

2020年8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. Westminster Abbey has its unique charm and aesthetic value as a typical example of Gothic architecture. (periodic sentence)
2. Over-tourism disfigures the landscape. Over-tourism pollutes the environment. Over-tourism disrupts residents' lives. (parallel structure)
3. You are not allowed to drive. You have a driver's license. (complex sentence)
4. Taylor has a photographic memory. Taylor can recite long texts without missing a single word. (simple sentence)
5. Hangzhou is becoming a cashless city. In this city, people rely heavily on digital payment. (complex sentence)
6. Compulsory education for children is a basic policy here. It must be respected and followed. (compound sentence)
7. I couldn't hear what the professor was saying. Some students around me were having small talk. (complex sentence)
8. The local government has been working very hard on the poverty reduction program. The local government has made remarkable achievements. (simple sentence)
9. The lecture on the history of UFOs was expected to be interesting. It turned out to be rather dull. (compound sentence)
10. Andy watched the World Cup on his phone. I couldn't do it on mine. My phone battery was running low. (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. Some American pensioners prefer living in Florida. Because of its favorable climate.
12. Life is like riding a bicycle you have to keep moving to maintain your balance.
13. If you surf the web, play video games or watching interesting films on WeChat at night, you may have a hard time falling asleep.
14. Here are some helpful suggestions for protecting your belongings from the hotel security staff.
15. Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, one of the greatest speeches in American history was delivered by Martin Luther King.

### 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. The good English required by the examining board is a style of written English suitable for a formal occasion.
  - B. Accurate spelling is also required, that is, correspondence to the conventional standard spellings found in dictionaries.
  - C. In choosing words and phrases, you have to avoid very informal ones more commonly used in conversations and informal settings.
  - D. We take it for granted that clear handwriting is necessary, without which communication between writer and examiner would be difficult.
17. Read the following paragraph and underline the topic sentence.

Since 1975, the number of working mothers has risen by 1.2 million. Yet, 40 years later, women are struggling with work-life balance more than ever. There are many reasons for the increased struggle to keep all the balls in the air. One big reason is a greater responsibility for young female professionals moving into leadership roles. Some reasons are economic in nature. Slow wage increases and rising living costs often leave workers with no choice but to put in extra hours, sacrificing on the home front. In addition, there is often a conflict between women employees' need for flexible time and employers' unwillingness to give it. Some of the negative consequences for having a flexible schedule include being given a less significant position or even losing a job.

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.

While some adults decide to give up smoking, many teenagers begin to smoke cigarettes. They think smoking can help them to be more manly or fresh-minded. However, smoking is harmful to the smokers themselves. If you smoke, the cigarette can make your heart beat faster, shoot your blood pressure up, replace oxygen in your blood with carbon monoxide (一氧化碳) and leave cancer-causing substances in your body. According to a recent WHO report, 95% of those who suffer from lung cancer are smokers. As for heart disease, the risk of death is 2 to 3 times as great in smokers as in non-smokers. Smoking also brings great harm to the non-smokers in public places. If someone smokes in the waiting room of a railway station, twenty or even more people around him will be affected by the harmful substances carried in the smoke. We should completely ban smoking in public places.

- A. Smoking should be discouraged as it is harmful to all.
- B. Smokers tend to suffer from heart disease in the long run.
- C. Teenage smokers look cool and smart in their peers' eyes.
- D. Smoking does more harm to smokers than to non-smokers.

**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. To sum up, social practice can offer students practical skills necessary to their future job prospects.
- B. These interpersonal skills will be of great value to them when they seek for a job at graduation and try to fit into society after graduation.
- C. College life is more than the days spent on campus activities like learning and extra-curricular activities.
- D. For example, they will become better at communicating and cooperating with others when they work in a team at some project.
- E. It should also include the days when students step into society to have social practice, which provides students with practical skills and further their academic studies in return.
- F. It can also let students form an objective judgment about their academic studies and improve their performance.

G. Besides, students will have a clearer idea about what is required of them. Working in the workplace, they will figure out what academic qualifications are needed for a particular job.

H. To begin with, social practice will offer students practical skills that cannot be learnt from the books.

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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.

Black holes can be small or big. Scientists think the smallest black holes are as small as just one atom. When a black hole and a star are close together, high-energy light is made. These black holes are very tiny but have the mass of a large mountain. Another kind of black hole is called "stellar." (星系) Its mass can be up to 20 times more than the mass of the sun. The largest black holes are called "supermassive," which have masses that are more than 1 million suns together. Black holes formed when the universe began. Scientists have found proof that every large galaxy contains a supermassive black hole at its center. The supermassive black hole at the center of the Galaxy is called Sagittarius A. It has a mass equal to about 4 million suns and would fit inside a very large ball that could hold a few million Earths.

**VI. 写信 (40 points)**

21. Write a thank-you letter according to the following situation: Recently, you won the Second Prize in the National English Speech Contest. Please write a letter to Mr. Johnson, your tutor, to express your gratitude. Please sign your name as Li Fei. (150-200 words)