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## 全国 2012 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 (20 points, 2 points each)

Revise the following sentences according to the requirements.

**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. She can also speak fluent French in the near future. (periodic sentence)
2. Tom wants to buy a bike, so he is saving up. (sentence with a prepositional phrase)
3. Where can we get enough money for this project? This is our only problem. (sentence with a subject clause)
4. He stepped carelessly off the pavement, so he was knocked down by a bus. (sentence with a verb-ing phrase)
5. The bike looked as if it was a new one after it had been thoroughly cleaned. (sentence with a verb-ed phrase)
6. Gilbert formulated this famous theory. This theory is now widely applied in language teaching. (relative clause)
7. It rained. The match was called off. (compound sentence)
8. He will or will not be able to come. I don't know. (complex sentence)
9. I prefer eating in the school dining hall. The food there is much cheaper. You don't have to waste too much time in the line. (compound-complex sentence)
10. They should clean all the classrooms today. They should also plant all the trees around the campus this Saturday.

(sentence with parallel structure)

II. 改写病句 (15 points, 3 points each)

Correct the errors in the following sentences.

**Example:** Made by his mother, Tony ate up the cake.

Tony ate up the cake made by his mother.

11. By any measurement. Small businesses are an important part of the trend.
12. While this makes management easier. Some managers act in their own interests.
13. Not only has Middle Eastern oil money made its way into American stocks, many Europeans feel they should invest in the American market.
14. To show how new techniques can be used, demonstration farms are set up by the government.
15. The "land grant colleges" play a key role in advancing science, speeding up the use of technology and to educate the public.

III. 标出主题句 (15 points, 5 points each)

16. Choose the best topic sentence from the group below by writing A, B, C or D.

- A. Mental symptoms of stress include anxiety, trouble sleeping and so on.
- B. Symptoms of stress can vary widely from one person to the next.
- C. Some people may have headaches or back pain when they are under stress.
- D. Mental symptoms of stress can be controlled through drug therapy.

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Importantly, the Hindu (印度教) and Buddhist influences from India were not imposed by conquest or foreign domination (管辖). The influence was more apparent than real. Beneath the surface, the Indian religious symbols and rites were freely adapted to express the animist (泛神论) beliefs and ancestor worship of Austronesian (南太平洋岛屿) culture. Outside the nobility, life went on for the general population much as it had for thousands of years. The Sanskrit (梵文) script, for instance, does not appear to have been applied as an aid for commerce. With the notable exception of Bali, the Indian caste system was not imported. The social organization continued to follow the traditional kinship system of Austronesian society.

18. Read the following paragraph carefully and choose the best topic sentence from the four possible answers that follow the paragraph by writing A, B, C or D.

Researchers divided the 1,400 subjects into two groups. The first group did not stretch before their runs. The second group stretched, having received photographs and specific instructions for a series of simple, traditional poses, like leaning over and touching toes. The volunteers followed their assigned regimens (方法) for three months. About 16 percent of the group that did not stretch were hobbled (跛行) badly enough to miss training for at least three days (the researchers'

definition of a running injury), while about 16 percent of the group that did stretch were laid up (生病) for the same amount of time. The percentages, in other words, were virtually identical.

- A. Stretching is important before running.
- B. Running may induce injuries.
- C. Stretching may not help in preventing injuries in running.
- D. Identical poses may cause injuries in running.

Topic sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. 重新组合段落 (10 points, 2 points each)

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

- ① They dressed in animal skins, lived in caves or rude wooden huts, and had their own languages.
- ② The English language we speak today went through three stages — Old English, Middle English and Modern English.
- ③ During the Stone Age, some Indo-European people lived on the islands of Britain.
- ④ The earliest known of these British Indo-Europeans split into two groups called the Scots and the Celts.
- ⑤ But ages before Old English came into being, many other languages had to arise and develop.
- ⑥ Together these three peoples are known as Britons.
- ⑦ There was another group, who were not Indo-Europeans, called Picts.
- ⑧ The oldest of these, as far as we know, was the Indo-European family of languages, which were beginning to be spoken during the Stone Age.

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#### V. 标出与段落内容无关的句子 (10 points, 5 points each)

20. Read the following paragraph and underline the TWO irrelevant sentences.

Since the early 1930s, Swiss banks had prided themselves on their system of banking secrecy and numbered accounts. The aim of the agreement was to prevent the improper use of the country's bank secrecy laws. Over the years, they had successfully withstood (经受) every challenge to this system by their own government who, in turn, had been frequently urged by foreign governments to reveal information about the financial affairs of certain account holders. The result of this policy of secrecy was that a kind of mystique (神秘性) had grown up around Swiss banking. There was a widely-held belief that Switzerland was irresistible to wealthy foreigners, mainly because of its numbered accounts and bankers' reluctance to ask awkward questions of depositors. Also, they agreed not to accept funds resulting from tax evasion (逃税) or from crime. Contributing to the mystique was the view that if this secrecy was ever given up, foreigners would fall over themselves in the rush to withdraw money, and the Swiss banking system would virtually collapse overnight.

## VI. 写信 (30 points)

21. Suppose you were William Jackson, completing your master's degree in marketing in mid-May. You learnt from the website that ABC Company has a vacancy for Development Officer. Write a letter of application. In your letter, make sure you provide some necessary information such as qualifications, educational background, and your present working experience as a sales representative with Victory Furniture Firm. Mention that you are enclosing a resume, and a letter of recommendation, etc. ( 150 - 200 words)



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