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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. Now I must go. I shall be late for the birthday party. (compound sentence)
2. Tom suddenly slipped on a stone. He fell. His head struck the massive table. (compound-complex sentence)
3. Maggie entered the supermarket near home with a shopping bag in her hand. (periodic sentence)
4. I'll pay you double. You get the report finished by Friday. (complex sentence)
5. Let us be ruthless in our criticism. Let us be cruel to personal fame. We should also be indifferent to age and rank if these stand in our way. (parallel structure)
6. We also have a section for the writers. There you can either post your study or get help with your reports. (complex sentence)
7. My father was always cheerful although he was in poor health. (simple sentence)
8. She had grown stronger and broader. It was difficult to recognize in this robust, motherly woman the slim, lively Natasha of former days. (compound sentence)
9. The boy has learned many lessons. These lessons are about human kindness. (simple sentence)
10. Father returned home. Mary was preparing dinner. Jane was lying in bed. (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. When I met Gracie in 1923, she was a young woman. Living in New York City alone.
12. Friends are people who come together to learn and grow with one another, to lighten each other's roads and brightening each other's days.
13. Offering free online, the game has attracted many school students.
14. This is the city which I worked thirty years ago.
15. Online shopping is very popular among college students, it is easy, convenient, and often not very expensive.

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 private automobile has affected our life in various ways.
 - B. The late 1990s witnessed a 20% rise in private car ownership.
 - C. Luxury cars of this kind wasn't popular in that part of the country.
 - D. Cars increase the cost of living and lead to a rise in traffic accidents.
17. Read the following paragraph and write the topic sentence on the answer sheet.

Incidentally the word *astronomy* (天文学) comes from the Greek word *astron*, which means *star*. Actually, there are many interesting origins of words that are linked to the stars or planets. The word *disaster*, for example, comes from the Latin *dis-aster* meaning *bad star*. We sometimes call a crazy or strange person a *lunatic* (疯子), which is from the word *lunar* meaning *moon*—it was believed that the moon could make some people crazy, especially a full moon. Finally, the word *influenza*, or *flu*, comes from the Latin *influentia*. It was believed the illness was caused by unfavorable star influences. And of course we call famous singers or film actors *stars* in recognition of the lucky stars that have brought them fame and fortune.

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.

The brain is very sensitive to the level of energy in the light that passes through the eyes, with different colors of light carrying different amounts of energy. According to a recent

research, blue suggests harmony and relaxation. It is the color of nature in relaxed form and it encourages social communication. Orange and yellow suggest a positive future, the point being that the color of signs surrounding roadwork is clearly meant to encourage frustrated drivers to think beyond the current delays. It is the same case with shapes. A triangular (三角形的) sign has points and represents danger, which is why the shape is used for warning signs. Rectangular (矩形的) signs are the same shape as a book and therefore give information. Round signs are instructional. They look like the end of a pointing finger giving you an instruction.

- A. Certain shapes used in road signs are meant to convey specific information.
- B. Bright colors could encourage communication and evoke positive emotions.
- C. Different colors and shapes may create different reactions in the human brain.
- D. Different levels of energy in the light provoke different psychological reactions.

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. Summarizing skills are also used in providing the major points of a decision-making process, giving background information on a student, describing an exciting sporting event—the list goes on.
- B. In this age in which our students are growing up, summarizing becomes an even more important processing skill.
- C. Summarizing is an essential life skill that every one of us should acquire.
- D. The Information Age is an age with large quantities of easy-to-access information.
- E. Think of all the times in everyday life we use summarizing skills.
- F. If we don't strengthen students' summarizing abilities, we are not preparing them well for the future.
- G. We summarize in recapping (总结) a memorable day, telling about an interesting experience, giving the highlights of a business meeting or an important email.
- H. Without the ability to sort out and extract information, our students run the risk of being overwhelmed in a sea of data.

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V. 写出与段落内容无关的句子 (10 points, 5 points each)

20. Read the following paragraph and write TWO irrelevant sentences on the answer sheet.

There are few places on Earth where people need not be concerned about flooding. Any place where rain falls is vulnerable. Drought can also cause great damage. A flood occurs when water overflows land that's normally dry. This can happen in various ways. In most cases, floods occur when rivers or streams overflow their banks. Coastal flooding occurs when a large storm or tsunami (海啸) causes the sea to surge inland. Most floods take hours or even days to develop, giving residents ample time to prepare or evacuate. Others develop quickly and with little warning. Excessive rain or rapid ice melting in the mountains is also an ideal source for generating electricity. These flash floods can be extremely dangerous, instantly turning a murmuring brook into a thundering wall of water and sweeping everything in its path downstream.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter of complaints according to the following situation: You bought a desk from a store last week, and you find there are some problems with it. Write a letter to the sales manager of the store to complain about the problems and request a solution. Please sign your name as Li Fei. (150-200 words)