

2021年10月高等教育自学考试全国统一命题考试

英语写作基础

(课程代码 00597)

注意事项:

1. 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。
2. 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。

I. 重写句子 (15 points, 1.5 points each)

Rewrite the following sentences according to the requirement in each bracket.

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 finally chose economics as his major, although he was interested in Chinese. (periodic sentence)
2. In that room of the hotel lived a Russian woman and her son. Her son called himself an artist. (complex sentence)
3. She went to the library. She borrowed some books. She started writing her paper. (parallel structure)
4. We don't have to put off our trip plan to the seaside. The weather is fine. (complex sentence)
5. The practice of free-writing eliminates some obstacles. The practice of free-writing allows a writer to generate creativity. (simple sentence)
6. We've invited the boss. She may not come. (compound sentence)
7. I graduated from university. I started to work in my hometown last year. (complex sentence)
8. The coach was so excited. The fans jumped for joy. We won the volleyball game. (compound-complex sentence)
9. Our debating team has trained hard for this contest. We have a good chance of winning. (compound sentence)
10. The challenge comes unexpectedly. Some people feel anxious. Others face it calmly. (compound-complex sentence)

II. 修改句子 (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.

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11. Scientists were convinced by the evidence, the local authorities, however, were slow to act.
12. Not having read the course materials carefully, their exam failed.
13. The old couple has three children, and who are working abroad.
14. Health is a most significant factor than any other in a person's life.
15. For the family dinner, Gloria made a traditional Columbian dish passing down from her grandma.

III. 辨认主题句 (15 points, 5 points each)

16. Choose the best topic sentence from the four options below. Write the corresponding letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

- A. England claims a special place in the hearts and minds of many English speakers.
- B. England is a place of wonder for its great age and the sheer weight of its history.
- C. England is a land of ancient cities, royal palaces, massive cathedrals, and legendary sites.
- D. England shares many cultural ties and hundreds of place names with the US and Canada.

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

J. Sterling Morton was considered the founder of Arbor Day for his contribution. During the years between 1867-1882, Morton dropped out of politics in order to spend more time promoting agriculture in Nebraska. He supported better farming methods, conservation programs, and tree planting. In 1872, the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture adopted Morton's resolution to create Arbor Day, a day set aside to plant trees. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. Today, all 50 states celebrate this holiday, although the dates may vary to match each local climate's best time to plant trees.

18. Read the following paragraph and choose the best topic sentence from the four options that follow. Write the corresponding letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

A recent study shows that over 5 million children in the United States suffer from asthma (哮喘). More than 3,500 kids in California took part in the study. About half of those kids lived in areas that had lots of air pollution. The other half lived in areas that had clean air. After studying the kids for five years, doctors found that about 260 of them developed asthma. Most of the kids who developed asthma lived in towns that were heavily polluted. Doctors say that breathing too much polluted air caused the asthma cases. Despite this, it is still recommended that children should play outside but only on days when air pollution isn't serious.

- A. Doctors warn that children with asthma should not play outside.
- B. People should be aware of their roles in preventing air pollution.
- C. Air pollution is posing great danger to the children living in California.
- D. Kids living in areas with air pollution are more likely to develop asthma.

IV. 重新组合段落 (5 points, 1 point each)

19. Rearrange the following sentences so that they read logically. Put the corresponding letters in a proper sequence in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The positions of some sentences have been given.

- A. Most readers go through a story for the first time getting the clues, figuring out what is happening to whom and so on.
- B. "I didn't see that when I was reading the story" is a frequently heard comment.
- C. This basic definition is simple enough, but the use of symbol in literature makes some students slightly nervous because they tend to regard it as a trap or a hidden device.
- D. Patterns and significant details often require a second or third reading before they become evident—before a symbol sheds light on a story.
- E. All in all, what is needed is a careful consideration of the elements of the story, a high sensitivity to its language, and some common sense.
- F. This sort of surprise and recognition is both natural and common.
- G. A symbol is a person, object, or event that suggests more than its literal meaning.
- H. Then the details of a work may suddenly fit together and its meaning may be clarified or enlarged by the symbol.

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V. 划掉与段落内容无关的句子 (10 points, 5 points each)

20. Read the following paragraph and cross out TWO irrelevant sentences.

Whether it's studying for exams or working on a project, we've all been under immense stress at some point. When it gets a bit overwhelming, we can reach a level of exhaustion that is unprecedented—the dreadful burnout. What can we do to avoid the evils of burnout? There are two tips that may help you. Psychologist Albert Bandura's theory can be beneficial. His idea is that you should believe in your ability to complete a task at hand. Burnout isn't just caused by working long hours. A feeling that you are capable of succeeding means that a difficult task might be less exhausting. Finding ways to express your creative side may also help. Not everyone has creative aspects to their jobs, and, therefore, they need to find other outlets. Being negative can be incredibly draining. They could paint, write or take part in local theatre. All these things may help to detach them from the overwhelming stress that may exist in their working life.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter of invitation according to the following situation: You are President of the Student Union of your school and plan to invite Professor Smith to your annual Food Culture Festival. Write him a letter and introduce the arrangements and the purpose of the event. Please sign your name as Li Fei. (150-200 words)