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题要求: 答案全部写在答题纸上, 并准确标明
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I. Each of the words below is one of a pair or group of words that have exactly the same pronunciation, but a different spelling and different meaning. Supply one other such word in each case: (10%)

Example: week weak

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| 1. flower | 2. way |
| 3. horse | 4. berry |
| 5. cue | 6. blue |
| 7. morning | 8. bear |
| 9. stair | 10. site |

II. Paraphrase the following sentences, bringing out their implied meanings if there are any. (20%)

1. Lifeless, faultless.
2. Virture is its own reward.
3. Haste makes waste.
4. The love of money and the love of learning rarely meet.
5. Her only fault is extravagance, but there is no rose without a thorn.

6. She went very red when he caught her red-handed.
7. He closed with a challenging question--whether, given our vast difference, there was any sense in a presidential visit.

III. Fill in each of the numbered blanks in the following passage with one suitable word. (20%)

Most hobbies are 1 some extent constructive, but that they may be useful is 2 secondary significance, and that they may be lucrative is a minor consideration. The really important point about 3 is that they provide interest and recreation for leisure hours. They are the only oases in a drab desert of routine for people who are engaged day 4 day in doing work which forms but a small part of the finished product, and who are so accustomed 5 it that it no longer holds for them either mystery or excitement. Such people show their real mettle as 6 as they reach home. The man or woman whose spare time is devoted to wood carving or needle work 7 peculiar satisfaction in every detail. The buying of materials and tools 8 a matter to be lingered 9 and savoured to the full; the planning and arrangement of the work are almost as engrossing as the work 10. Although progress is seldom rapid, every hour or half-hour 11 to a hobby is more closely packed with contentment and with a true sense of achievement 12 a whole week occupied with routine drudgery.

It is not surprising that there should be this 13 between a hobby and regular work, especially when the 14 is monotonous, since even when it is interesting it is still the means 15 which wages are earned, and must

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be done for that reason alone. A hobby, 16 the other hand, is undertaken for its own sake, and it satisfies the very deep desire, experienced by most people, to create 17 beautiful. Very few people are able to see the product of their wage-earning activities 18 a whole, or to have something to do 19 it at every stage of its development. Modern industry is too complex and intricate to allow of that; consequently the humble creator works by day, but saves his creative energies to expend upon the wholly absorbing hobby 20 which he can return when he leaves his factory bench or office stool in the evening.

IV. Write a summary of the above article in your own words (not exceeding 120 words). (20%)

V. Composition: The Best English Course I Took During My Undergraduate Studies (about 300 words) (30%)