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课程代码：0012

本试卷分为两部分,满分 100 分;考试时间 150 分钟。

第一部分为选择题。考生必须在“答题卡”上按要求填涂。

第二部分为非选择题。考生必须将答案写在答题纸上。未按规定答题者不得分。

PART ONE (50 POINTS)

I. Vocabulary and Structure (10 points, 1 point each)

从下列各句四个选项中选出一个最佳答案,并在答题卡上将相应的字母涂黑。

- I don't want to go into the sea. I'd rather lie on the _____.
A. coast B. shore C. bank D. beach
- Jane came _____ because her car has broken down.
A. by feet B. on feet C. with foot D. on foot
- He cleans the offices after all the workers have gone _____.
A. home B. at home C. in home D. to home
- That student _____ his hand every time the teacher asks a question.
A. lets up B. gets up C. puts up D. rises up
- It was important for the president to continue his schedule, regardless _____ the bomb threat.
A. of B. by C. from D. with
- You can't rely _____ him to do the job properly.
A. to B. on C. in D. with
- I'm going to the hairdresser's to _____. Would you like to go with me?
A. cut my hair B. have my hair cut
C. have cut my hair D. cut off my hair
- I'll leave him a note _____ he'll know where we are.
A. for B. that C. so that D. such that

9. Frank couldn't help _____ his wife that he was worried about losing his job.
A. tell B. to tell C. telling D. except tell
10. The reason _____ I'm writing is to ask for your permission to translate your latest novel into Chinese.
A. because B. why C. for D. as

II. Cloze Test (10 points, 1 point each)

下列短文中有十个空白, 每个空白有四个选项。根据上下文要求选出最佳答案, 并在答题卡上将相应的字母涂黑。

Most people agree that fencing (击剑) is a sport in which a person must be at least 30 years old before he learns all he needs to know about the sport. 11 Clark Summer of the University of Detroit has shown that this doesn't always have to be 12.

Clark is a different kind of fencer in a lot of 13. He is American, while most fencers are from European countries. He is black while most fencers in the past have been white. And he is 14 22 years old.

Many people think that Clark is the most promising fencer in this country today. Although he is young, he has been able to 15 the necessary skills. Already he has won a number of fencing contests 16 older fencers. And he is almost certain to become a member of the US Olympic fencing team.

"There is no 17 danger in fencing today," Clark says. "But I will never 18 that fencing was not always a sport. In the old days, people fenced to 19 a quarrel. Each match was a matter of life and death. If that came true in the matches I 20 today, every touch against me would mean that I had been wounded or killed. So I try to play as if I were fencing for my life."

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| 11. A. And | B. But | C. Then | D. So |
| 12. A. clear | B. wrong | C. true | D. clever |
| 13. A. ways | B. titles | C. fields | D. methods |
| 14. A. nearly | B. not | C. only | D. already |
| 15. A. lift | B. rise | C. study | D. master |
| 16. A. against | B. for | C. over | D. with |
| 17. A. large | B. real | C. such | D. little |
| 18. A. agree | B. forget | C. think | D. remember |
| 19. A. make | B. pick | C. start | D. settle |
| 20. A. play | B. go | C. work | D. stay |

III. Reading Comprehension (30 points, 2 points each)

从下列每篇短文的问题后所给的四个选项中选出一个最佳答案，并在答题卡上将相应的字母涂黑。

Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

I heard parents, teachers and educators complaining that teenage children are rebelling (反叛). I wish it were so. At your age you ought to be growing away from your parents. You should be learning to stand on your own feet. But take a good look at the present rebellion. It seems that teenagers feel proud that they disagree with their parents just like others. Instead of striking out bravely on their own, most of them hold one another's hands for encouragement.

They claim they want to dress as they please. But they all wear the same clothes. They set off in new directions in music. But somehow they all end up listening to the same record. Their reason for thinking or acting in a certain way is that the crowd is doing it. They have come out of the control of their parents only to find themselves controlled by popularity.

It has become harder and harder for a teenager to stand up against the popularity wave and to go his or her own way. Industry has created a teenage market. These days every teenager can learn from the advertisements what a teenager should have and be. And many of today's parents have come to award their children for being popular. These add up to a great obstacle for the teenager who wants to find his or her own path.

But the obstacle is worth climbing over. The path is worth following. You may want to listen to classical music instead of going to a party. You may want to collect rocks when everyone else is collecting records. You may have some thoughts that you don't share at once with your classmates. Well, go to it. Find yourself. Be yourself. Popularity will come—with the people who respect you for who you are. That is the only kind of popularity that really counts.

21. In this passage, the writer is speaking to _____.
- A. parents B. teenagers C. teachers D. educators
22. It is hard for teenagers to fight against _____.
- A. popularity B. rebellion C. educators D. parents

23. The writer believes that teenagers should _____.
- A. try to be popular B. find their own way
C. listen to classical music D. share ideas with classmates
24. Judging from the passage, the writer _____.
- A. supports teenagers who wear the same clothes
B. supports parents who complain about teenage rebellion
C. disapproves of teenagers who imitate one another
D. disapproves of teenagers who rebel against their parents
25. The writer's attitude towards the present teenage rebellion is _____.
- A. positive B. critical C. enthusiastic D. unconcerned

Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

Stephen Hawking's 1988 bestseller, *A Brief History of Time*, sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. It has been translated into 40 languages. Last fall, Hawking returned with *The Universe in a Nutshell* aimed at the general public. This book is already going to the top of the bestseller lists. Highly praised by *Time* magazine, *The Universe in a Nutshell* is full of fantastic full-color illustrations. Easier to understand than the previous one, the new book highlights Hawking's famous wit, learning and writing ability.

In *The Universe in a Nutshell*, Hawking deals with a wide range of theoretical topics that fascinate ordinary people, particularly those who do not consider God the creator of the universe. These topics include questions such as: Is the universe borderless? What is the nature of time, light and space? What is the Big Bang theory?

Hawking was diagnosed with ALS (脑瘫) at 21. On his website, he discusses his disability and reflects on a boy he met at the hospital. "I had seen a boy I vaguely knew die of leukemia (白血病), in the bed opposite me. It had not been a pretty sight. Clearly, there were people who were worse off than me. At least my condition didn't make me feel sick. Whenever I feel sorry for myself, I remember that boy."

Asked about his mixing hard science and fun details, Hawking says, "I find a few human touches help the science go down. I don't plan them, they just came into my mind." Hawking occupies the Lucasian chair of applied mathematics and physics at Cambridge University. The second holder of that position was Isaac Newton.

At the end of the new book, Hawking writes, "I see myself as a scientist trying to uncover the basic laws that govern the universe. If I can encourage others to take an interest in those laws, I'm glad, but that has not been my primary aim."

26. Compared with Hawking's first book, *The Universe in a Nutshell* _____.
- A. is difficult to understand B. deals with practical topics
C. is filled with colorful pictures D. illustrates the use of nutshells
27. People who are interested in Hawking's new book are probably _____.
- A. lawyers B. scientists
C. common people D. religious people
28. It can be inferred from the passage that the boy who died of leukemia _____.
- A. is richer than Hawking B. makes Hawking sick
C. is uglier than Hawking D. gives Hawking courage
29. The word "condition" in the third paragraph can be replaced by _____.
- A. illness B. agreement C. weather D. situation
30. The best title for this passage can be _____.
- A. Hawking's Recovery B. Hawking's New Book
C. Hawking's Discovery D. Hawking's Contributions

Passage Three

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

Quite a number of political and religious groups today are putting pressure on government to further censor (审查) and control the media. It is extremely important that we deal with this issue and resolve it. Instead of putting tight controls on media violence, we should take steps to protect the media from unnecessary government interference and censorship.

Violence had been with us long before modern media. For most tribes throughout most of the world, war and violence was always part of life. Most of the earliest human records indicate that violence has been an ever-present part of human life; such works as the Old Testament, the Greek *Iliad*, the Indian *Bhagavad-Gita* and the Nordic *Beowulf* all tell tales of war and violence. However, the peoples of ancient Babylonia, Greece, India, and Scandinavia were not influenced by the media. Therefore, it seems unlikely that controlling the media now would stop human violence.

A comparison of violence in nations around the world also indicates that there is no direct relationship between violence and the media. There were 9,390 gun-related deaths in the US in 1996 while Japan had 15 gun-related deaths in the same year. Yet the level of violence on television in Japan is higher than in the US. Japanese TV often describes violence that would not be allowed on US television, and Japanese movie-goers see the same major Hollywood films that Americans see. The number of murders in the US is small compared with that of Columbia where 23,000 people were murdered in 1999, yet Columbians have much less exposure to media violence than either Americans or Japanese; they have fewer TV stations and watch fewer films. Likewise, Islamic terrorists (恐怖主义者) have murdered numerous people, yet they hate Western media and have very little exposure to violent television and film. Canada borders the US, and Canadians receive the same TV and radio programs that Americans receive, yet gun violence in Canada was nearly one hundred times lower than that in the US in the 1990s. Clearly there is no significant relationship between media violence and real-life violence. Therefore, blaming the media for violence is misguided; we need to look elsewhere for solutions to this problem.

31. The writer mentions the ancient texts in the second paragraph to show that _____.
- A. ancient media could be as violent as modern media
B. ancient societies could be both peaceful and violent
C. violence results more from literary works than from the media
D. violence had existed long before modern media came into being
32. The writer uses Japanese, Columbian, Islamic and Canadian examples to show that violence and the media _____.
- A. affect each other B. are not related
C. are directly related D. exist everywhere
33. It can be inferred from the third paragraph that the safest country is _____.
- A. Japan B. Canada C. the US D. Columbia
34. Those who are the least exposed to media violence are citizens of _____.
- A. Japan B. Canada C. the US D. Columbia
35. In the passage, the writer mainly argues that _____.
- A. real-life violence has much to do with media violence
B. measures should be taken to put a stop to media violence
C. tight government control of the media should be avoided
D. media violence has caused the increase in real-life violence

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PART TWO (50 POINTS)

IV. Word Spelling (10 points, 1 point for two words)

将下列汉语单词译成英语。每个单词的词类、首字母及字母数目均已给出。
请将完整的单词写在答题纸上。

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| 36. 以前的; 前者 <i>adj. n.</i> f_____ | 37. 坚持; 强调 <i>v.</i> i_____ |
| 38. 如今; 现在 <i>adv. n.</i> _____ | 39. 气候 <i>n.</i> c_____ |
| 40. 维生素 <i>n.</i> v_____ | 41. 艺术家 <i>n.</i> a_____ |
| 42. 暂停; 中止 <i>v. n.</i> p_____ | 43. 职责; 义务 <i>n.</i> d_____ |
| 44. 修改, 更改 <i>v.</i> m_____ | 45. 一般地 <i>adv.</i> g_____ |
| 46. 更喜欢; 宁愿 <i>v.</i> p_____ | 47. 粗糙的; 粗略的 <i>adj.</i> r_____ |
| 48. 把手; 操纵, 经营 <i>n. v.</i> h_____ | 49. 社会的; 交际的 <i>adj.</i> s_____ |
| 50. 容忍; 忍受 <i>v.</i> t_____ | 51. 起初的; 独创的 <i>adj.</i> o_____ |
| 52. 意识到的; 知道的 <i>adj.</i> a_____ | 53. 证明……是正当的 <i>v.</i> j_____ |
| 54. 均匀地, 均衡地 <i>adv.</i> e_____ | 55. 使苦恼; 心烦意乱的 <i>v. adj.</i> u_____ |

V. Word Form (10 points, 1 point each)

将括号中的各词变为适当的形式填入空白。答案写在答题纸上。

56. It is _____ (legal) to sell tobacco to children under the age of 16.
57. We need to investigate all _____ (possible) for helping these children.
58. Do you think it _____ (like) that Mary will decline the offer?
59. This was one of the most _____ (fruit) discussions between the two parties.
60. Katherine still considered Bill a child and treated him _____ (according).

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61. Eating plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables will help you stay _____ (health).
62. There seems to have been a _____ (misunderstand). I didn't order all these books.
63. Scientists have discovered a new butterfly which has not yet been _____ (class).
64. The _____ (major) of students find it quite hard to live on the amount of money they get from their parents.
65. The report shows that there have been great _____ (improve) in the team's performance over the last three games.

VI. Translation from Chinese into English (15 points, 3 points each)

将下列各句译成英语并将答案写在答题纸上。

66. 我们建议换一个时间开会。
67. 你不知道真相，我也不知道。
68. 情况比我们想象的要严重得多。
69. 想去听音乐会的人请在这里签名。
70. 看到中国的巨大变化，大家都很吃惊。

VII. Translation from English into Chinese (15 points)

将下列短文译成汉语并将答案写在答题纸上。

Young people often wonder at the large number of employers who do not respond to their job applications. They say that they hear nothing at all or, at best, receive a cold note declaring that the post for which they have applied has been filled. Applicants often believe that positions are reserved for friends and relatives and that advertisements are only put out to avoid public criticism. Many of them are tired of writing around, without realizing that the failure is frequently the result of setting about their application task in the wrong way.