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I. The following paragraphs are taken from the textbooks, followed by a list of words or expressions marked A to X. Choose the one that best completes each of the sentences and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. One word or expression for each blank only. (12 points, 0.5 point for each)

As I ate she began the first of what we later called "my lesson in living." She said that I must always be 1 of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some 2, unable to go to school, were more 3 and even more intelligent than 4 professors. She encouraged me to

5 carefully to what country people 6 mother wit. When salesmen are doing well, there is

7 upon them to begin doing better, for <u>8</u> they may start doing worse.

When they are doing  $\underline{9}$ , they are doing terribly. When a salesman lands a large order or  $\underline{10}$ 



in an important new account, <u>11</u> elation is brief, for there is danger he might lose that large order or important new account to a salesman <u>12</u> a competing company the next time around. The American dream promised older people that if they <u>13</u> hard enough all their lives, things would <u>14</u> well for them. Today's elderly were brought up to <u>15</u> in pride, self-reliance and independence. Many <u>16</u> tough, determined individuals <u>17</u> manage to survive against adversity. But even the tough ones reach a <u>18</u> where help should be available to them.

Another solitary man was fishing further along the canal, <u>19</u> Arthur knew that they would leave each other <u>20</u> peace, would not even call <u>21</u> greetings. No one bothered <u>22</u>: you were a hunter, a dreamer, your own <u>23</u>, away from it all for a few hours on any day that the

<u>24</u> did not throw down its rain.

A. people	B. fear	C. his	D. worked
E. boss	F educated	G. intolerant	H. brings
I. believe	J. in	K. but	L. weather
M. are	N. point	O. listen	P pressure
Q. out	R. who	S. you	T. turn out
U. from	V. called	W. poorly	X. college

II. In this section, there are fifteen sentences taken from the textbooks with a blank in each, followed by a list of words or expressions marked A to X. Choose the one that best completes each of the sentences and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. One word or expression for each blank only. (15 points, 1 point for each )

- 25. They lived, in bitter disillusionment, to see the establishment they had overthrown replaced by a \_\_\_\_\_ one, just as hard-faced and stuffy.
- 26. Among members of my own party, closed meetings were held to discuss \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping me.
- 27. No doubt somebody would have \_\_\_\_\_\_ if she hadn't been there; she was part of the performance, after all.
- 28. All I cared \_\_\_\_\_ was that she had made tea cookies for me and read to me from her favorite book.
- 29. He sat with his \_\_\_\_\_\_ still pressed over his stomach, hiding his watch, but all through the cell you could hear its blunt tick tock tick.
- 30. Give me a restless \_\_\_\_\_\_ or two in bed and I can solve, to my own satisfaction, all the doubts of humanity.
- 31. I am not able, and I do not want, completely to \_\_\_\_\_ the world-view that I acquired in childhood.
- 32. We're angry about the same things you are \_\_\_\_\_ policy—a little angrier because our lives were the things used to test those policies.
- 33. I frequently feel I'm being taken advantage of merely I'm asked to do the work I'm paid to do.
- 34. Through the wide doors of the sheds she \_\_\_\_\_\_ a glimpse of the black mass of the boat, lying in beside the quay wall, with illumined portholes.



- 35. Persons who do remain at home while \_\_\_\_\_ ill health have serious difficulties in getting social, medical and psychiatric services brought directly to them.
- 36. What women didn't seem to realize that there were things you knew but shouldn't say.
- 37. They execute extraordinarily well, and their proposition to customers is guaranteed low \_\_\_\_\_\_ or hassle-free service, or both.
- 38. Standing in front of the flower-stand woman she knew she \_\_\_\_\_ not have to explain that she wanted to leave them.

39. For some reason he smiled at what he saw, and turned \_\_\_\_\_\_ some yards along the towpath.

A. irregular	B. ways	C. genetics	D. about
E. noticed	F abandon	G. in terms of	H. to walk
I. would	J. humiliating	K. compulsion	L. meditate
M. price	N. new	O. hands	P crunch
Q. caught	R. in vain	S. in	T. hour
U. apology	V. was	W. by means of	X. because

- III. Each of the following sentences is given two choices of words or expressions. Choose the right one to complete the sentence and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (15 points, 1 point for each )
- 40. Mutual cooperation was \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the generals' point of view, because it wasn't helping them to win the war.
- A. understandable B. undesirable
- 41. He was much more restless than last night, and, despite sleeping drugs, much more \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. awake B. wakeful
- 42. The marketplace \_\_\_\_\_\_ the requirements of advertisers.
  - A. cares for B. caters to
- 43. At first I found the \_\_\_\_\_ of being unemployed very difficult to cope with.
- A. stigma B. ugliness
- 44. Using the right hand to shake hands is a(an) \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. invention B. convention
- 45. Let's try and discuss this like two \_\_\_\_\_ human beings.
  - A. rational B. fashionable
- 46. Colleges and universities can no longer take \_\_\_\_\_ the learning that should be occurring on their campuses.
- A. for granted B. for pride
- 47. I won't pay top prices for goods of quality.
- A. high B. inferior
- 48. I took what he said \_\_\_\_\_\_, but afterwards it became clear that he really meant something else.



A. literally	B. freely
49. John was standing in the doorway in his	blue suit.
A. broken	B. shabby
50. About fifteen minutes later, I managed to se	cretly the distressed woman from danger.
A. rescue	B. reserve
51. Finally they realized that they must reduce t	heir country's on imported grain.
A. development	B. dependency
52. Susan looked, her whole body weak	with exhaustion.
A. pitiful	B. hopeful
53. Do you think that marriage between gay cou	iples should be in our country some day?
A. realized	B. legalized
54. If you have no time for Shakespeare, for a	basic look at philosophy, for continuity of the arts, for history—then
you have no business being in college.	
A. beautiful	B. fine
Read the following passage carefully and con	uplete the succeeding four items IV. V. VI and VII.

# Waiting as a Way of Life

- (1) Waiting is a kind of suspended animation, a feeling that one can't do anything because one is waiting for something to happen. Waiting casts one's life into a little hell of time. It is a way of being controlled, of being rendered immobile and helpless. One can read a book or sing (odd looks from the others) or chat with strangers if the wait is long enough to begin forming a bond of shared experience, as at a snowed-in airport. But people tend to do their waiting impassively. When the sound system went dead during the campaign debate in 1976, Jerry Ford and Jimmy Carter stood in mute suspension for 27 minutes, looking lost.
- (2) To enforce a wait, of course, is to exert power. To wait is to be powerless. Consider one minor, almost subliminal form. The telephone rings. One picks up the receiver and hears a secretary say, "Please hold for Mr. Green." One sits for perhaps five seconds, the blood pressure just beginning to cook up toward the red line, when Green comes on the line with a hearty "How are ya?" and business proceeds and the moment passes, Mr. Green having established that he is (subtly) in control, that his time is more precious than his callee's.
- (3) Waiting is a form of imprisonment. One is <u>doing time</u>—but why? One is being punished not for an offense of one's own but often for the inefficiencies of those who impose the wait. Hence the peculiar rage that waits cause, the sense of injustice. Aside from boredom and physical discomfort, the subtler misery of waiting is the knowledge that one's most precious resource, time, a fraction of one's life, is being stolen away, irrecoverably lost.
- (4) Americans have enough miseries of waiting, of course—waits sometimes connected with affluence and leisure. The lines to get a passport in Manhattan last week stretched around the block in Rockefeller Center. Travelers waited four



and five hours just to get into bureaucracy's front door. A *Washington Post* editorial writer reported a few days ago that the passengers on her 747, diverted to Hartford, Connecticut, on the return flight from Rome as a result of bad weather in New York City, were forced to sit on a runway for seven hours because no customs inspectors were on hand to process them.

- (5) The great American waits are often democratic enough, like traffic jams. Some of the great waits have been collective, tribal waiting for the release of the American hostages in Iran, for example. But waiting often makes class <u>distinctions</u>. One of the more depressing things about being poor in America is the endless waiting in welfare or unemployment lines. The waiting rooms of the poor are often in bad conditions, but in fact almost all waiting rooms are spiritless and blank-eyed places where it always feels like 3 in the morning.
- (6) One of the inestimable advantages of wealth is the immunity that it can purchase from serious waiting. The rich do not wait in long lines to buy groceries or airplane tickets. The help sees to it. The limousine takes the privileged right out onto the tarmac, their shoes barely grazing the ground.
- (7) People wait when they have no choice or when they believe that the wait is justified by the reward—a concert ticket, say. Waiting has its social orderings, its rules and assumptions. Otherwise peaceful citizens <u>explode</u> when someone cuts into a line that has been waiting a long time. It is unjust; suffering is not being fairly distributed. Oddly, behavioral scientists have found that the strongest protests tend to come from the immediate victims, the people directly behind the line jumpers. People farther down the line complain less or not at all, even though they have been equally penalized by losing a place.
- (8) Waiting can have a delicious quality ("I can't wait to see her." "I can't wait for the party"), and sometimes the waiting is better than the event awaited. At the other extreme, it can shade into terror: when one waits for a child who is late coming home or—most horribly—has vanished. When anyone has disappeared, in fact, or is missing in action, the ordinary stress of waiting is overlaid with an unbearable anguish of <u>speculation</u>: Alive or dead?
- (9) Waiting can seem an interval of nonbeing, the blank space between events and the outcomes of desires. It makes time maddeningly elastic: it has a way of seeming to compact eternity into a few hours. Yet its brackets ultimately expand to the largest dimensions. One waits for California to drop into the sea or for the Messiah. All life is a waiting, and perhaps in that sense one should not be too eager for the wait to end. The region that lies on the other side of waiting is eternity.
- IV. In this section, there are ten incomplete statements, followed by four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best answer and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (10 points, 1 point for each)
- 55. In the first paragraph, the writer introduces \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. how people wait in different situations
- B. the great anger of people caused by waiting
- C. how miserable people feel while waiting
- D. negative aspects of waiting and some way of coping



- 56. Jerry Ford and Jimmy Carter stood in mute suspension when the sound system went dead because they \_\_\_\_\_
- A. wanted to have a rest B. didn't like each other
- C. chose to wait that way D. didn't know what to say
- 57. The example given in Paragraph 2 shows that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. one can receive an unexpected phone call
- B. sometimes one is forced to wait
- C. Mr. Green is too slow to come to the phone
- D. a caller is always superior to a callee
- 58. From the passage we get to know that waiting makes people angry because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. they don't have so much time
- B. their time is wasted by strangers
- C. it is ridiculous for them to wait D. they feel being punished unfairly
- 59. Which of the following statements is true?
- A. Waits are considered terrible by Americans.
- B. Waiting is sometimes considered pleasant.
- C. People wait for different reasons in America.
- D. Travelers in America are free from waiting.
- 60. It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Americans were greatly concerned about the American hostages in Iran
- B. waiting for the American hostages in Iran to be released was great
- C. the American hostages in Iran were admired by people at home
- D. all Americans were waiting for the American hostages to be released
- 61. We can learn from the passage that
- A. being poor in America means waiting for various things
- B. in order to get what they want Americans have to wait
- C. rich people are free from waiting in long lines to buy things
- D. endless waiting depresses Americans more than anything else
- 62. According to the passage, people waiting in a line \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. fail to protest against line jumpers
- B. all hate the line jumpers very much
- C. consider line jumping an immoral behavior
- D. respond differently to the line jumpers
- 63. It is implied that .
- A. worrying about the result is worse than waiting



- B. waiting for a missing person is the worst thing
- C. many people can't bear the stress of waiting
- D. some people would rather wait than know the result
- 64. The author's tone of the last paragraph is
- A. sincere B. ironic
- C. pessimistic D. optimistic

V. There is one underlined part in each of the following sentences, followed by four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that is closest in meaning to the underlined part and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (10 points, 2 points for each)

#### 65. One is <u>doing time</u>—but why?

- A. passing time carelessly B. spending time in prison
- C. calculating time accurately D. enjoying the time lonely

66. But waiting often makes class distinctions.

- A. differences B. similarities
- C. connections D. conflicts
- 67. The limousine takes the privileged right out into the tarmac, their shoes barely grazing the ground.
- A. touching B. polluting
- C. feeling D. walking

68. Otherwise peaceful citizens explode when someone cuts into a line that has been waiting a long time.

- A. become excited B. turn into a mob
- C. get very angry

69.... the ordinary stress of waiting is overlaid with an unbearable anguish of speculation: Alive or dead?

D. guess

- A. belief B. expectation
- C. doubt

VI. Translate the following sentences into Chinese and write the translation on your Answer Sheet. (10 points, 2 points for each)

70. One is being punished not for an offense of one's own but often for the inefficiencies of those who impose the wait.

D. protest immediately

- 71. Aside from boredom and physical discomfort, the subtler misery of waiting is the knowledge that one's precious resource, time, a fraction of one's life, is being stolen away, irrecoverably lost.
- 72. Americans have enough miseries of waiting, of course-waits sometimes connected with affluence and leisure.
- 73. One of the more depressing things about being poor in America is the endless waiting in welfare or unemployment lines.
- 74. The rich do not wait in long lines to buy groceries or airplane tickets. The help sees to it.

# VII. Answer the following essay question in English within 80-100 words.Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.



# (10 points)

75. What is the author's purpose in writing the article?

VIII. Translate the following sentences into English and write the translation on your Answer Sheet. (18 points, 2 points each for 76-80, 8 points for 81)

76.我们的城市将继续变得更加拥挤喧嚣,景色将变得更加混乱,空气和水变得更脏。

77.当我们从敞开的后门走进去的时候,看到厨房里站着一些人。

78.他们每个人都能说出至少一位上级,感到他对自己怀有敌意,而且存心想毁了自己的前途。

79.她做梦也没想到会和这些熟悉的东西分开,今后可能再也见不到它们了。

80.他站在大门口,尖顶帽推到脑后,头发向前散乱地垂在晒得黝黑的脸上。

81.老年生活既不是本来就痛苦,也不是本来就美满的。它和生命的每个阶段一样,有困难、欢乐、恐惧和无限的潜力。变老的过程以及最后的死亡必须从根本上就被看作是生命周期的自然进程,老年人结束了生命,为年轻人让路。老年的独特之处实际上主要在于变老的事实和死亡的逼近。