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高级英语试题

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选择题部分

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. 每小题选出答案后,用 2B 铅笔把答题纸上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动,用橡皮擦干净后,再选涂其他答案标号。不能答在试题卷上。

I. Each of the following sentences is given four choices of words or expressions. Choose the right one to complete the sentence and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (15 points, 1 point for each)

- The painting depicts an idyllic _____ scene of shepherds watching over their grazing sheep.
A. industrial
B. pastoral
C. realistic
D. dramatic
- The new manager's _____ and enthusiasm have helped the company to achieve its international success.
A. existence
B. reluctance
C. persistence
D. avoidance
- Everyone at the meeting was expected to _____ actively in the discussions.
A. participate
B. negotiate
C. navigate
D. fight
- They had a _____ escape when their car plunged into a river.
A. miraculous
B. drastic
C. possible
D. ridiculous
- He was very _____ "popular" writers, whom he described as having no talent.
A. proud of
B. curious about
C. anxious about
D. contemptuous of

Read the following passage carefully and complete the succeeding three items II, III, IV.

- (1) If Ron Scott was in any doubt about the effect of being unhappy at work, he needed only to ask his family. The usually easy-going, good-humored husband and father of three had become an irritable man who was working his way through “a minimum six beers a night. Some nights I’d have wine as well”. Any little thing that went wrong at home got under his skin. “I’d go off. My son wouldn’t put his school bags away and I’d be yelling at him or I’d be yelling at the girls for something.”
- (2) It wasn’t work itself that was getting to Ron, far from it. He’s always worked and doesn’t like to be idle. At 16 he left school and applied for a job at a nearby steelworks. He had wanted to become a carpenter but instead was offered an apprenticeship as a fitter and machinist—the same job that his father had had. “I didn’t enjoy metalwork at school, but I said, ‘Yeah, that’ll do.’” He shrugged off the disappointment and made the best of things, working hard during his four-year apprenticeship and for three years after that, until a restructure made his position **redundant**.
- (3) He bought a car with the small payout he received, gave himself seven weeks’ holiday, then started a new job as a mechanical engineer for a major international airline. This involved a commute of an hour or so each way, but that was manageable. The new role, fixing military then civilian aircraft engines, was satisfying. “It was interesting and I liked learning a new job. It was good.”
- (4) Eighteen months into the new position at the airline, Ron married Sharon and 18 months after that their first child was born. He was working his way up the ladder, getting pay-rises as he went, and the conditions suited family life—rather than the 24/7 shifts of the steelworks, he was able to work five days a week on day-shift.
- (5) As his children reached school age, Ron volunteered to help out at their sporting activities especially at junior lifesaving, where his sense of fun and endless patience made him a firm favorite with kids and parents. He was by now an engine marshal, an administrative role that involves supervising the acquisition of parts and the repair and assembly of huge jet engines.

- (6) “I loved it,” he says, explaining with a self-deprecatory chuckle that despite having been a fitter and engineer all those years, “I’m not very patient when it comes to putting things together. If it doesn’t go right I get annoyed. So it was good just being able to chill a little bit more.”
- (7) Life was good, but 15 years into the job, things started to change.
- (8) First Ron’s team was moved to a much smaller building where they were **cramped** amid the engine parts. Characteristically, he made the best of it, but he wasn’t enjoying work as he once had. Then, without consultation, he was put back on a rolling shift roster. “I hated it because of all the things I was missing out on,” he says. “I was coaching my son Harry’s soccer team and was involved at the surf club, but I had to stop all that because I was back on shift work.”
- (9) Rumors began to circulate about redundancies. Ron told Sharon that if they were offered he was considering applying. “She was pretty happy because I was coming home so **cranky**.” Over the next few weeks they discussed the kinds of things Ron might move on to. One idea just wouldn’t leave him alone. “I said, ‘How about I go and teach swimming? I love water. I love kids. I could probably do that.’”
- (10) After 20 years with the airline Ron took voluntary redundancy, received a five-figure payout, and walked away without a second glance. He completed swimming-teacher training, and then arranged to volunteer at a swim school to build up his practical experience. Soon the school was employing him for a shift a week, and his hours built up from there.
- (11) Coming from a job where the results were immediate and obvious took some adjustment for Ron. “It was different from what I thought it would be,” he says. “I thought it was going to be so easy. But you’re trying to teach the kids something and half the time they’re looking at you and you don’t even know if they’re listening. Then weeks or months later they will put it into action and you’ll realize that they were listening all along.” Ron’s easy manner with both children and parents soon paid off and he became a full-time employee at the swim school.
- (12) The 40 hours he works a week takes in weekends and split shifts, to cover morning and afternoon children’s classes. He has “no body hair left because

of the warm water and chlorine. He earns around 25% less than he did in engineering. And, at 49, he says he has never been happier.

- (13) "I've had a drop in pay, but I've cut back on expenses, too. I'm driving half the distance to work so don't have to pay as much for petrol. I don't drink nearly as much. I go walking in my lunch break and I've lost 20 kilos. I love going to work. The whole family is a lot happier."
- (14) He admits it was scary, making such big leap when there was the mortgage to pay and teenagers to clothe and feed, but in the end he feels it is a simple choice. "If you're in a job you don't like, get out. Money's not everything. You might have to stop doing a few things, but you do adjust. If you don't like it, change—find something you're going to be happy with."

II. In this section, there are ten incomplete statements or questions, followed by four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best answer and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (20 points, 2 points for each)

16. According to Paragraph 1, Ron was drinking beer or wine at night because _____.
- A. he had no other ways to relax himself after work
 - B. he didn't feel happy about his present situation
 - C. he believed that alcohol could help him sleep well
 - D. he wanted to avoid conflicts with his family members
17. What can we learn about Ron from Paragraph 2?
- A. He was forced to accept the job.
 - B. He didn't like the job he was offered.
 - C. He was waiting for a chance to change his job.
 - D. He refused to do the same job his father had done.
18. In Paragraph 2, the word "redundant" means _____.
- A. unnecessary
 - B. inferior
 - C. neglected
 - D. crucial
19. Which of the following can best describe Ron according to Paragraph 4?
- A. His new position made it possible for him to meet Sharon.
 - B. His marriage and his first child brought him good luck.
 - C. He was making progress and satisfied with his work.
 - D. The day-shift was what he was dreaming of.

20. Which of the following is true about Ron based on Paragraph 5?
- He was proud of his reputation in sporting activities.
 - He was hardly admired for his voluntary work.
 - He was popular with kids and their parents.
 - He was well known as a professional lifesaver.
21. In Paragraph 8, the word “cramped” means _____.
- not easy to talk to
 - not hard to spot
 - not having enough time
 - not having enough space
22. In Paragraph 9, the word “cranky” means _____.
- annoyed
 - excited
 - hopeless
 - optimistic
23. According to Paragraph 10, Ron left his job _____.
- with regret
 - with shame
 - without compensation
 - without hesitation
24. Which of the following is true about Ron’s new job based on Paragraph 11?
- It was hard to meet the needs of kids and their parents.
 - It was more challenging than his previous jobs.
 - It took some time for him to see the results.
 - It demanded more efforts to be successful.
25. What message does the author want to get across to the reader?
- It’s better to do what you really enjoy than to do what you are good at.
 - People should be aware of the importance of earning a good income.
 - Job hopping quite often brings about potentially great chances.
 - It’s usually very hard to tell what job suits you best.

非选择题部分

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III. Translate the following sentences into Chinese and write the translation on your Answer Sheet. (10 points, 2 points for each)

26. This involved a commute of an hour or so each way, but that was manageable. The new role, fixing military then civilian aircraft engines, was satisfying.
27. I’m not very patient when it comes to putting things together. If it doesn’t go right I get annoyed. So it was good just being able to chill a little bit more.

- 28. Over the next few weeks they discussed the kinds of things Ron might move on to. One idea just wouldn't leave him alone.
- 29. He completed swimming-teacher training, then arranged to volunteer at a swim school to build up his practical experience.
- 30. He earns around 25% less than he did in engineering. And, at 49, he says he has never been happier.

IV. Answer the following essay question in English within 80-100 words. Write your answer on your Answer Sheet. (10 points)

31. What is your opinion on changing jobs?

V. The following paragraphs are taken from the textbooks, followed by a list of words or expressions marked A to Y. Choose the one that best completes each of the sentences and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. One word or expression for each blank only. (25 points, 1 point for each)

The elderly clerk spoke again. He said, "I'm 32. I've got the right to speak. We are going the 33 way about all this. Everyone must 34 lots. This isn't the last draw we shall have, and picture to yourselves what it will be 35 in this cell if we have a privileged 36—the ones who are left to the end. The rest of you will soon begin to hate us. We shall be left out of your fear ..."

But what this country doesn't know is that 37 has created a monster in the form of millions of 38 men who have been taught to deal in 39, and who have been given a chance to die for the 40 nothing in history. We have returned to this country with a 41 of anger and betrayal which nobody has yet grasped.

I wonder if this blandness of our diet doesn't explain 42 so many of us are 43 and even dangerously so. When things had 44, we knew what we were 45 all the while—and it satisfied us. A teaspoonful of my mother-in-law's wild strawberry 46 will entirely satisfy your jam desire.

I was especially intrigued by a 47 in Watts because it was supposed to be 48. I wanted to demonstrate that it could be done more than anything 49. I recall a moment during a city-wide high school oratorical 50 when one of

the judges asked 51 anything good could come out of Watts. Our high school won the contest.

What is serious about excitement is that so many of its 52 are destructive. It is destructive in those who cannot 53 excess in alcohol or gambling. It is destructive when it takes the form of mob violence. And 54 all it is destructive when it leads to 55. It is so deep a need that it will find 56 outlets of this kind unless innocent outlets are at hand.

A. overweight	B. violence	C. married	D. forms	E. contest
F. eating	G. biggest	H. draw	I. class	J. whether
K. else	L. above	M. jam	N. America	O. like
P. war	Q. impossible	R. harmful	S. career	T. why
U. resist	V. sense	W. wrong	X. fighting	Y. flavor

VI. Translate the following sentences into English and write the translation on your Answer Sheet. (20 points, 2 points each for 57-60, 4 points for 61, 8 points for 62)

57. 她隐瞒嗓子疼这件事至少有三天了，并且一直对她的父母撒谎，以便逃脱这样一个结局。
58. 因为这一点及其他原因，我感到有些孤独，不久就形成了孤僻的性格。
59. 从这点来看，那些家务缠身的妇女要比男人不幸得多。
60. 在我的部门，有六个惧怕我的人，其中有一个小秘书怕我们所有人。
61. 顾客亲近型公司力求了解顾客及他们所需要的产品和服务。它不断调整自己的产品和服务，并做到价格合理。
62. 如果你拒绝所有吊在眼前的诱饵度过一生，那根本就不是生活。什么变化也不会有，你也就没什么可争斗的。生活像一潭死水单调乏味。太多的狡诈会要了你的命。即使上钩意味着麻烦，但你也不能永远无视它。