) helping their patients psychologically

40. What conclusion can be logically drawn from the selection?

- A) Only poorly educated people seek the advice of quacks.
- B) Quacks are motivated by the desire to help mankind.
- C) A person's brain cannot control the body's pain-tolerance level.
- D) The human brain is a powerful and mysterious organ.

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Part III: Translation (25 points)

Directions: There are two items in this part. The first is Chinese-English translation and the second is English-Chinese Translation. Write down your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Section A Translate the sentences in brackets into English (3×5=15 points).

1. Since the weather is fine, we _____. (不妨步行回家)
2. No sooner _____ (她一进房间), it began to rain heavily.
3. He really did nothing practical, for he _____. (不是看电视就是睡觉)
4. Don't hesitate to do it because what you do _____. (对我没有很大关系)
5. _____ (无论我怎么劝说他) he insisted that he had done right.

Section B Translate the following paragraph into Chinese (10 points).

The most important day I remembered in all my life is the one on which my teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan, came to me. I am filled with wonder when I considered the immeasurable contrast between the two lives which it connects. It was the third of March, 1887, three months before I was seven years old.

Part IV: Writing (15 points)

*Directions: For this part, you are allowed to write a composition entitled **The Qualities of a Good Language Learner**. You should write at least 150 words. Write down your answers on the Answer Sheet.*