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Part I Structure and Vocabulary

Section A

Directions: *Beneath each of the following sentences, there are four choices marked A, B, C, and D. Choose the best that completes the sentence. Write your answer on the ANSWER SHEET. (5 points)*

1. The food in my country is very different from _____ .
A. the United States
B. that of the United States.
C. those of the United States.
D. in the United States.
2. How fine it would be if a time should come _____ we could know the cause of cancer.
A. as
B. while
C. when
D. before
3. _____ that teacher was not in, he went back.
A. To find
B. Find
C. To have found
D. Finding
4. This article deals with the natural phenomenon which _____ most interesting to everyone.
A. are
B. is
C. they are
D. it is
5. He knows little of mathematics, _____ of chemistry.
A. as well as
B. and still more

22. The children had been _____ of the danger, but had taken no notice.
A. warned
B. explained
C. prevented
D. shown
23. Two of the children have to sleep in one bed, but the other three have _____ ones.
A. singular
B. separate
C. different
D. lonely
24. He gave me some very _____ advice on buying a house.
A. precious
B. wealthy
C. dear
D. valuable
25. The reporter refused to name the _____ of his information.
A. basis
B. origin
C. root
D. source
26. Being naturally _____ animals, cats often find their way into dangerous places.
A. curious
B. tame
C. trained
D. domestic
27. It was a _____ crossing and most of the passengers were seasick.
A. rough
B. smooth
C. traffic
D. level
28. You can avoid danger by _____ these simple rules.
A. distinguishing
B. conforming
C. observing
D. sticking
29. Civil servants are supposed to be politically _____, serving governments of any political party with equal loyalty.
A. devoted
B. neutral
C. reliable
D. objective
30. His swollen tonsils _____ the doctor's view of his throat.
A. assisted
B. blocked
C. altered
D. broadened
31. I read the letter over and over and soon _____ it to memory.
A. trusted
B. carried
C. committed
D. brought
32. Films are sometimes banned on the _____ that they offend common decency.
A. grounds
B. belief
C. consideration
D. view

___44___ of other people's life and your ___45___, too.

Now some people seem ___46___ in making money and in buying recorders, color TVs, washing machines, and so on. They think this is modernization, and this is happiness. But have they realized that ___47___ a spirit of creation and a sense of accomplishment, even if they have had all these material comforts, they would be just as unhappy and dissatisfied as some of the people in the ___48___ countries? The happiest people are those who have done most for the modernization of our country and not ___49___ who enjoy most what the modernization has ___50___ to them.

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| 41. A. send | B. gain |
| C. win | D. receive |
| 42. A. happy | B. happily |
| C. unhappy | D. happiness |
| 43. A. which | B. why |
| C. that | D. where |
| 44. A. improvement | B. improving |
| C. improved | D. improve |
| 45. A. happiness | B. family |
| C. life | D. income |
| 46. A. interest | B. to be interested |
| C. to interest | D. interesting |
| 47. A. without | B. with |
| C. have | D. within |
| 48. A. developing | B. develop |
| C. developed | D. being developed |
| 49. A. that | B. whom |
| C. those | D. which |
| 50. A. taken | B. brought |
| C. got | D. had |

Part III Reading Comprehension

Directions: There are 4 passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice and

write your answer on the ANSWER SHEET. (40 points)

Passage. One

The cost of health care in the United States has increased tenfold during the last twenty-five years, tripled during the last ten years, and doubled during the last five years. In 1980, one night in an average American hospital cost \$75. By 1990, the same hospital was charging \$200. Intensive care cost more than \$300. Today hospital charges for surgery and postoperative care can easily reach \$10,000, including \$3,000 for the surgeon and \$700 for the anesthesiologist. (麻醉师)

One reason that the cost is so high can be traced to advances in medical technology that include expensive equipment and highly-trained, highly-paid personnel to run it. As an example, the CAT, a computerized scanner used for diagnostic purposes, now costs \$6000,000.

The problem is all the more serious because, unlike many other countries, the U.S. does not have a national health insurance plan.

51. According to the passage, new medical technology _____.
- A. has no effect on the high cost of health care
 - B. contributes to the high cost of health care
 - C. may solve some of the problems related to the high cost of health care
 - D. requires less highly-paid professionals
52. In 1990, one night in a regular hospital room cost _____.
- A.\$75 B. \$200 C.\$300 D.\$700
- 53 Over the last ten years, the cost of health care in the U.S. has increased _____.
- A. twenty-five times
 - B. ten times
 - C. three times
 - D. two times
- 54 The CAT is used as an example of _____.
- A. intensive care
 - B. health insurance
 - C. medical equipment
 - D. hospital personnel
55. According to the author of the passage, how is the U.S. different from other countries?

- A. There are more hospitals in the United States .
- B. The United States has better doctors.
- C. The United States does not have a national insurance plan for health care.
- D. The United States does not have computerized scanners for diagnostic purposes.

Passage Two

Unlike any earlier building complex anywhere in the world, Rockefeller Center in New York City was built, not as a place where people could live, but as a city in which they could work. It was the biggest building project of its kind, a city within a city, and the forerunner of the projects that have sprung up all over the world. Thirty architects, 120 draftsmen, and hundreds of other artists and technicians were employed just to draft the plans. Before the building could be erected, 229 buildings had to be emptied of 4,000 tenants and razed. Just to buy up the leases took over two years and cost over \$6,000,000. The usual shape and setbacks of the seventy-story RCA building resulted primarily from practical considerations such as lighting, the movement of people, and the building's services. The lower concourse and basement level were set aside for shops. A sunken plaza, complete with gardens and fountains, was designed to provide access to these shops. Today the plaza, which is used for ice-skating in winter and dining and dancing in summer, is one of the center's most popular attractions.

56. What is the main idea of the passage?
- A. The importance of a pleasant work environment
 - B. The purpose of the RCA building setbacks
 - C. The recreational facilities at Rockefeller Center
 - D. The architectural significance of Rockefeller Center
57. According to the passage, Rockefeller Center was originally planned to serve as _____
- A. a commercial complex
 - B. a recreational center
 - C. a tourist attraction
 - D. a workshop

58. Which of the following is true of Rockefeller Center?
- A. It was patterned after an ancient design.
 - B. It has been imitated numerous times.
 - C. All shopkeepers were required to take two-year leases.
 - D. Four thousand tenants are located in the complex.
59. According to the passage, what does the shape of the RCA building reflect?
- A. Architectural creativity
 - B. City regulations
 - C. Practical considerations
 - D. Luxury
60. The sunken plaza at Rockefeller Center was originally designed as _____
- A. an entrance to shops
 - B. an ice-skating ground
 - C. an outdoor restaurant
 - D. a dance hall

Passage Three

Does a bee know what is going on in its mind when it navigates its way to distant food sources and back to the hive, using polarized sunlight and the tiny magnet it carries as a navigational aid? Or is the bee just a machine, unable to do its mathematics and dance its language in any other way? To use Donald Griffin's term, does a bee have "awareness"; or to use a phrase I like better, can a bee think and imagine?

There is an experiment for this or at least an observation, made long ago by Karl von Frisch and more recently confirmed by James Gould at Princeton. Biologists who wish to study such things as bee navigation, language, and behavior in general have to train their bees to fly from the hive to one or another special place. To do this, they begin by placing a source of sugar very close to the hive so that the bees (considered by their trainers to be very dumb beasts) can learn what the game is about. Then, at regular intervals, the dish or whatever is moved progressively farther and farther from the hive, in increments of about 25 percent at each move. Eventually, the target is being moved 100 feet or more at a jump, very far from the hive. Sooner or later, while this process is going on, the biologists shifting the dish of sugar will find the bees are out there waiting for them, precisely where the next position had been

planned. This is an uncomfortable observation to make.

61. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?
- A. The Beehive; Nature; Candy Shop
 - B. Testing the Awareness of Bees
 - C. Navigational Techniques of Birds and Insects
 - D. Behaviorists Versus Biologist: A Zoological Debate
62. In the second paragraph, Karl von Frisch is mentioned to _____.
- A. introduce his observation on bee behavior
 - B. contrast his theories with those of James Gould
 - C. give credit to his description of the beehive
 - D. support the argument that bees use sunlight to navigate
63. According to the author, sugar was used in the study to _____.
- A. keep the bees nourished and healthy during the experiment
 - B. train the bees to travel to a particular place
 - C. reward the bees for performing the experiment correctly
 - D. ensure that the bees did not sting the scientists
64. The result of the experiment explained in the passage seems to indicate that _____.
- A. research using bees is too dangerous to be conducted successfully
 - B. bees are unable to navigate beyond 100 feet of their hive
 - C. scientists can teach bees to speak to people
 - D. bees are able to perform in fitted reasoning tasks.
65. Which of the following best describes the format of the passage?
- A. A response to a criticism
 - B. A comparison of two complete theories
 - C. A question followed by a possible answer
 - D. A position supported by science debate

Passage Four

Trees should only be pruned when there is a good and clear reason for doing so and , fortunately , the number of such reasons is small . Pruning involves the cutting away of overgrown and unwanted branches , and the inexperienced gardener can be encouraged by the thought that more damage results from doing it unnecessarily than from leaving the tree to grow in its own way .

First , pruning may be done to made sure that trees have a desired shape or size . The object may be to get a tree of the right height , and at the same time

to help the growth of small side branches which will thicken its appearance or give it a special shape . Secondly , pruning may be done to make the tree healthier . You may cut out diseased or dead wood , or branches that are rubbing against each other and thus causing wounds . The health of a tree may be encouraged by removing branches that are blocking up the center and so preventing the free movement of air.

One result of pruning is that an open wound is left on the tree and this provides an easy entry for disease , but it is a wound that will heal . Often there is a race between the healing and the disease as to whether the tree will live or die , so that there is a period when the tree is at risk. It should be the aim of every gardener to reduce that risk of death as far as possible . It is essential to make the area which has been pruned smooth and clean , for healing will be slowed down by roughness . You should allow the cut surface to dry for a few hours and then paint it with one of the substances available from garden shops produced especially for this purpose . Pruning is usually done in winter , for then you can see the shape of the tree clearly without interference from the leaves and it is , too , very unlikely that the cuts you make will bleed .If this does happen , it is , of course , impossible to paint them properly .

66. Inexperienced gardeners may leave the trees to grow in its own way because _____ .
- A. they don't know how to prune trees
 - B. they are afraid of damaging trees
 - C. their trees have a good shape
 - D. their trees usually grow in a healthy way
67. Trees become unhealthy if the gardener _____ .
- A. allows too many branches to grow in the middle
 - B. does not protect them from the wind
 - C. forces them to grow too quickly
 - D. damages some of the small side branches
68. A special substance is painted on the tree _____ .
- A. to make a wound smooth
 - B. to prevent disease entering a wound
 - C. to cover a rough surface
 - D. to help a wound to dry
69. A good gardener prunes a tree _____ .
- A. at intervals throughout the year

- B. as quickly as possible
 - C. occasionally when necessary
 - D. regularly every winter
- 70 What was the author's purpose when writing this passage ?
- A. To give practical instructions for pruning a tree
 - B. To give a general description of pruning
 - C. To explain how trees develop diseases
 - D. To discuss different methods of pruning

Part IV Translation

Direction: *Translate the following paragraph into Chinese Write your Chinese version on the ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)*

In the last decades, advances in medical technology have made it possible for people to live longer than in the past. Yet when it comes to the desirability of extending the life of the terminally ill, some people, including some doctors, say that the quality of life is as important as life itself, and that people should not be forced to go on living when the conditions of life become unbearable. They argue that people should be allowed to die with dignity and decide when they want to die. However those who are in favor of life-extending measures argue that life under any circumstances is better than death and that the duty of doctors is always to extend life as long as possible. There is probably some truth on both sides, but recently the public clamor for the legalization of voluntary euthanasia (安乐死) seems increasingly strong.

Part V Writing

Direction: *Write an essay of approximately 150 words according to the topic given below .Please write your composition on the ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)*

Topic

Do you think it a good idea to have graduate students participate in more physical activities in the army, factories or the countryside instead of concentrating on their textbook alone ? Give reasons to support your answer.