

# 北京航空航天大学一九九九年招收研究生试题

## 考试科目：基础英语

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### I. Vocabulary and Structure(30%)

#### Part 1

Directions: Choose one of the four alternatives which is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase and mark the corresponding letter.

1. Is it true that insulin can now be synthesized?  
a. produced artificially   b. tested safely   c. injected frequently   d. taken orally
2. We could get no information about what happened to the captives.  
a. pirates   b. patients   c. prisoners   d. passengers
3. Judge Smith's decisions are generally regarded as equitable.  
a. fair   b. clever   c. long   d. popular
4. Let me reiterate my main point.  
a. report   b. repeat   c. review   d. revise
5. The present regime took over only last month.  
a. council   b. principal   c. commander   d. government
6. These ideas were denounced on yesterday evening's programme on TV.  
a. praised   b. ignored   c. attacked   d. explained
7. They say that the government is subsidizing the shipping industry.  
a. trying to destroy   b. helpig to support   c. starting to develop   d. continuing to operate
8. We still must decide on beverages for this evening.  
a. things to eat   b. things to wear   c. things to drink   d. things to do
9. Smith expects his chilcren to be inquisitive.  
a. healthy   b. naughty   c. curious   d. serious
10. The main topic for discussion was Dr. Soames objectionable comments.  
a. relevant   b. offensive   c. purposeful   d. unprejudiced

#### Part 2

Directions: Choose one from the four alternatives that best completes the sentence and mark the corresponding letter.

11. Living in central Australian desert has its problems \_\_\_\_\_ obtaining water is not the least.  
a. of which   b. for   c. as   d. in that
12. It isn't cold enough for there \_\_\_\_\_ a frost tonight, so I can leave Jim's car out quite safely.  
a. would be   b. being   c. was   d. to be

13. Scientists generally agree that the Earth's climate will warm up over the next 50 to 100 years \_\_\_\_\_ it has warmed in the 20,000 years since the Ice Age.  
a. as long as b. as much as c. as soon as d. as well as
14. How many of us \_\_\_\_\_, say, a meeting that is irrelevant to us would be interested in the discussion?  
a. attended b. attending c. to attend d. have attended
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is generally accepted, economical growth is determined by the smooth development of production.  
a. What b. That c. It d. As
16. It is believed that today's pop music can serve as creative force \_\_\_\_\_ stimulating the thinking of its listeners.  
a. by b. with c. at d. on
17. Observations were made \_\_\_\_\_ the children at the beginning and at the end of preschool and first grade.  
a. towards b. of c. on d. with
18. The number of registered participants in this year's marathon was half \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. of last year's b. those of last year's c. of those of last year d. that of last year's
19. For there \_\_\_\_\_ successful communication, there must be attentiveness and involvement in the discussion itself by all present.  
a. is b. to be c. will be d. being
20. There was a very interesting remark in the book by an Englishman that I read recently \_\_\_\_\_ what he thought was a reason for this American characteristic.  
a. giving b. gave c. to give d. given
21. No one would have time to read or listen to an account of everything \_\_\_\_\_ going on in the world.  
a. it is b. this is c. there is d. what is
22. Andraw, my father's younger brother, will not be at the picnic, \_\_\_\_\_ to the family's disappointment.  
a. much b. more c. too much d. much more
23. I would have gone to visit him in the hospital had it been at all possible. But I \_\_\_\_\_ fully occupied the whole of last week.  
a. were b. had been c. have been d. was
24. Help will come from the UN, but the aid will be \_\_\_\_\_ near what's needed.  
a. everywhere b. somewhere c. nowhere d. anywhere
25. The chief reason for the population growth isn't so much a rise in birth rates \_\_\_\_\_ a fall in death rates as a result of improvements in medical care.  
a. and b. as c. but d. or
26. He claims to be an expert in astronomy, but in actual fact he is quite ignorant on the subject. \_\_\_\_\_ a fall in death rates as a result of improvements in medical care.  
a. and b. as c. but d. or
26. He claims to be an expert in astronomy, but in actual fact he is quite ignorant on the subject. \_\_\_\_\_ he knows about it is out of improvements in medical care.  
a. and b. as c. but d. or
26. He claims to be an expert in astronomy, but in actual fact he is quite ignorant on the subject. \_\_\_\_\_ he knows about it is out of date and inaccurate.  
a. What little b. So much c. How much d. So little
27. Although we feel dissatisfied with the election results, we have to become reconciled \_\_\_\_\_ the decision made by our fellow countrymen.

a. for b. on c. to d. in

28. The article opens and closes with descriptions of two news reports, each \_\_\_\_\_ one major point in contrast with the other.

a. makes b. made c. to make d. making

29. Just as the soil is part of the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere..

a. as it is b. the same is c. so is d. and so is

30. \_\_\_\_\_ can help but be fascinated by the world into which he is taken by the science fiction.

a. Everybody b. anybody c. Somebody d. Nobody

## II. Mistake spotting(10%)

Directions: Decide which underlined part is incorrect and mark the corresponding letter.

1. Allen has stated that he has always had a great interest and admiration for the work of the

A B C D

British economist Keynes.

2. The Bunsen burner is so named because it is thought to be invented by Robert Bunsen, who was

A B C

German by birth.

D

3. Much although I have travelled, I have never seen anyone to equal her in thoroughness, whatever

A B C

the job.

D

4. The conveniences that Americans desire reflecting not so much a leisurely lifestyle as a busy

A B

lifestyle in which even minutes of time are too valuable to be wasted.

C D

5. In debating, one must correct the opponent's facts, deny the relevance of his proof or deny that

A B

what he presents as proof. Unless relevant is sufficient.

C D

6. The speaker claimed that no other modern nation devotes so small a portion of its wealth to

A B

public assistance and health than the United States does.

C D

7. If individuals are awakened each time as they begin a dream phase of sleep, they are likely to

A B

become irritable even though their total amount of sleep has been sufficient.

C D

8. On the whole, ambitious students are much likely to succeed in their studies than are those with little ambition.

A B C D

9. In this way these insects show an efficient use of their sound-produced ability, organizing two

A B

sounds delivered at a high rate as one call.

C

D

10. For him to be reelected, what is essential is not that his policy works, but that the public believe that it is.

A

B

C

D

### III. Cloze test(10%)

Directions: Fill in each underlined space with one word that best suits the context of the following passage.

The first and smallest unit that can be discussed in language is the word. In speaking, the choice of words is 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the utmost importance. Proper selection will eliminate one source of 2 \_\_\_\_\_ breakdown in the communication cycle. Too often, careless use of words 3 \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting of the minds of the speaker and listener. The words used by the speaker may 4 \_\_\_\_\_ unfavourable reactions in the listener 5 \_\_\_\_\_ interfere with his comprehension; hence, the transmission-reception system breaks down.

6 \_\_\_\_\_. Inaccurate or indefinite words may make 7 \_\_\_\_\_ difficult for the listener to understand the 8 \_\_\_\_\_ which is being transmitted to him. The speaker who does not have specific words in his working vocabulary may be 9 \_\_\_\_\_ to explain or describe in a 10 \_\_\_\_\_ that can be understood by his listeners.

### IV. Translation from English into Chinese (15%)

The ideas and concepts most important to our everyday lives are largely unscientific; their correctness or incorrectness cannot be determined in the laboratory. Interestingly enough, it seems that everybody honestly believes that his own ideas about the rightness or wrongness of things are correct, and that almost everybody is acquainted with people who hold completely opposite views-so the ideas of some(or all) must be incorrect. How do you know whether or not you are one of those holding erroneous beliefs? There is a test. Before you can be reasonably convinced that you are right about a particular idea, you should be sure that you understand the objections and the positions of your most articulate antagonists. You must find out whether your views are supported by a sound knowledge of opposing ideas or by your misconceptions of opposing ideas. You make this distinction by seeing whether or not you can state the objections and positions of your opposition to their satisfaction. Even if you can successfully do this, you cannot be absolutely certain of being right about your own ideas, but the possibility of being right is considerably higher than if you cannot pass this test. The person who can state his antagonist's point of view to the satisfaction of his antagonist is more likely to be correct in his own beliefs than the person who cannot.

### V. Translation from Chinese into English(20%)

三百多年以前，少数拓荒者横渡大洋来到詹姆斯敦和普利茅斯，寻求他们的自己国内无法获得的一些自由，也是我们今天仍然珍视的一些自由：免于匮乏的自由，免于恐惧的自由，言论自由及信仰自由。今天，这些早期移民的后裔以及后来加入其行列的人们正在美国国内和全世界为捍卫这些自由而战斗。

然而还有一个第五自由：达到自己最佳境界的自由，我们却正面临着丧失的危险，而这一自由正是上述四大自由的基础。也许你生下来就具有成为诗人、音乐家或天文学家的才能，但在时间还不太晚的时候，没人拉你一把，等时机一过，就再也无法唤醒在你身上沉睡的这些才能了，达到自己最佳境界的自由就是人



人有把自己的能力发挥到最高水平的机会。

#### VI. Writing(15%)

Directions: Write a composition of about 200 words on the topic “The qualifications of a young scholar.”