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全国 2013 年 10 月高等教育自学考试

英语写作基础试题

课程代码: 00597

请考生按规定用笔将所有试题的答案写在答题纸上。

注意事项:

1. 答题前, 考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。
2. 用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔将答案写在答题纸上, 不能答在试题卷上。

I. 重写句子(15 points, 1.5 points each)

Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the requirement in brackets.

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. Queues will likely be long this summer at the airport. Families head abroad for their summer holidays. (complex sentence)
2. Although the rain clouds are gathering in the distance, they still insist on meeting in the park. (simple sentence)
3. No farmer would dare invest in anything new without being certain that the government officials stand behind it. (periodic sentence)
4. The loan model offers some unbelievably cheap loans and allows a short payback period. (compound sentence)
5. Because the hotel receptionist beat the thief severely, both the receptionist and the thief were arrested. (simple sentence)

6. Tighter restrictions on animal transports have forced farmers to consider transporting their herds by cargo plane instead of lorry as a way to comply with animal welfare requirements. (complex sentence)
7. The Great Wall is the world's longest human-made structure, stretching over approximately 6,400 km from Shanhaiguan in the east to Jiayuguan in the west, along an arc roughly drawing the southern edge of Inner Mongolia. (compound-complex sentence)
8. By the Spring and Autumn Period, which began around the 8th century BC, the Chinese had learned the techniques of wall-building. (loose sentence)
9. Susan knows business management very well. She has got many years' work experience in business administration. (compound sentence)
10. Oprah Winfrey's own story is an inspiration. She overcame almost every obstacle that a person might face. (compound-complex sentence)

II. 修改病句 (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.

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11. A new blouse in a fashionable color can update an old outfit; in contrast, adding dramatic jewelry or an attractive scarf can make an old outfit seem new.
12. Judging by Meg's party, her parents are irresponsible. First of all, there is no adult supervision, for example, wine and beer are served.
13. He said that they should make full use of the water power of the river. And that a small reservoir should be built.
14. My hometown is closer to Beijing than Shijiazhuang.
15. After correcting all the mistakes, the second draft of the paper was much better than the first.

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. Some political parties have adopted animals to represent them.
- B. Cars are given animal names to make consumers associate them with speed and grace.
- C. Many professional sports teams, such as the Tigers and Rams, have chosen animal names to suggest power.
- D. Many people in the world hold animals in such high regard that they use animals' names for their organizations and products.
17. Read the following paragraph and write the topic sentence on the Answer Sheet.

We are on our way to becoming a cashless, checkless society, a trend that began with the credit card. Now some banks are offering "debit cards" instead of credit cards. The costs of purchases made with these cards are deducted from the holder's

bank account instead of being added to a monthly bill. And checking accounts, which are mainly used for paying bills, are going electronic. Now some people can make computer transactions over their pushbutton phones to pay bills by transferring money from their account to the account of whomever they owe. Soon we may be able to conduct most of our business without signing a check or actually seeing the money we earn and spend.

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.

Cutting down on your responsibilities is one way to minimize stress in your life. You can also relax yourself by breathing deeply, rather than taking light, shallow breaths. Peaceful music is also soothing if you focus your attention on it and consciously disregard distracting thoughts. Another good way to release tension is to exercise regularly, which, rather than tiring you out, builds energy and endurance.

- A. Stress has several harmful effects, so you must minimize them.
- B. There are several ways you can reduce stress in your life.
- C. Cutting down on responsibilities lessens stress.
- D. You can relax by breathing deeply.

IV. 重新组合段落 (5 points, 1 point each)

19. Rearrange the following sentences so that they read logically. Write the corresponding letters in a proper sequence on the Answer Sheet. The positions of some sentences have been given.

- A. After several conversations with salespeople, she then buys what she came into the store for in the first place, but all the while, my father has been reading a mystery in the car.
- B. My father has grown to hate stores of all kinds.
- C. My mother, on the other hand, has a somewhat more complicated approach.
- D. As she does so, she draws up two mental lists—one of items that she can afford and the other of items she cannot.
- E. His view is that one should go into a store, buy what one came for, and leave.
- F. While she believes that one should enjoy oneself as much as possible while shopping, my father feels enjoyment and shopping are two different things.
- G. She prefers to look carefully over every single item in the store.
- H. The reason is quite simple: my mother loves them.

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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 write the TWO irrelevant sentences on the Answer Sheet.

Studies reveal that people's first names can have influence on them. Clearly, Chinese names are quite different. Some names reflect on people in a positive way. For example, one survey showed that American men consider the name *Susan* to be sexy. And participants in a British study thought *Tony* to be the name of someone very friendly. However, other names can have a

negative impact. In one study, for instance, teachers gave lower grades to essays supposedly written by boys named Hubert and Elmer than to the very same essays when they were credited to boys with more popular names. Another study found that girls with unpopular names did worse on IQ and achievement tests than girls with more appealing names. So IQ and achievement tests are important and necessary in studying names.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Suppose you (Wang Lin) have finished your study, during which Professor Li helped you a lot both in your study and in your life. Write a letter to thank him. Tell him with examples that you have learned a lot from him in terms of knowledge and positive attitude towards difficulties. And also tell him that with what you have learned from him, you have got a good job in a company or you have started your own business. (150-200 words)



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