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英语（二）

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注意事项：

1. 本试卷分为两部分，第一部分为选择题，第二部分为非选择题。
2. 应考者必须按试题顺序在答题卡（纸）指定位置上作答，答在试卷上无效。
3. 涂写部分必须使用 2B 铅笔，书写部分必须使用黑色字迹签字笔。

第一部分 选择题

一、阅读判断：本大题共 10 小题，每小题 1 分，共 10 分。下面的短文后列出了 10 个句子，请根据短文的内容对每个句子作出判断：如果该句提供的是正确信息，选择 A；如果该句提供的是错误信息，选择 B；如果该句的信息文中没有提及，选择 C。在答题卡相应位置上将答案选项涂黑。

A Tribute to the Dog

The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter whom he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith.

The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute, unselfish friend a man may have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer. He will

lick the sores and wounds that come in the encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.

When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth, an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard him against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes and death takes its master in its embrace and the body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there, by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness faithful and true even to death.

1. The best friend a man has may become his enemy.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
2. His son or daughter whom he has well reared will be grateful.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
3. The money a man has may fly away when he needs it.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
4. A man's reputation may be sacrificed quickly.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
5. The people whom we are nice to will be nice to us too.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
6. When severe winter sets in, the dog won't stand by its owner.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
7. A pet owner must be nice to his pet, hoping that the pet keeps his company forever.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
8. A dog will retreat when it encounters tough difficulties.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
9. When the owner becomes poor and his fame is ruined, the dog's love remains constant just like sunrise and sunset.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
10. When the owner dies in the end, his pet will die too.
A. True B. False C. Not Given

二、阅读选择：本大题共 5 小题，每小题 2 分，共 10 分。阅读下面短文，请从短文后所给各题的 4 个选项（A、B、C、D）中选出 1 个最佳选项，并在答题卡相应位置上将该项涂黑。

Work Is a Blessing

I grew up in Lakeland, LA, one of 12 children. We all lived on my parents' subsistence farm. We grew cotton, sugar cane, corn, hogs, and chickens and had a large garden, but it didn't bring in much cash. So when I was 12, I got a part-time job on a dairy farm down the road, helping to milk cows. We milked 65 cows at 5 in the morning and again at 2 in the afternoon, seven days a week.

In the kitchen one Saturday before daylight, I remember complaining to my father and grandfather about having to go milk those cows. My father said, "Ya know, boy, to work is a blessing."

I looked at those two men who had worked harder than I ever had—my father eking out a living on that farm and my grandfather farming and working as a carpenter during the Depression. I had a feeling I had been told something really important, but it took many years before it sank in.

Going to college was a rare privilege for a kid from Lakeland. My father told me if I picked something to study that I liked doing, I'd always look forward to my work. But he also added, "Even having a job you hate is better than not having a job at all." I wanted to be a farmer, but I joined the ROTC program to help pay for college. And what started out as an obligation to the Army became a way of life that I stayed committed to for 37 years, three months and three days.

In the late 1980s, during a visit to Bangladesh, I saw a woman with a baby on her back, breaking bricks with a hammer. I asked a Bangladesh military escort why they weren't using a machine, which would have been a lot easier. He told me a machine would put that lady out of work. Breaking those bricks meant she could earn enough money to feed herself and her baby that day. And as bad as that woman's job was, it was enough to keep a small family alive. It reminded me of my father's words: To work is a blessing.

Serving in the U.S. Army overseas, I saw a lot of people like that woman in Bangladesh. And I have come to believe that people without jobs are not free. They are victims of crime, the ideology of terrorism, poor health, depression and social unrest. These victims become the illegal immigrants, the slaves of human trafficking, the drug dealers, and the street gang members. I have seen it over and over again on the U.S. border, in Somalia, the Congo, Afghanistan and in New Orleans. People who have jobs can have a home, send their kids to school, develop a sense of pride, contribute to the good of the community, and even help others. When we can work, we are free. We are blessed.

I don't think I will ever quit working. I'm retired from the Army, but I'm still working to help people be prepared for disaster. And I may get to do a little farming someday, too. I'm not going to stop. I believe in my father's words. I believe in the blessing of work.

11. The author got a part-time job on a dairy farm _____.
A. to pay for his school tuition B. to help support his family
C. to get some work experience D. to earn some pocket money
12. According to the author, his father and grandfather _____.
A. had worked harder on the farm than he did
B. had made a living by milking cows on a dairy farm
C. had never complained about life on the farm
D. had never left the farm in their lifetime
13. The author joined the ROTC program _____.
A. to fulfill his dream B. to pursue his career
C. to avoid farm work D. to help pay for college
14. Why didn't people in Bangladesh use a machine to replace the woman?
A. Because they couldn't afford to buy a machine.
B. Because they didn't know how to use a machine.
C. Because the woman needed the work to support her family.
D. Because the work could only be done manually.
15. According to the passage, people who don't have jobs will _____.
A. become drug dealers B. be in difficult situations
C. be in poor health D. have no free time

三、概括段落大意和补全句子：本大题共 10 小题，每小题 1 分，共 10 分。阅读下面短文，请完成短文后的 2 项测试任务：（1）从第 16~20 题后所给的 6 个选项中为第 ①~⑤段每段选择 1 个正确的小标题；（2）从第 21~25 题后所给的 6 个选项中选择 5 个正确选项，分别完成每个句子。在答题卡相应位置将答案选项涂黑。

Five Reasons to Celebrate Mistakes

- ① Mistakes have a way of focusing our attention and putting crucial problems right in our face. Mistakes light a path for us. When we own up to our mistakes, we often know exactly what's not working and what we can do to fix it.
- ② There is one sure way to avoid mistakes and that's to avoid life. The writer who never finishes a book will never have to worry about getting negative reviews. The comedian who never performs in front of an audience is sure to avoid telling jokes that fall flat. When we are

comfortable with making mistakes, we're more likely to take risks and tackle projects. Celebrating mistakes involves wisdom. Effective people don't set goals with the idea of making mistakes. Instead, they aim to reach those goals while accepting the risk of error.

③ Imagine working at a company that has no standards — where mistakes are not distinguished from successes and no one is held accountable for errors. We could turn in the most careless and the crudest pieces of work we'd ever done, and they would get treated the same as our best work. We'd never be able to count on having the supplies we needed because no one would complain when vendors failed to deliver. Projects could go permanently unfinished and no one would say anything. In an atmosphere where there's no difference between failure and success, the word "mistake" would be without meaning. Mistakes can happen only when people are truly committed to making things work.

④ The word "mistake" derives meaning only by comparison to what we desire. Noticing and admitting our mistakes reminds us of what we really want to have, do, and be. Mistakes offer us an opportunity to practice truth telling. With this act come the rewards of honesty and frankness, including self-knowledge and the capacity for change. As we tell the truth about our mistakes, we can benefit by releasing shame and blame. Fixing mistakes and preventing them from happening again are key goals.

⑤ Mistakes are usually more instructive than successes—and often far more interesting. The lessons we learn from making mistakes often stick with us for a lifetime. We can translate those lessons into new values and behaviors that make a profound difference. With all these potential benefits from mistakes, we have plenty of reasons to celebrate them.

Task 1

- 16. Paragraph ①:
- 17. Paragraph ②:
- 18. Paragraph ③:
- 19. Paragraph ④:
- 20. Paragraph ⑤:

- A. Mistakes encourage taking risks
- B. Mistakes practice telling truth
- C. Mistakes make powerful teachers
- D. Mistakes are as important as successes
- E. Mistakes focus our attention
- F. Mistakes make things work

Task 2

- 21. We often know through mistakes what's going wrong and _____.
- 22. If a writer never finishes his book, he will never have to _____.
- 23. Effective people aim to reach their goals while _____.
- 24. People can make mistakes only when they are truly _____.
- 25. We can learn some lessons from making mistakes, which often _____.

- A. stick with us for a lifetime
- B. what we can do to fix it
- C. aware of the consequences
- D. accepting the risk of error
- E. worry about being criticized
- F. committed to making things work

四、填句补文：本大题共 5 小题，每小题 2 分，共 10 分。下面的短文有 5 处空白，短文后有 6 个句子，其中 5 个取自短文，请根据短文内容将其分别放回原有位置，以恢复文章原貌，并在答题卡相应位置上将答案选项涂黑。

Mistakes Are a Must on the Road to Success

When Kamprad was a teenager, he became interested in a pro-Nazi group run by a Swedish fascist activist by the name of Per Engdahl. He not only attended group meetings but also raised funds and recruited members to the group between 1942 and 1945. It is unknown when Kamprad quit the group. (26)_____ This part of Kamprad's past remained hidden until 1994, when Engdahl's personal letters were made public after his death.

"This is part of my life I bitterly regret," said Kamprad. "After a couple of meetings in pure Nazi style, I quit." In a letter he wrote to employees titled "The Greatest Mistake of My Life," Kamprad apologized to IKEA employees of Jewish heritage and asked for their forgiveness. (27)_____ Following its publication, Kamprad said in an interview, "Now I have told all I can. Can one ever get forgiveness for such stupidity?"

(28)_____ "That was the biggest blunder I've made in my entire life, and I regret it deeply," he said "I have said sorry, many times, but it has left an unremovable mark on my conscience that continually haunts me and perhaps it's best this way." Joining the Nazi group would be a mistake that he would be paying for on a personal level for the rest of his life. (29)_____. He was criticized and he was attacked in the media, but sales at IKEA continued to increase. His popularity actually rose following the incident because of the honesty with which he dealt with the after-effect.

Experience has taught Kamprad that not only could the business world be forgiving of his mistakes, but that it was those very mistakes that could end up moving mountains. (30)_____. Working in Älmhult, Gillis Lundgren, a new employee, had been standing beside a car with a colleague, trying to figure out how to get a bulky wooden table into the back of it. Finally, against company policy, Lundgren said, "Oh God, then, let's pull off the legs and put them underneath." It was with that simple statement that IKEA would reorient itself towards the flat design production for which it has become famous today.

第二部分 非选择题

“IKEA is not completely perfect,” said Kamprad. “We are going the right way to becoming it, for sure, but we are not there yet.”

- A. Kamprad had made a crucial mistake in sympathizing with Nazis in his teenage years.
 B. However, he remained friends with Engdahl well into the 1950s.
 C. However, professionally, Kamprad had been left relatively unharmed.
 D. Indeed, the success of IKEA can be traced back to a simple mistake in 1956.
 E. Kamprad was arrested soon after the war was ended.
 F. He also devoted two chapters to the incident in his 1998 book, “The History of IKEA.”

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Make Friends

In the daily drama and comedy of our life, it's nice to have friends. 31 family is extremely important, friends are a different support system of your choosing. As the saying goes, “You can't choose your family, but you can choose your friends.” Choosing them 32 can make your life more exciting and inspiring.

Deciding whom you choose as your friends says as much about you as it does them. You may choose your friends based 33 similar interests. You may choose them because you're both polar 34 of each other and find this interesting and intriguing. Often, friends become “friends” because they naturally gravitate towards each other because of similar 35 and temperaments. Sometimes it's just circumstances 36 bring two individuals together who then become friends.

37 prompts a friendship, developing one is a very rewarding experience. This is especially true when, before you know it, a certain friendship turns into a 38 lifelong close friendship. Again, it's been said that a person normally has only 39 very close friends in their life. Think of whom you deem as truly close friends. These are those select individuals you can confide in and 40 deep thoughts and concerns with, without any reservations.

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| A. while | B. share | C. on |
| D. unique | E. whatever | F. that |
| G. opposites | H. a couple of | I. person |
| J. personalities | K. wise | L. wisely |

六、完形补文：本大题共 10 小题，每小题 1.5 分，共 15 分。下面的短文有 10 处空白，每处空白后的括号内有一个词，请根据短文内容将其正确的形式填入文中，以恢复文章原貌，并将答案写在答题卡相应的位置上。

The Importance of Money in Life

What were you taught about money as you were growing (grow) up? Something like “money doesn't grow on trees”, or “money is the root of all evil”, or maybe “all rich people are greedy”?

Well, how do you expect to become a 41 (succeed) financially if you believe these 42 (thing)? You attract into your life what you are thinking about and what you believe. If you think there is not enough money in this world for everyone you will never have enough money. That is 43 (call) the law of Attraction.

First of all, believing that “money doesn't grow on trees” is an example of what's called lack or scarcity programming. Our parents 44 (teach) us that there was never enough money to go around, and that it was not readily available or abundant. But in truth, the universe is very abundant, and there is lots of money to go around for everyone. Just think what you could do if you have as much money as your heart 45 (desire). What wonderful things you could do with it: travel to the countries you have always 46 (dream) of, buy a house you are even scared to think about, attend meditation classes so you could spiritually grow, donate money to your favorite charity, spend more quality time with your family, and the list 47 (go) on.

The key is to start thinking that you deserve the money and that there is lots of it available for you, and then you can start 48 (attract) it into your life. That's abundance thinking, which is the opposite of lack or scarcity thinking. When you start thinking about the abundance the Law of Attraction will do the rest. You do not need to know how it is going to happen. Just make the first step, first thought. Starting is already 49 (win).

And what about 50 (think) that “money is the root of all evil”? Can you really expect to become a success if you believe that money is the root of all evil? Unless you have a desire to be an evil person, your subconscious will not let you have money if you believe deep down that it is the root of all evil.

七、短文写作：本大题共 1 小题，共 30 分。请根据所提供材料中的要求完成一篇 100 词左右的英文写作任务。将你的答案写在答题卡相应的位置上。

51. Everyone has a lot of dreams. Some people want to be rich, dreaming of becoming millionaires overnight. Others want to be famous, dreaming of suddenly jumping to great fame. What's your dream for the future in your life?