

2022年4月高等教育自学考试全国统一命题考试

英语写作基础

(课程代码 00597)

注意事项:

1. 应考者必须按试题顺序在答题卡(纸)指定位置上作答,答在试卷上无效。
2. 涂写部分必须使用2B铅笔,书写部分必须使用黑色字迹签字笔。

I. 重写句子 (15 points, 1.5 points each)

Rewrite the following sentences according to the requirement in each bracket.

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 Olympic Games were held in Olympia every four years for almost twelve centuries from 776 BC. (periodic sentence)
2. Art education is crucial to individual growth and development. It can even impact our health. (simple sentence)
3. Marine pollution is a combination of chemicals and trash. Most of it comes from land sources. (complex sentence)
4. China's Space Station serves as a lab for scientific research. It serves as a technology test-bed. It serves as a stepping stone for the further exploration of the solar system. (parallel structure)
5. We do not take immediate measures to preserve the environment. It will have a reverse and negative effect upon us. (complex sentence)
6. Some people work for their love of the work. Others work for personal and professional fulfillment. (compound sentence)
7. She is in her sixties. She still enjoys watching cartoon films. (complex sentence)
8. I read *Little Women*. It detailed the growth of four sisters. I did a book report on it. (compound-complex sentence)
9. Frank is cheerful and friendly. His classmates like having him around. (compound sentence)
10. You're having a down day. Taking a walk can instantly lift your mood. It is especially so when the sun is shining. (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. Social contact is an important part of people's daily lives, it is difficult to imagine life without socializing.
12. The lady bought her son a chocolate ice-cream in a white dress.
13. Requiring more information for the study of the disease, data were collected from an additional 200 volunteers.
14. He made his way to the kitchen for breakfast, after that he went to the living room and opened a book he had read a hundred times.
15. We enjoyed our walk in the park. Listening to the birds singing in the trees and watching the ducks swimming on the lake.

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 land hasn't absorbed the waste produced by people living in urban areas.
B. The natural environment is being disturbed profoundly by three social forces.
C. The natural environment is heavily polluted by the emissions from automobiles.
D. The tremendous growth in population increases the demand for food and energy.
17. Read the following paragraph and underline the topic sentence.

It is widely considered that finance and accounting majors are most competitive in the job market. In fact, liberal arts graduates are much more valued for their soft skills. A recent survey found that 30 percent of companies were recruiting liberal arts graduates, far ahead of finance and accounting, at 18 percent. Companies are looking for soft skills over hard skills now, because hard skills can be learned, while soft skills need to be developed. And the latter seems to be in short supply. According to other studies, "only a quarter of college graduates have the writing and thinking skills necessary to do their jobs." Graduates are said to have trouble "communicating, working in teams, and seeing complex problems from different angles"—exactly the vision of a liberal arts education.

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.

Art can be almost anything. It has changed almost every day since the first artist created the first work at least fifty thousand years ago. The most significant changes have been brought about by the genius of a single artist. Some changes have come about through the invention of new media and new techniques—say, the birth of manuscript illumination, oil paint, or perspective. Other changes have come about because a young artist threw aside all traditions and depicted his or her world in a fresh, different, and completely new way. Each change was initially looked upon with suspicion as to its artistic worth, but in time, each was accepted. And the same will be true of all the weird subjects, styles, and media that will show up in the future.

- A. The one constant thing about art is that it is forever changing.
- B. Young artists tend to make breakthroughs in drawing techniques.
- C. Changes in art will be either accepted or rejected as time goes by.
- D. Things considered non-arts one day can be popular arts another day.

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 on the answer sheet. The positions of some sentences have been given.

- A. So every February, reporters rush to witness a groundhog (土拨鼠) pop up from underground, writing about what happens as the groundhog exits its winter home.
- B. Legends say that if it's sunny that day, the groundhog will see its shadow, be frightened, go back into its hole, and sleep some more, which is supposed to indicate that spring is still six weeks away.
- C. Are the legends believable?
- D. February 2 is Groundhog Day, and in many places, people believe that on that day, the groundhog will come out of its underground home and predict the weather.
- E. If it's cloudy, the legends add that, the groundhog won't see a shadow, so it will remain above ground, which might be a sign that spring is coming.
- F. Historical weather documents reveal that sometimes the groundhog is right, but other times it is mistaken.
- G. If you really want to know what the weather will be, check your local weather report.

H. Scientists have recorded that clear February days are often followed by much colder ones, and that cloudy days in February are usually warm.

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V. 划掉与段落内容无关的两个句子 (10 points, 5 points each)

20. Read the following paragraph and cross out TWO irrelevant sentences.

Every day in the United States some five thousand people reach the age of sixty-five. On that day they are not any physically or mentally different than the day before, but now they are assumed to be old. Who is thought of as old varies from society to society. Yet the use of age sixty-five as a criterion is not that relevant, for there is too much individual difference in mental capacity and physical endurance. So reaching sixty-five is a convenient but inaccurate indicator of being old. It is significant, however, because it labels people. People expect certain behaviors of others depending on their stage in the life cycle. If people define sixty-five as old, then they treat those who are sixty-five as old. In the process of aging the skin dries out, powers of seeing and hearing diminish, hair turns white and is gradually lost. In this way the expectations of society become a self-fulfilling prophecy (预言).

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter of congratulations according to the following situation.

Your friend Lorenzo just received a job offer to work as an English tour guide at the City History Museum. Write a letter to congratulate him on the job offer; talk about his qualities such as his rich knowledge on the city history, his language skills, and his confidence in speaking publicly; and wish him the best in the new position. Please sign your name as Li Fei. (150-200 words)