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国家开放大学2020年春季学期期末统一考试

高级英语阅读(2) 试题

2020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、仔细阅读题目的说明,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. _____ dyeing | A. to sign up to take a class |
| 2. _____ trash | B. get; obtain; learn |
| 3. _____ rigid | C. sickness |
| 4. _____ wagging | D. form of art |
| 5. _____ mortality | E. garbage |
| 6. _____ asthmatic | F. coloring |
| 7. _____ plague | G. having difficulty breathing |
| 8. _____ tattoo | H. moving a tail |
| 9. _____ acquire | I. not flexible |
| 10. _____ enroll | J. death |

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

colleagues	intelligent	Mental	researchers	evidence
involved	traditional	imply	maturation	mature

Parents of teenagers have always known that there is something, well, different about the teen years. Some parents claim that their teenage children belong to a different species. Until recently, neuroscience did not support this belief. The 11 belief was that by the time a child was eight to twelve, the brain was completely 12. However, very recent studies provide 13 that the brain of a teenager differs from that of both children and adults. According to Jay Giedd of the National Institute of 14 Health, “15 does not stop at age ten, but continues into the teen years” and beyond. In fact, Giedd and his 16 found that the corpus callosum “continues growing into your 20s”. Because, it is believed, the corpus callosum is 17 in self-awareness and intelligence, the new studies 18 that teens may not be as fully self-aware or as 19 as they will be later. Other 20, at McLean Hospital in Massachusetts, have found that teenagers are not as able (as adults are) to “read” emotions on people’s faces.

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)

Homeschooling

A One of the trends in education in the United States in recent times has been homeschooling—teaching children at home instead of at school. About 1.5 million children, or 2.5% of the school-age population, are presently taught at home. There are several reasons for this movement: lack of good schools in some neighborhoods, the desire to include religion in coursework, and parental disagreement with classroom practices in public schools.

B As you read in Chapter 1, poorer areas of the United States generally have poorer

schools. Teachers may not be well trained, and equipment may not be as modern as in richer schools. Some parents think that teaching their children at home is better than sending them to an inferior school.

C Other parents, often Christians, want their children to learn about God in school. While there are private schools that teach classes in religion, they tend to be expensive. Parents can save money by buying materials from Christian education companies and teaching their children at home.

D Another group of parents disagree with the way schools are run or the way children are taught. They want a less rigid atmosphere in which their children can choose the subjects they want to learn or study in nontraditional ways. They can provide their children with more flexibility if they homeschool them.

E People often wonder if homeschooled children learn as much as those in traditional schools. Organizations like the National Home Education Research Institute say that they do. Many educational companies put together courses that contain books, DVDs, and online (Internet) lessons and tests. Students who complete these courses are just as capable of entering top universities and graduating with honors as those who attend traditional schools. They are also able to get good jobs and perform well in the workplace.

F Although some educators, critics of homeschooling, may not want to accept this fact, many children taught at home actually do better than many taught at school. They are more interested in studying and more comfortable with their own learning style. Instead of being motivated to compete for the highest grade, they are motivated by love of learning.

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

26. The number of children who are taught at home is 2.5 million.

27. Parents who want their children to have a religious education sometimes buy materials and teach their children at home.

28. Some parents homeschool their children because they disagree with public school practices.

29. Critics of homeschooling think that children are more interested in studying at home.

30. Generally, children who are homeschooled are able to enter good universities.

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Section II Reading Comprehension

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

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

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

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| 11. traditional | 12. mature |
| 13. evidence | 14. Mental |
| 15. maturation | 16. colleagues |
| 17. involved | 18. imply |
| 19. intelligent | 20. researchers |

Section II Reading Comprehension

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

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| 21. B | 22. D | 23. C | 24. A | 25. C |
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B Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow. (3 points each)

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