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基础英语 (共 8 页)

考生注意: 所有答题务必书写在考场提供的答题纸上, 写在本试题单上的答题一律无效 (本题单不参与阅卷)。

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. The old soldier was inured to danger.
[A] subject [B] committed [C] resorted [D] accustomed
2. The editorial was able to satiate the readers' interest.
[A] satisfy [B] modify [C] justify [D] verify
3. The new government promised to codify the laws.
[A] abandon [B] compile [C] revise [D] enforce
4. This is the most categorical statement ever made concerning the new policy.
[A] pungent [B] pessimistic [C] explicit [D] intangible
5. Wearing swimming trunks all day is just part of his eccentric behavior.
[A] reckless [B] prudent [C] pompous [D] bizarre
6. Drunken man are sometimes subject to hallucination.

16. Scott Fitzgerald was one of the few contemporary writers that Hemingway did not turn _____.
- [A] out [B] against [C] over [D] off
17. It was a bold idea to build a power station in the deep valley, but it _____ as well as we had hoped.
- [A] came off [B] went off [C] brought out [D] made out
18. Now that we understand what jet lag is, we can go some way _____ it.
- [A] to overcome [B] to overcoming [C] overcoming [D] overcame
19. Christopher Columbus, a famous Italian navigator, _____ until recently considered to be the first European to sail to the New World.
- [A] has [B] was [C] is [D] had been
20. Though he was forty-five, you _____ him for more than thirty-five.
- [A] would not take [B] would not have taken
- [C] never took [D] had not taken
21. His importance as a political novelist lies _____ his sensitivity _____ the political world around him.
- [A] in...for [B] on...for [C] in ...to [D] on...to
22. These facts and circumstances were well _____ earlier this year at a world gathering about aging as a challenge to science and to policy.
- [A] to excess [B] to no avail [C] to advantage [D] to the fore
23. The room is in a terrible mess; it _____ cleaned.
- [A] can't have been [B] shouldn't have been
- [C] mustn't have been [D] wouldn't have been

24. _____ the people have become masters of their own country _____ science can really serve the people.

[A] It is only then...that

[B] It was that...then

[C] It is only when...that

[D] It was when...then

25. The computer makes _____ a marvelous leap in human proficiency by pulling down the fences around the practical and even the theoretical intelligence.

[A] it possible to [B] possible that

[C] possible

[D] that possible

26. Easy and convenient access to facts can produce unlimited good _____ it is matched by the desire and ability to find out what they mean and where they would lead.

[A] if only

[B] only if

[C] unless

[D] until

27. There is not _____ doubt that he will help us out, for he has always been helpful.

[A] the least

[B] the last

[C] the worst

[D] the best

28. A person cannot be really happy if what he enjoys doing is ignored by society _____ no value or importance.

[A] as in

[B] as of

[C] for of

[D] for in

29. Workers seldom commit acts of violence, because they can put their aggression into their work, _____ physical like the work of a smith, or mental like the work of a scientist.

[A] whether it

[B] no matter it is

[C] is it

[D] be it

30. You wouldn't feel tired this morning if you _____ to bed early last night.

[A] went

[B] had gone

[C] would go

[D] have gone

II. Error spotting (10%)

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

31. Only if the painting were two and three quarters inches shorter and two and a half inches narrower, it would fit the frame.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
32. As an American, even though I've been in Britain for some 30 years, perhaps I find that easy to see that the underlying issues in the Spence case are not just about Britain.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
33. Wherever they come from, today's students have a very different perspective on education from their parents.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
34. What struck me was the homeless man stopped to thank the wealthier man despite being desperate to escape a room full of disapproving people.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
35. Had I taken a poll of the room, I bet everyone there would consider themselves as having more manners than a person who lives on the streets.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
36. What they are seeing is a society focused solely on acquisition — be it another drink in a restaurant or a space on a crowded freeway — without ever stopping thanking the source.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
37. The survey did not count as euthanasia the 1,900 deaths which doctors increased painkilling drugs with the explicit intention of hastening death.
[A] [B] [C] [D]
38. A solipsist is one who believes that he is the only thing which really exists, that other people exist only in his imagination, and that if he quit imagining them
[A] [B] [C]

they would cease to exist.
[D]

39. Exploring the world awakens the dormant resiliency of youth, the easy willing-
[A]

ness to admit to make a wrong turn, the comfortable understanding that some
[B] [C]

explorations take more than just one afternoon.
[D]

40. It was neither talking nor singing, yet the American kids were as excited as we
[A] [B] [C]

Chinese kids were if we saw Chairman Mao with our own eyes!
[D]

III. Cloze (10%)

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

For five years a new hill has been steadily growing in a community some 50 kilometers west of Chicago, Illinois. It is expected to help solve 41 the problems of garbage disposal and the need for winter sports facilities. 42 Mount Trashmore by local residents, the 41-meter-high hill is being made of garbage: 43 completed, it will have five ski slopes and six toboggan runs.

The idea for a man-made "mountain" started when country officials were faced with the 44 of space for disposing of garbage generated by the rapid growing population. They contacted the University of Chicago waste management specialist who recommended 45 apparently unusable area and using the excavated clay to mold a hill of garbage on the 46. Under the 16 hectare base of the hill, the clay foundation acts 47 a barrier to prevent groundwater contamination. 48 three feet of trash is surrounded by a 20cm. Layer of clay, 49 forming a series of individual garbage cells.

When the hill dump is filled 50 capacity, the surface will be covered with a final layer of soil clay and so contoured that it will be used for winter sports.

IV. Translation from English into Chinese (15%)

Americans have a sense of space, not of place. Go to an American home in exurbia, and almost the first thing you do is drift toward the picture window. How curious that the first compliment you pay your host inside his house is to say how lovely it is outside his house! He is pleased that you should admire his vistas. The distant horizon is not merely a line separating earth from sky, it is a symbol of the future. The American is not rooted in his place, however lovely: his eyes are drawn by the expanding space to a point on the horizon, which is his future.

By contrast, consider the traditional Chinese home. Blank walls enclose it. Step behind the wall and you are in a courtyard with perhaps a miniature garden around a corner. Once inside his private compound you are wrapped in an ambiance of calm beauty, an ordered world of buildings, pavement, rock, and decorative vegetation. But you have no distant view: nowhere does space open out before you. Raw nature in such a home is experienced only as a weather, and the only open space is the sky above. The Chinese is rooted in his place. When he has to leave, it is not for the promised land on the terrestrial horizon, but for another world altogether along the vertical, religious axis of his imagination.

V. Translation from Chinese into English (20%)

美国人正在经历一场人口迁徙的大浪潮，其势之猛同十九世纪定居者们西迁的情况差不多。十九世纪的迁徙铸成了美国这个从东海岸一直延伸到西海岸的国家。

上个世纪那次向西扩张,曾使全国各地受益,而今天向南部和西部的迁徙则是以牺牲其他地区为代价的,特别是东北部和中西部这两只“大锈碗”——那儿的基础工业困难重重。

这种大规模的人口转移给新地区也带来了一些老问题。一些较老的郊区,同城市一样,面临着市政基本设施破旧不堪的问题。一些阳光地带城市由于发展迅速而导致交通堵塞,环境污染和下水道不畅等。这些迅速发展起来的新城市,在创造就业机会方面,也有它们的局限性。休斯敦一直在告诫北部人:除非事先已订妥工作,否则不要南来。

尽管如此,居民迁往阳光地带的高涨势头还看不出有接近尾声的迹象。即使有些地区强制居民不得外流,南部和西部地区还会继续迅速增长,因为新来的年轻人口意味着更高的出生率。有些预测机构说,在今后二十年里,阳光地带十个州的人口将至少增加 20%。

VI. Writing (15%)

Directions: Write an expository composition of no less than 200 words on the topic

“The Most Important Lesson I Have Learned in My Life”