

2019 National English Competition for College Students

(Level A - Preliminary)

参考答案及作文评分标准

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1—5 DACDB

Section B

6—10 TFTFF 11—15 ADCBB

Section C

16—20 ABDAC

Section D

21. everyday activities 22. identify 23. relate examples 24. improving 25. traditional apprentice training
26. a wide array 27. dollar or two 28. expensive 29. bulk 30. comparison shopping

Part II Vocabulary & Grammar

31—35 EBAAE 36—40 BDCBC 41—45 ABDAE

Part III Cloze

46. principally 47. which 48. reported 49. average 50. involving
51. novelists 52. maintain 53. than 54. iceberg 55. doubtful

Part IV Reading Comprehension

Section A

56. medical 57. a report card 58. large/big/huge trees 59. training 60. October

Section B

61—65 CFAGD

Section C

66. Leather.

67. They were affected by weather conditions./They depended on the climate or air temperature.

68. (In) Argentina.

69. (In) 1945.

70. Because the Biro brothers gave him permission./The Biro brothers failed to secure a U.S. patent on their invention.

Section D

71. minds 72. memories 73. knowledge and experience 74. speed 75. save time

Part V Translation

Section A

76. 步行是一件引人注目的事。如果你的老板对你说“到我办公室来”，你会觉得他要说正事或有什么指示。相反，如果老板过来对你说“跟我一起走走”，你也许会察觉到，接下来的时刻会有一种亲切感，他会向你吐露心声，甚至会表现出他脆弱的一面。行走本身是空洞的，我们是在行走的过程中将其充实。松鼠在我们的路上穿过，抓住一颗橡子，飞快窜到旁边的树上，这样的事情是不可能预先计划的。你只是偶遇，或许想给这场偶遇赋予某种含义。

Section B

77. However, I think research funds should be available not only to science but to other fields as well.
78. It is true that scientific invention will make our life easier, but the creative works in arts will also make our life richer and fuller.
79. Providing financial support for both arts and science, just like fueling the twin engines of our life, will make it more convenient and interesting.
80. Science can change the world, but arts can enable us to understand ourselves and the relationship between man and the world.
81. In conclusion, because of their respective merits, both science and arts deserve our financial support.

Part VI Error Correction

- The New Year holiday is ^ most common celebration around the world. Every culture has interesting New Year traditions.
- In many ~~other~~ countries, customs focus on good luck for the New Year or saying goodbye from the past. In Peru and many other South American countries, people put up yellow underwear.
- No one knows where the custom comes from. However, yellow has been the colour of good luck for many generations. A second Peruvian tradition is to eat twelve grapes at midnight. The grapes represents the twelve months of the year. Some people say you must eat grapes under the table or without chewing it. If you want to take a trip in the New Year, you must run around the block with a packing suitcase. Other interesting custom is to throw away the old calendar.
- In fact, if you are in Lima on December 31, at noon you will see calendar flying out of the windows!
82. the
83. ~~other~~
84. to
85. on
86. ✓
87. represent
88. them
89. packed
90. Another
91. calendars

Part VII IQ Test

92. SESAME (All the things in the left box can be eaten.)
93. Yes. (She dislikes places that contain the letter O.)
94. The identical butterflies are B and F.
95. yoga
96. E. (The symbols in the lower two circles combine to form the circle above, but similar symbols disappear.)

Part VIII Writing

参考范文略

作文评分标准:

一、评分原则:

1. 本题满分为 Section A 10 分;Section B 20 分,按四个档次给分。
2. 评分时,先根据文章的内容和语言初步确定其所属档次,然后以该档次的要求来衡量,确定或调整本档次,最后给分。
3. Section A 词数少于 100 词或多于 140 词的,Section B 词数少于 140 词或多于 180 词的,从总分中减去 2 分。
4. 如书写较差,以致影响阅卷,将分数降低一档。

二、各档次给分范围和要求

第四档(很好):Section A 9-10 分;Section B 16-20 分

完全符合写作格式的要求,覆盖多个内容要点,表达思想清楚,文字通顺,连贯性很好,基本上无词汇和语法错误。

第三档(好):Section A 6-8 分;Section B 11-15 分

基本符合写作格式的要求,有个别地方表达思想不够清楚,文字基本通顺、连贯,有少量词汇和语法错误。

第二档(一般):Section A 3-5 分;Section B 6-10 分

未恰当完成写作格式的要求,漏掉内容要点,表达思想不清楚,文字多处出现词汇和语法错误,影响了对写作内容的理解。

第一档(差):Section A 1-2 分;Section B 1-5 分

未完成写作格式的要求,明显遗漏主要内容,表达思想紊乱,有较多词汇和语法的重大错误,未能将信息传达给读者。

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白卷;作文与题目毫不相关;内容太少,无法评判;所写内容无法看清。

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听力录音原文

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

In this section, you will hear five short conversations. Each conversation will be read only once. At the end of each conversation, one question will be asked, and you will have fifteen seconds to read the four choices marked A, B, C and D, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

1. W: What sort of hours do you work, Steve?

M: Well, I have to work very long hours, about eleven hours a day.

W: Is this your first job? Was it easy to get this job?

M: Yes. After graduation I wrote to about six hotels and one of them gave me this job, so I didn't have to wait too long.

Question: Where did the man get his first job after graduation?

2. W: Can I ask you a few questions about your newspaper reading habits?

M: Certainly, what would you like to know?

W: Well, first of all, do you read a newspaper every day, or only occasionally?

M: Every day. Actually, I read two papers—The News Daily on the way to work and the Financial Times when I get to work.

W: When you're reading The News Daily, what do you read first?

M: Well, I glance at the headlines on the front page, then turn to the back and read the main sports stories.

Question: On the way to work, which part of the newspaper does the man look at first?

3. W: It was awful—I just didn't know what to do.

M: Didn't you have your mobile with you?

W: Yes, I did, but the battery was flat.

M: So what did you do?

W: I just waited and hoped someone would stop and help me. The thing is I've never changed a wheel before. Eventually, thank goodness, a police car stopped and helped me.

Question: What situation are the speakers talking about?

4. W: How is your new job?

M: The hours are long, but I really enjoy the people I work with.

W: I'm sure things will get easier. You must start there.

Question: How does the man feel about his job?

5. M: There's about half an acre in our backyard. That's plenty of space.

W: Then we can grow our own fresh vegetables. What are you thinking about growing if we do take the place?

M: We can probably grow a lot of our own food. It really isn't big enough for corn. I thought we might try to raise a crop of potatoes.

W: Potatoes? That's a lot of work.

Question: Why does the man want to grow potatoes instead of corn?

Section B

In this section, you will hear two long conversations. Each conversation will be read only once. At the end of each conversation, there will be a one-minute pause. During the pause, read the questions and make your answers on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

Conversation One

Listen to the conversation, and mark each statement as either true (T) or false (F) according to what you hear.

W: Jim, we've really got to sort out our holiday before everything gets booked up. Why don't we go to that hotel in the mountains we went to last year? That was great, wasn't it?

M: Yeah, Shona, but would we enjoy it as much if we went there again? I think we should do something else this year.

W: OK, I suppose you're right. Have you got any idea then?

M: Yes, I have actually. Remember that TV programme we saw about the Arctic Circle? I'd love to go there. We could do a cruise and see all that amazing scenery on the coast.

W: Yes, but I remember they said the weather could be terrible. If it rained all the time we wouldn't see the scenery. And you know I always get seasick on boats.

M: Oh yeah, I forgot. That wouldn't be much fun. Well, what about a beach holiday for a change?

W: Come on! You know we'd be bored if we spent a week lying on the beach.

M: Well, yes of course we would. But we're both good swimmers. Why don't we use the opportunity to try something new like windsurfing or sailing?

W: Yes, or diving! If we learned to dive we could explore underwater and see some fantastic fish.

M: The problem is, we'd have to do a course and a written test. I don't want to spend my holiday studying.

W: OK, well why don't you do windsurfing or sailing and I'll learn to dive. That way we'll both be happy.

M: Brilliant. Now we just need to decide where to go. Let's get some brochures. If we go now the travel agents will still be open.

W: No need. We can just look on the internet. There's more choice, and we can book it straight away.

M: OK, let's have a look.

Conversation Two

Listen to the conversation. Then read the four choices marked A, B, C and D, and decide which is the best answer according to what you hear.

M: Good evening and welcome to Our World. Tonight's guest is the explorer Sally Brendle. Sally, you've been on expeditions to some of the most unspoilt forests on the planet. What is it like?

W: Fantastic. There's nothing better than being the first scientist to see a particular river, for example, or to find a new plant or animal. On my most recent trip, we were looking for a rare crocodile in a rainforest in Asia but we discovered a previously unknown snake. Although it was tiny and completely harmless, it was still very exciting.

M: It sounds it! So, tell us about your early life. How did you become an explorer?

W: Well, I've been interested in nature ever since I was a young child. While my friends were playing games, I used to go fishing or looking for animals in the fields near my home. I wasn't interested in protecting creatures in those days. In fact, I used to catch them to put them in my own little zoo!

M: And what was your first expedition?

W: As soon as I was eighteen, I went to Africa with an organisation called Africa Exchange. They run different projects. Things like helping to build schools or studying how monkeys behave. My job was to count how many lions and elephants there were in a certain area every day. That was a fantastic introduction, and really important for the protection programme.

M: And what did you do after that?

W: While I was at university I met a famous Brazilian explorer. He was planning an expedition to the Amazon rainforest in order to study the plants that people use for medicine. A team member broke her leg so he asked me to go in her place.

M: Can you describe what it's like to be in a rainforest?

W: Well, the thing I always notice is the atmosphere. Although it's not silent, the noises are all nature, which I find very relaxing. Despite the heat and the wildlife, it's quite safe if you're careful. Modern technology means you can't really get lost nowadays.

M: Well, it sounds really interesting.

Section C

In this section, you will hear five short news items. Each item will be read only once. After each item, there will be a fifteen-second pause. During the pause, read the question and the four choices marked A, B, C and D, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

16. At mission control, celebrations of a direct hit followed by first images of a huge dust cloud, evidence of success of the unmanned Deep Impact space probe after it slammed into the massive comet. While scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab look for the crater carved at impact, members of the observation team tell CNN, this comet, called Tempel 1, roughly half the size of Manhattan is not a threat to Earth. Its

orbit is beyond Mars, about 83 million miles away. But we asked the head of NASA's Near Earth Object Program how many comets or asteroids are out there that could potentially threaten Earth.

17. Solidarity across Europe. A Continent joined Britain in mourning the July 7th terror bombing in London, two minutes of silence at midday. But the nervousness across the European capital since the attack is anything but silent. Across the Continent, security has been dramatically beefed up. The French government announced Monday that it will temporarily suspend the EU's open border system. The attacks also prompted Italian officials to make a nationwide sweep against suspected extremists.
18. An update on the afternoon of Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. In the words of one New Orleans deputy police chief on Monday: we've moved from chaos to organized chaos. Now there are signs of progress: repairs to broken levees have greatly reduced the flow of water into the city. Engineers also have punched holes in other levees to let water run out. Several pumping stations are up and running. Boats are still plying the flooded streets looking for stranded people. Police say getting people out of New Orleans is still their main concern, but some are refusing to leave despite the deprivation and growing risk of disease.
19. Meet Snuppy, the world's first cloned dog. Snuppy is a 100-day-old Afghan hound created and owned by South Korean scientist Dr. Hwang Woo-suk. Last year Hwang and his team created the world's first cloned human embryos. This year he cloned embryonic stem cells that genetically matched their patients, so why clone a canine? Stem cell researchers believe this is another step towards finding cell therapies for humans.
20. A police spokesman said most people see robberies as the theft of a physical object. But in the online age, something of far greater values can be stolen, your identity. One top scam used to reel in victims is phishing. Phishing, which spells with ph, is where somebody sends you an email. And somebody is the criminal who claims to be your trusted provider, that bank or credit union you've gone to forever. Maybe it's the Internet site that hosts auctions or payments services and they say that if you log in then you'll avoid some security problem because there's been a problem with your account.

Section D

In this section, you will hear two short passages. The passages will be read only once. After each passage, there will be a one-minute pause. During the pause, write the answers on the answer sheet.

Dictation

Listen to the passage. For questions 21–25, fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases you hear.

The Yale group found that most of the really useful knowledge which successful people have acquired is gained during everyday activities—but typically without conscious awareness. Although successful people's behaviour reflects the fact that they have this knowledge, high achievers are often unable to articulate or define what they know. This partly explains why practical intelligence has been so difficult to identify.

Professors found that the best way to reach practical intelligence is to ask successful people to relate examples of crucial incidents at work where they solve problems demonstrating skills they had learnt while doing their jobs. It would appear that one of the best ways of improving your practical intelligence is to

observe master practitioners at work and, in particular, to focus on the skills they have acquired while doing the job. Oddly enough, this is the basis of traditional apprentice training. Historically, the junior doctor learnt by observing the consultant surgeon at work and the junior lawyer by assisting the senior barrister.

Summary

Listen to the passage. For questions 26–30, complete the notes using no more than three words for each blank.

Are you hosting a Thanksgiving party this year? If so, you may have already started your preparations. Apart from planning the menu and the guest list, you may want to begin shopping for Thanksgiving party decorations. Before heading to a party supply store, remember to make a list of items that you need to buy. Doing this will help you save time and money.

There are literally thousands of party supply stores that cater to Thanksgiving. Here's where you can find Thanksgiving party decorations:

1. Party Supply Stores

A party supply store is probably the best place to visit if you want to look at a wide array of Thanksgiving decorations. Party supply stores carry many different brands and unique designs that are not found in discount or department stores. They also have everything you need to make your own party decoration—from tools to trinkets. While the cost of shopping at a party supply store may be a little bit higher than that in most other retail stores, you are guaranteed to find exactly the kind of items you are looking for.

2. Discount Stores or Dollar Stores

If you are planning a Thanksgiving party on a budget, you may want to consider shopping at a discount store or a dollar store. Discount stores offer a large number of affordable party products that cost around a dollar or two. In dollar stores, all items are priced at one dollar or less. Discount stores and dollar stores are a good option if you don't want to spend much on party decorations.

3. Department Stores

Local department stores retail items that are mid-priced. These products are not as expensive as the ones found at party supply stores, but cost a bit more than those found in dollar and discount stores. Shopping at a department store is convenient because you can buy nearly everything else you need for your party there, such as food, drinks, and snacks.

4. Online Party Supply Shops

If you are planning to buy your Thanksgiving party decorations in bulk, you may want to shop at online party supply stores. Online shops provide a wide variety of party decorations, from the most common items to very unusual ones. Ordering in bulk also saves your time, energy, and shipping costs.

When shopping for Thanksgiving party decorations, comparison shopping is the key. Choose the store that best suits your needs and your budget.

This is the end of the listening part. Please transfer your answers to the answer sheet.