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基础英语

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I. Vocabulary and Structure (1 × 40)

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. He is too young to be able to distinguish between right and wrong.

[A] discard      [B] discern      [C] disperse      [D] disregard

2. The chairman of the board oppressed on me the unpleasant job of dismissing good workers the firm can no longer afford to employ.

[A] compelled      [B] posed      [C] pressed      [D] tempted

3. The mayor is a woman with great honesty and therefore deserves our political and financial support.

[A] integrity      [B] instinct      [C] intention      [D] intensity

4. The 215-page manuscript, circulated to publishers last October, activated an outburst of interest.

59. The moon has a mass that is nearly one hundred times less than the earth; in

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consequence the force of gravity at the moon's surface is only one-sixth of that at the

[C] [D]

earth's surface.

60. If only the nature of the aging process is better understood, the possibility of

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discovering a medicine that can block the fundamental process of aging seems very

[C] [D]

remote.

### III. Cloze (1×10)

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

Americans have a strong sense of humor. Because everyone has ancestors, family and friends of every possible race, color, creed and national origin, and 61 sensitivity to such differences has reached unprecedented tenderness in recent years, 62 is considered rude to tell a joke that perpetuates an ethnic, social, religious, sexual, or racial stereotype. 63, that still leaves plenty of material for 64, such as occupation, political persuasion, or region of origin. For example:

A Texan was boasting to an Arkansan about his ranch. "Why, my ranch is so big," he said, "that if I start out in my 65 in the morning to drive around it, it's night by the

time I get home." The Arkansan nodded understandingly and said, "Yep. I had a truck  
66 that once."

The only group detested 67 to be a suitable butt for barbed humor is lawyers. Lawyers are unpopular because they're only consulted in 68 of distress. Any lawyer joke is sure to draw a laugh.

"Did you hear that medical laboratories have started using lawyers 69 of white rats? There are more of them and there are some things even a laboratory rat just won't do."

Politicians are also fair game, but since approximately two-thirds of the nation's congressional representatives are law school 70, such jokes are really just a subset of the 'lawyer' canon.

#### VI. Translation from Chinese into English. (30)

人的成长是一个不断尝试、经历磨练和失误，最终变得聪明起来的过程。每当你充满信心采取行动时，你永远无法预见会有什么样的结果，或成功，或失望。不论最终成功与否，这些尝试都是可贵的；事实上，你往往可以从失败的经历中学到更多的东西。

首先，你必须修得同情和宽恕这两门基本课程；否则你永远只能是井底之蛙，永远不能把错误转化为宝贵的学习机会。

所谓同情就是敞开你的心扉，抛开你的情感障碍，用心去感受、体会这个世界。同情心是种感情黏合剂，它使你与自己的心灵和周围其他人的心灵联系起来。如果你选择同情，你可以试着站在对方的立场，设身处地为对方想一想。这样你就能与对方的心灵联系起来，消除你心中的成见。有时你过分苛求自己，

此时你也需要对自己敞开心扉。拥有了同情之心，你才能开启宽恕的大门，也才能使自己从自轻自鄙的困境中解脱出来。

宽恕是指宽大为怀，尽释前嫌。由同情到宽恕，你已拥有一颗开放的心灵，并开始逐步地、有意识地释放自己的愤怒与不平。只有通过宽恕，你才能忘却过错，重新获得心灵的平静。当你最终能够从中解脱，你也许会意识到这是你成长过程中必修的一课。

#### V. Translation from English into Chinese. (30)

Since George W. Bush joined the U.S. presidential race officially in June 1999, he has been drawing large crowds and media coverage. The world certainly knows from whence. Bush sprang biologically. Few could miss the features of George Sr. in the son's face, and his personality is frequently compared with mother Barbara's. But the trajectory of his political career is less familiar. When George Bush Sr. last ran for president in 1992, his eldest son had yet to hold elected office. Seven years later, after only four years as Governor of Texas, George W. is trying to become the first second generation American president in history.

In his father's presidential race in 1988, Bush Jr. became his father's aid. This was the first time the two had worked together closely as adults, and Big George came to appreciate his son's political instincts. When George Bush won the election, his eldest son returned to Texas, a move that shocked Washington careerists. But Junior had something also in mind. He was thinking hard about running for Governor of Texas. Texas is a big media state. Name identification is important. And Bush had got it. But he needed an accomplishment that belonged to his own. He didn't want anyone to say

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“he is riding on Daddy's name.” So he bought a baseball team titled “Texas Rangers” He gave speeches across Texas in support of the team. His down home style was always on display. He hated to ride in limo, even someone else's, and the Bushes lived in a modest brick house. Their only luxury was private school for their twin daughters, Barbara and Tenna. He dressed as indifferent as ever, in cheap suits and boots emblazoned with the flag of Texas. At the Rangers office, he insisted on wearing a pair of shoes with a large hole in them.

And now, he's in the Big House in Washington. He's working harder on his aim.

#### VI. Writing. (20)

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

“The Art of Compromise”

[A] sparked            [B] glittered            [C] flared            [D] flashed

5. Poverty is not common in most cities although, perhaps because of the crowded conditions in certain areas, it is more visible there.

[A] rare            [B] temporary            [C] prevalent            [D] segmental

6. An increasing proportion of our population, unable to live without advanced medical application, will become progressively more reliant on expensive technology.

[A] interference            [B] interruption            [C] intervention            [D] interaction

7. Fuel scarcities and price increases spurred automobile designers to scale down the largest models and to develop completely new lines of small cars and trucks.

[A] persuaded            [B] prompted            [C] imposed            [D] enlightened

8. Because of its intimacy, radio is usually more than just a medium; it is an associate.

[A] a firm            [B] a company            [C] a corporation            [D] an enterprise

9. Using extremely different decorating schemes in adjoining rooms may result in discord and lack of unity in style.

[A] conflict            [B] confrontation            [C] disturbance            [D] disharmony

10. At first, the send of color pictures over a long distance seemed impossible, but, with painstaking efforts and at great expense, it became a reality.

[A] transaction            [B] transmission            [C] transformation            [D] transition

11. One of the problems local authorities have to deal with is the discarding of plastic containers.

[A] dispersal            [B] disposition            [C] disposal            [D] dissolution

12. After his long illness, the old man appeared so thin and delicate that a gust of wind might have blown him away.



[A] understudy      [B] insurgent      [C] adversary      [D] go-between

22. Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously \_\_\_\_\_.

[A] meditative      [B] tepid      [C] insightful      [D] categorical

23. The world's governments have done \_\_\_\_\_ nothing to combat the threat of nuclear accidents.

[A] plausibly      [B] perceptively      [C] operationally      [D] intrinsically

24. Although the manufacturer claimed that the fabric was \_\_\_\_\_ to water, the rain soaked through it within a few minutes.

[A] impenetrable      [B] impregnable      [C] impermeable      [D] unsaturated

25. The principal \_\_\_\_\_ the student for his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

[A] rebuked... defiant      [B] reprimanded... vigilant

[C] commended... willful      [D] censured... vigilant

26. There is nothing here that would \_\_\_\_\_ surprise or astonishment.

[A] call up      [B] call for      [C] call off      [D] call on

27. The house is unsafe since the foundations were \_\_\_\_\_ by floods.

[A] worn away      [B] worn down      [C] worn on      [D] worn out

28. Why would you \_\_\_\_\_ such a good job, when jobs are so hard to get.

[A] throw away      [B] throw up      [C] throw out      [D] throw off

29. \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that science plays an essential role in the advance of human society, most scientists are not accorded with corresponding prestige.

[A] Notwithstanding      [B] In the face of      [C] In view of      [D] With respect of

30. He is a clever mimic who can take \_\_\_\_\_ most of the lecturers in his college.

[A] over                      [B] down                      [C] off                      [D] up  
31. 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's                      [D] that of last year's

32. Help will come from the UN, but the aid will be \_\_\_\_\_ near what's needed.

[A] everywhere                      [B] somewhere                      [C] nowhere                      [D] anywhere

33. No one would have time to read or listen to an account of everything \_\_\_\_\_ going on in the world.

[A] it is                      [B] as is                      [C] there is                      [D] what is

34. 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

35. Doing your homework is a sure way to improve your test scores, and this is especially true \_\_\_\_\_ it comes to classroom tests.

[A] before                      [B] as                      [C] since                      [D] when

36. I've kept up a friendship with a girl whom I was at school \_\_\_\_\_ twenty years ago.

[A] about                      [B] since                      [C] with                      [D] till

37. It wasn't so much that I disliked her \_\_\_\_\_ that I just wasn't interested in the whole business.

[A] rather                      [B] as                      [C] than                      [D] so

38. The individual TV viewer invariably senses that he or she is \_\_\_\_\_ an anonymous, statistically insignificant part of a huge and diverse audience.

[A] everything except                      [B] anything but

[C] no less than

[D] nothing more than

39. I apologize if I \_\_\_\_\_ you, but I assure you it was unintentional.

[A] offend

[B] had offended

[C] should have offended

[D] might have offended

40. It was essential, they told the President, that soldiers from other nations \_\_\_\_\_ in the front lines.

[A] should be

[B] would be

[C] be

[D] have to be

**II. Error spotting (1 × 20)**

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

41. See to it that you include in the examination paper whatever questions they didn't

[A]

[B]

[C]

know the answer last time.

[D]

42. Continued exposure to stress has been linked to worsened functioning of the

[A]

[B]

immune system, leaving a person more liable for infection.

[C]

[D]

43. One sign by which you are making progress in an art such as painting or

[A]

[B]

photography is that you begin to realize how much there is to learn.

[C]

[D]

44. A great many teachers firmly believe that English is one of the poorest-taught

[A] [B] [C]

subjects in high schools at present.

[D]

45. I'd rather you would go by train, because I can't bear the idea of your being in

[A] [B] [C]

airplane in such bad weather.

[D]

46. The data received from the two aircrafts whirling around Mars indicate that there is

[A] [B] [C]

much evidence that huge thunderstorms are occurring about the equator of the planet.

[D]

47. If a man plans to take a seat in the business game, he owes to himself to master the

[A] [B]

principles by which the game is played, including its special ethical outlook.

[C] [D]

48. As far as I am concerned, his politics are rather conservative compared with other

[A] [B] [C]

politicians.

[D]

49. Depending on our outlooks and recent experiences, our happiness fluctuates around

[A]

our happiness set point, which disposes some people to being ever cheerful and others

[B]

[C]

gloomy.

[D]

50. Perhaps most troubling, teachers and psychologists say, is that it is often the most

[A]

[B]

gifted students, the ones who presumably could get good grades without cheating, are

[C]

D

the worst offenders.

51. Were the Times Co. to purchase another major media company, there is no doubt

[A]

that it could dramatically transform a family-ran enterprise that still gets 90% of its

[B]

[C]

[D]

revenues.

52. Even if automakers modify commercially produced cars to run on alternative fuels,

[A]

[B]

[C]

the cars won't catch on in a big way when drivers can fill them up at the gas station.

[D]

53. Generally speaking, the bird flying across our path is observed, and the one staying

[A]

[B]

on the tree near at hand is passed by without any notice taking of it.

[C]

[D]

54. Each cigarette which a person smokes does some harm, and eventually you may get

[A] [B] [C]

a serious disease from its effect.

[D]

55. We are not conscious of the extent of which provides the psychological satisfaction

[A] [B]

that can make the difference between a full and an empty life.

[C] [D]

56. There are those who consider it questionable that these defence-linked research

[A]

projects will account for an improvement in the standard of living or, alternately,

[B]

to do much to protect our diminishing resources.

[C] [D]

57. It is perhaps not an exaggeration to say that we shall soon be trusting our health,

[A] [B]

wealth and happiness to elements with whom very names the general public are

[C] [D]

unfamiliar.

58. Accounts of scientific experiments are generally correct for those write about

[A] [B] [C]

science are careful in checking the accuracy of their reports.

[D]