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全国 2009 年 1 月高等教育自学考试

英语写作基础试题

课程代码：00597

I. 重写句子 (30 points, 3 points each)

Revise the following sentences according to the requirement.

Example: The history of English words is the history of our civilization in many ways.(periodic sentence)

In many ways, the history of English words is the history of our civilization.

1. He bought a loaf of bread. He was hungry.(complex sentence)
2. Summer is the most enjoyable season for many people.(periodic sentence)
3. In class kids may play word games. They may also tell jokes in English.(simple sentence)
4. I thought she would scold me. She let me tell her my troubles. (compound sentence)
5. Though cheerful in company he was often sad in private. (loose sentence)
6. The clock struck twelve. He breathed his last. (complex sentence)
7. Most food in a fast food restaurant is not expensive. People are able to buy and eat there often. (compound sentence)
8. Louis is a young and talented lady. She is also enthusiastic. (parallel structure)
9. We will decide what to do next after we have received the results. (periodic sentence)
10. My wife is kind, intelligent, and beautiful. I love her. I enjoy her happy company.(compound - complex sentence)

II. 改写病句(15 points, 3 points each)

Correct the errors in the following sentences.

Example: After seeing an offensive mouthwash ad on television. I resolved never to buy that brand again.

After seeing an offensive mouthwash ad on television, I resolved never to buy that brand again.

11. To join the club, a form should be filled in first.
12. Susan likes to swim in summer and skiing in winter.
13. Rita mentioned the operation she had had in the elevator.
14. Do your homework first, then you may go out to play football.
15. I could not help looking back at him. Tears streaming down my face.

III. 标出主题句(15 points, 5 points each)

16. Choose the best topic sentence from the group below.

- A. Birds eat with their beaks (鸟喙).
- B. Some birds open their beaks and eat food from the air.
- C. Birds have different kinds of beaks because they eat different foods.
- D. Birds have strong beaks to cut holes in trees and dig out food.

Answer _____

17. Read the following paragraph and underline the topic sentence.

Life is really a matter of learning how to live. It seems as though it would take each of us more than one lifetime to achieve the wisdom to know and live according to it. But some people clearly do better than others. Some use well what is our one chance to learn quickly enough how to do ourselves and those around us the most good. The basic problem in life is not to get whatever we happen to want, but to learn to want what we ought to try to get at each stage of life.

18. Read the following paragraph carefully and select the best topic sentence from the four possible answers that follow the paragraph.

In fact, the casual class atmosphere often amazes international students. American teachers encourage students to think for themselves. Instead of grading students only on test scores, teachers evaluate papers, group projects and class participation, as well. Students often have to think creatively to solve problems -not just memorize facts. Students also learn how to do research by using resource materials to find their own answers. In this way, classrooms illustrate the American emphasis on individual responsibility.

- A. American education focuses more on style.
- B. Teaching in America is a challenging career.
- C. Students prefer to do research all on their own.
- D. The American style of education is quite informal.

Topic sentence _____

IV. 重新组合段落(10 points, 2 points each)

Rearrange the following numbered sentences so that they will read logically. Put the numbers in proper sequence in the boxes provided below.

19. Many people consider money a symbol of love.
20. Wives, on the other hand, may waste huge amounts of money because they are angry at their husbands.
21. For example, a man who spends most of his time at work might feel ashamed that he had no time for his family.
22. Spending habits can also reflect a person's feelings of guilt.

23. They spend it on their family and friends to express love, or they buy themselves expensive presents because they need love.
24. Husbands who complain about their wives' spending habits may be afraid that they are losing power in their marriage.
25. He might buy expensive presents for his wife and children to make him feel less guilty.
26. Experts in psychology believe that for many people, money is an important symbol of strength and influence, love, or guilt.

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V. 标出与段落内容无关的句子(10 points)

Read the following paragraph and underline irrelevant sentences.

Laziness is a sin, and everyone knows that. We have probably all had lectures pointing out that laziness is immoral, that it is wasteful, and that lazy people will never achieve anything in life. So be careful when you are tempted to call somebody lazy. But laziness can be more harmful than that. It is often caused by more complicated reasons than simple wish to avoid work. Studies have proved that being “lazy” is good for the overworked students or executives. Some people who appear to be lazy may fail to trust their fellow workers. As a result, they are unable to join in any group task. Laziness can actually be helpful. Some other people spend a lot of time planning great deals or wonderful achievements. They are so busy planning that they are unable to deal with whatever “less” work is on hand.

VI. 写信(20 points)

Suppose you were Wade B. Stanford, working as an accountant in book business for already five years. You now want to have a change, so when told that the company you are writing to is expecting to make some additions to accounting staff, you hope to be considered an applicant for one of these positions. Write a letter of job application. In your letter, make sure to provide some necessary information like your qualifications, working experience and your wish as well.(150-200 words)