

绝密 ★ 考试结束前

全国 2015 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。全部题目用英文作答。

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. The white blanket of snow hid the paths. It also changed the shapes of the trees and bushes. (simple sentence)
2. For many people, summer is the most enjoyable season. (loose construction)
3. She wanted to be a well-informed shopper. She began to do research a week before. (complex sentence)
4. The company has been in its present location since the beginning of last century. (periodic sentence)
5. You need to know a lot about the computer and the Internet to run an online shop successfully. (sentence with *to* opener)
6. We can cut the firewood this afternoon after school. We can also wait and cut it on Saturday morning. (compound sentence)
7. It takes courage to succeed. It takes foresight to succeed. It takes luck as well to succeed. (sentence with parallel structure)

8. My father grew up during a difficult time. It is called the Great Depression. It started in 1929. My father was ten years old then. (long sentence)
9. He lacked the necessary qualifications. He was not considered for the job. (sentence with a modifying phrase)
10. The president took the stage. Everybody stopped speaking. The ticking clock was all that could be heard. (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. The moon hid behind a cloud, all the world turned dark.
12. Rushing to class, the book fell out of my bag.
13. You will be making less of a financial commitment by leasing a car than to own it.
14. After sitting for two hours in his office, the doctor finally called me into the examining room.
15. The wildlife specialist said that most bears are dangerous on television.

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 in the blank provided.
 - A. Petroleum, a liquid fossil fuel, comes from decayed plants and animals.
 - B. Fossil fuels come from the earth and are among the most common types of energy used by man.
 - C. Coal comes from trees that died millions of years ago, decayed, and then hardened into black rock.
 - D. Natural gas is formed like petroleum, but the decayed plants and animals have been changed into different kinds of gases.

Your choice: _____

17. Read the following paragraph and find the topic sentence in the paragraph and write it on the Answer Sheet.

Now let's talk about how the human mind works. Think about the last movie you saw, for example. If you're like most people, you can probably remember exactly how it began and exactly how it ended. You know what happened in the middle, of course, but those details aren't as clear as the details of the beginning and the end. This is just the nature of the learning process. Simply because of the way the human mind works, people tend to remember most what comes first and what comes last. Reading works the same way. If you break up a reading task into several sections, there are more starting and stopping points—more beginnings and endings to remember. There will be less material in the middle to be forgotten.

18. Read the following paragraph and choose the best topic sentence from the four options that follow. Write the corresponding letter of your choice in the blank provided.

Childcare centers may assist children in their early development. They give children an opportunity to mix with other children and to develop social skills at an early age. Parents and children need to spend some time apart. Children become less dependent on their parents and parents themselves are less stressed and more effective care-givers when there are periods of separation. Parents who cannot go to work because they do not have access to childcare facilities cannot contribute to the national economy. They are not able to utilize their productive skills and do not pay income tax.

- A. Childcare centers may help children become more independent.
- B. Some children do not have the opportunity to develop their social skills.
- C. Childcare services are important to both individual families and the nation.
- D. The government should provide more assistance to parents who use childcare.

Your choice: _____

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 below. The positions of some sentences have been given.

- A. In 1896, Isabella celebrated her sixty-fourth birthday, and that same year she crossed northwest China hoping to reach Tibet.
- B. Only when tribal warfare broke out, however, and the bridges were torn down did she turn around.
- C. During the nineteenth century, a number of fearless women traveled long distances from their homes.
- D. Isabella Bird, for example, a British clergyman's daughter, began traveling and writing when she was in her forties.
- E. They visited places far away from their native countries.
- F. The book was published in 1838; however, its title, *Peregrinations of Pariah*, meaning "travels of an outcast," suggests that not everyone admired its courageous author.
- G. While she was traveling, even though her guides collapsed with fever, and then her rice supply grew dangerously low, she didn't give up.
- H. Like Isabella Bird, Flora Tristan, a native of France, proved her adventurous spirit when she sailed from France to Peru, a trip that inspired her to write a book.

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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 and write them on the Answer Sheet.

Nutritionists recommend the food pyramid for a simple guide to eating the proper foods. Pyramid is a system with a small number of items at the top and a much larger number of items at the bottom. At the base of the food pyramid are grains and fiber. You should eat six to eleven servings of bread, cereal, and rice every day. Next up the pyramid are vegetables and fruit; five to nine daily servings are recommended. The next pyramid level is the dairy group. Two to three servings a day of milk, yogurt, or cheese help maintain good nutrition. To make a fresh milk cheese at home is the simplest of processes. Moving up the pyramid, the next level is the meat, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts group, of which only two to three servings a day are enough. At the very top of the pyramid are fats, oils, and sweets; these foods should be eaten only infrequently.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. You are chairperson of the Students' Union of Yuming College. Write a letter to invite Mr. Smith, professor of sociology, to deliver a speech at a prize-awarding meeting at your college. In the letter, tell him

- ① the purpose of the meeting,
- ② the importance of his presence and speech, and
- ③ the time and place of the meeting.

Don't forget to tell him your phone number (555-5555) and your email address (liping@123.com). Please sign your name as Li Ping. (150-200 words)