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国家开放大学(中央广播电视大学)2014年春季学期“开放本科”期末考试

高级英语阅读(2) 试题

2014年7月

注 意 事 项

一、将你的学号、姓名及分校(工作站)名称填写在答题纸的规定栏内。考试结束后,把试卷和答题纸放在桌子上。试卷和答题纸均不得带出考场。监考人收完考卷和答题纸后才可离开考场。

二、仔细读懂题目的说明,并按题目要求和答题示例答题。答案一定要写在答题纸的指定位置上,写在试卷上的答案无效。

三、用蓝、黑圆珠笔或钢笔答题,使用铅笔答题无效。

Information for the examinees:

This examination consists of two sections. They are:

Section I : New Words (60 points, 40 minutes)

Section II : Reading Comprehension (40 points, 50 minutes)

The total marks for this examination are 100 points. Time allowed for completing this examination is 90 minutes.

Section I New Words

A Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. (3 points each)

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| 1. _____ egalitarian | A. unknown |
| 2. _____ anonymous | B. make someone feel better |
| 3. _____ drawback | C. writing as an art form |
| 4. _____ international | D. show in the form of a picture |
| 5. _____ reassure | E. animals of the same type |
| 6. _____ calligraphy | F. equal |
| 7. _____ depict | G. garbage |
| 8. _____ species | H. not flexible |
| 9. _____ trash | I. among other countries |
| 10. _____ rigid | J. disadvantage, unfavourable aspect |

B Fill in the blanks with words from the box below. (3 points each)

cognitive colleagues identity intuition involved maturation memory neuroscientist psychologist researchers

Dear Rosemary,

As you know, I've been looking for my identical twin sister for years, and I finally found her! Just as psychologists predict, we have many similarities. As you know, I've been 11 with work on the science of the brain. As a 12 I've studied long-term 13, or how adults remember events from childhood. Well, my sister is a 14 studying the same area, but with children. She wants to find out how memory changes with 15 or how the early memories of children and teenagers differ. We met by accident at a conference on 16 science. There were many 17 there, and one of my 18 from the institute told me she had seen a woman who looked exactly like me. I went to the room where this woman was giving a presentation. I didn't want to bother her, so I hid my 19 by sitting in the back. Her presentation was interesting, and afterward, I went to the front of the room. She looked at me without saying a word—then we just hugged each other. She said that her 20 told her that we'd find each other soon. It's incredible, but I feel like I've known her all my life. She's coming to my house for dinner now; we both love to cook. More later!

Your friend,

Connie

Section II Reading Comprehension

A Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow. (5 points each)

Career Change

A People who are thinking about changing careers are often afraid of what will happen if they quit their job. Will they find another one? Will they like another field as well as the one they are in now? Will they be able to grow and advance in a new organization?

B As these questions come to mind, they should try to figure out the answers so they can reach a decision. Although there is a high rate of unemployment in some countries, there are usually jobs for skilled workers who can use computers or other equipment. Those who have specialized training in these areas can generally find a position without too much effort.

C The question of whether they'll like another field more than their current one is also a crucial one. While it's nice to dream about having another job, the reality may be that they aren't suited for it. For example, if an architect likes to cook but has no idea about how to run a business, it may be risky for him to open a restaurant. He can cook for his friends on weekends and satisfy his dreams of being a chef in that way.

D Another good way for a person to find out if she will be successful in a new field is to try it out as a part-time job. Being an event planner sounds glamorous, but helping friends with parties or weddings might show her that it's also very stressful. However, if she has the creativity and organization necessary for such a position, she can continue to plan events for friends until she builds up a reputation. Then she can leave her current job to look for a job in event planning knowing that she'll be successful in this area.

E Once a person has found his or her specialty and decides on the change, it's necessary to stick with it until the business gets off the ground. This usually takes about five years. If the move has been from one company to another, the person should stay until it is clear he is doing a good job and can advance to a higher position. Following this advice will make the transition smoother and the career change successful.

For each question, choose the best answer based on the reading passage. Write A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

21. According to the reading, people who think about changing careers generally _____.
- A. quit their jobs
 - B. are afraid of quitting their jobs
 - C. find another one right away
 - D. grow and advance in a new organization
22. There is a high rate of unemployment in some countries, but skilled workers _____.
- A. lose their jobs
 - B. try to reach a decision
 - C. use computers
 - D. with training can still get jobs
23. If a person dreams about doing another job, _____.
- A. he is suited for it
 - B. he can run a business
 - C. he still may not be able to do it
 - D. he will be satisfied as a chef
24. Having a part-time job _____.
- A. is a good way to try another career
 - B. sounds glamorous
 - C. is very stressful
 - D. builds up a person's career
25. You should stay in a new career at least five years because _____.
- A. it's your specialty
 - B. you moved from one company to another
 - C. you can do a good job and advance in that time
 - D. the transition will be smoother

B Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow. (3 points each)

Telecommuting

A As cities become more expensive and crowded, workers often have to move farther away from their offices in order to find affordable housing in desirable neighborhoods. Sometimes they have to travel an hour or more to work and back and endure a lot of traffic. One popular alternative to the frustrating morning commute is telecommuting. Telecommuting involves working from home and communicating with an

employer by phone, fax, or computer. Changing technology makes telecommuting increasingly easy and popular. Some telecommuters work at home full-time, while others go into the office one or two days and work at home the rest of the week. It is estimated that between 18 and 23 million people telecommute in the United States, and between 1.6 and 2 million people telecommute in both the U. K. and Germany. And the numbers are growing. Why are so many people telecommuting? What are the advantages, and do they outweigh the disadvantages?

B Telecommuting has many advantages. In addition to saving people from the stressful morning commute, it also allows for more flexibility in the workplace. Telecommuters can plan their own schedules; they can customize their work environments; and they can work from anywhere. Often, people with children like to telecommute because it means building a work schedule around family demands and commitments. Additionally, home-offices can provide good tax benefits for telecommuters. Finally, for those who don't like the office atmosphere, office politics, or those long, never-ending meetings, telecommuting can provide a release. Telecommuting not only provides advantages to the worker, it benefits the environment as well. It contributes to cleaner air (less pollution emitted from cars), decreased traffic, and job growth in rural areas that might not otherwise offer employment options.

C Telecommuting has disadvantages as well. For instance, some workers may telecommute not out of choice but because the employer doesn't wish to provide office space, a work station, or the benefits that on-site employees receive. Another drawback is that not everyone can telecommute. Certain jobs, such as media and publishing, consulting, sales, and telemarketing lend themselves better to telecommuting than others. Some people find it very difficult to work at home. The TV, the refrigerator, the bed, e-mail, and the telephone can be big distractions for telecommuters. On the other hand, some telecommuters can't separate work from home and have a tendency to overwork. Other disadvantages of telecommuting include the difficulty of office relationships. Sometimes if a worker splits his or her time between home and the office, co-workers who don't have the opportunity to work at home might feel resentful. Managers might feel powerless to control employees who aren't on site. Finally, if working from home makes you feel isolated or lonely, then telecommuting is probably not for you.

D Jeff and Nancy found a way to use telecommuting to change their lives. “Not only do we have a better lifestyle, we have a better life,” says Nancy. Three years ago, the couple sold their Manhattan apartment and bought a mobile home. When they are not traveling around the United States, they live in their adobe bungalow in Santa Fe, New Mexico. “When we saw Santa Fe, we fell in love with the place immediately. But before selling our New York apartment, we spent the year making connections and researching our options for work that we could do.” Nancy does work for a publisher, and Jeff works as an independent consultant. Both invested in laptops and say that technology such as wireless Web access and cell phones help them when they’re on the road. Recently, Nancy wrote a cookbook for campers that she has started selling through specialty catalogs and Web sites. “Through telecommuting we are able to make enough money to survive without dipping into our nest egg, and we haven’t given up any of the things we enjoy. Telecommuting is our livelihood.”

E According to statistics, the number of telecommuters in the United States rose by 3 million between 1999 and 2000. Will the numbers continue to rise as quickly? Will telecommuting continue to grow? If technology continues to improve, perhaps everyone will be working in “virtual offices” and the traditional office will disappear. No one knows for sure, but we can be certain that telecommuting is not a fad. It is a practical alternative to the traditional office job, an alternative which is here to stay.

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write “T” for True and “F” for False on the Answer Sheet.

26. People who like working in an office will probably like telecommuting.
27. Telecommuting is possible for people in all professions.
28. Telecommuting has helped Jeff and Nancy change their lifestyle.
29. Telecommuting is more flexible than traditional office work.
30. Telecommuting is a fad that will probably disappear soon.

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2014 年 7 月

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Section I New Words

A Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. (3 points each)

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B Fill in the blanks with words from the box below. (3 points each)

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Section II Reading Comprehension

A Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow. (5 points each)

21. 22. 23. 24. 25.

B Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow. (3 points each)

26. 27. 28. 29. 30.

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高级英语阅读(2) 试题答案及评分标准

(供参考)

2014年7月

Section I New words

A Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. (3 points each)

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| 1. F | 2. A | 3. J | 4. I | 5. B |
| 6. C | 7. D | 8. E | 9. G | 10. H |

B Fill in the blanks with words from the box below. (3 points each)

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| 11. involved | 12. neuroscientist |
| 13. memory | 14. psychologist |
| 15. maturation | 16. cognitive |
| 17. researchers | 18. colleagues |
| 19. identity | 20. intuition |

Section II Reading Comprehension

A For each question, choose the best answer based on the reading passage. (5 points each)

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| 21. B | 22. D | 23. C | 24. A | 25. C |
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B Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write “T” for True and “F” for False on the Answer Sheet. (3 points each)

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| 26. F | 27. F | 28. T | 29. T | 30. F |
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