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(Answered in Chinese)

Part I: Multiple Choice Questions

Section A: Reading

of such consequence, you probably will be asked, not just how often people use the four verbs marked A, B, C and D, but also which is the best answer. How much the corresponding letter on the answer sheet will resemble the original answer.

1. A. Could they be friendly?

B. What was your mother?

C. They with him friends.

D. They only work.

2. A. From

B. From

C. From

D. From

3. A. He visited the Smithsonian.

B. He spent his childhood there.

C. He took a lot of interesting photos.

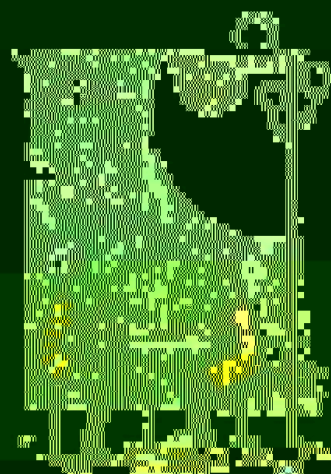
D. He worked as a volunteer there.

4. A. The collection of history books.

B. He had a good history teacher.

C. He was recommended for the job.

D. He was a very good history teacher.



5. A. Her computer isn't working.
 B. She hasn't finished her assignment on time.
 C. The assignment on ~~her~~ ~~computer~~ ~~isn't~~ ~~working~~.

D. The paper got stuck in her printer.

Section B (10 marks)

*In this section, you will hear **two** long conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, there will be a **one-minute** pause.*

Conversation One

*Listen to the conversation. And read the **four** choices marked **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, and decide which is the best*

answer according to what you hear. You have one opportunity to hear the recording. It will be played through the speaker.

Q: What did Wang like best about?

A. Public Policy.

B. The Department of Public Policy.

C. The Department of Economics.

D. The Department of Political Science.

Q: Which department was his previous department?

A. The Department of Public Policy.

B. The Department of Economics.

C. The Department of Political Science.

D. The Department of Public Policy.

Q: What is the main topic of the conversation?

A. Wang's research on public policy.

B. Wang's research on the Department of Economics.

C. Wang's research on the Department of Political Science.

D. Wang's research on the Department of Public Policy.

Q: What is the main reason for Wang's research?

A. Wang's research on public policy.

- B. How various policies affect minorities.
- C. Ways to enrich one's personal experience.
- D. How to handle relations in society.

10. What advice does the professor give to Kate?

- A. Sharing her personal experience in class.
- B. Choosing courses in other departments.
- C. Studying all courses with a critical mind.
- D. Staying connected with the outside world.

Conversation Two

Listen to the conversation and complete the sentences with **one word** according to what you hear. Then write the answers **on the answer sheet**.

- 11. Mountain gorillas live in ____ east Africa.
- 12. Hunters kill mountain gorillas for their ____ and their hands.
- 13. There are only ____ mountain gorillas in the wild now.
- 14. The man advises to get some ____ from that website for their friends.

15. The woman says the man is _____.
 16. The man says he is _____.

17. The woman says she is _____.

In this section, you will hear five short news items. Each item will be read only once.

- 1. There will be a fifteen-minute rain storm. It is expected to begin at 10:00 a.m. on the 15th of June.
- 2. The school will receive a new library building. The new building will be completed by the end of the year.
- 3. The school will have a new library building. The new building will be completed by the end of the year.

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- A. The Mid-Autumn Festival
- B. The Spring Festival
- C. The Lantern Festival
- D. The Dragon Boat Festival

18. Why are the polar bears forced to head for dry land?

A. The seal population is rapidly decreasing.

B. The icebergs are melting and drifting far from the coast.

C. Their prey is so abundant it needs for food.

D. They are still experiencing hunting boat phobia.

19. As **Paul** reported **these**, why are forest and coastal species according to the news item?

A. They cannot fly.

B. They are most in danger.

C. They are not big birds.

D. They contain no fat.

20. What is the origin of the big Asian Tiger? **Thomas**?

A. Tiger and Leopard.

B. Malayan Leopard and Tiger.

C. Leopard of Malayan and Asian.

D. Leopard of Tiger and Asian Leopard.

Section 3 (Listening)

21. The system you will hear are monologues. The monologue will be read twice. After listening, answer the questions using no more than five words. Write the answers in the answer sheet.

22. What is used the phonograph?

23. Why are the music produced by the phonograph sound good?

24. What disadvantage do flat round disks have?

25. How much music could the typical vinyl hold?

26. When was the first music device connected to the Internet?

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26. The famous actor won an Oscar for his _____ in his last film.

- A. attraction B. performance C. image D. behaviour

27. I'm going to Steph's housewarming party because I'm _____ to see what her new house is like.

- A. happy B. cautious C. curious D. amazed

28. Can I have _____ more potato chips, please?

- A. a bit B. a little C. plenty D. a few

29. You can call me anything you want but I don't think the water is _____ in winter here.

- A. very warm B. warm enough C. as warm as D. enough warm

30. In the Viking Museum in York, visitors can _____ all about Viking life.

- A. find out B. pick up C. wind up D. make out

31. Unfortunately, I passed and I managed to buy the limited edition of the book he wanted. By the time he got to the bookshop, it had _____.

- A. taken over B. kept up C. given away D. sold out

32. I bought my first classic music CD _____ the help of my father, who lent me the money.

- A. by B. from C. with D. in

33. _____ the weather was bad, thousands of people attended the music festival.

- A. Although B. If C. Despite D. In spite of

34. —I can't find my earphones!

—Where did you last see them?

—Ah, in _____ the library. My library bag was next

to _____

_____ a really new library phone. In fact, my library

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— _____

—In 1994, I think. Yes, that's right.

A. What class are you in?

B. Who is your English teacher?

C. When did you enter high school?

D. How did you get along with your classmates?

40. —I at me. Let me see. Is that the weather for this weekend?

—Yeah, _____.

—But I want to go to the beach on Thursday.

—Not a good idea. Just stay in all day.

A. you will be very happy

B. it doesn't look good

C. I like it so much

D. it doesn't matter

Part III Cloze (10 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct forms of 5 words or phrases taken from the box. Remember to write the answers on the answer sheet.



But not all cities use this colour for objects that need to (43) . In New York, as well as in many

other places in the world, yellow is more popular. If you're looking for a taxi rank, for example, you should look out for a long line of yellow cars—or "cabs" as they call them in the US. School buses are also painted yellow to make them (44) . But if you've been feeling unwell lately, then green is the colour to look for. That's because the most common sign outside a chemist's is a green cross. Green is also important when driving and walking in cities. It's that colour on traffic lights that tells us it's safe to go. Without these green signals, daily life in big crowded cities would be impossible.

Section B (5 marks)

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with **one** word in **one** of the following **three** ways: **according to the context**, by using the correct form of the given word(s), or by using the given letter(s) of the word. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

One of the most amazing phenomena of the natural world is the ability of fish, particularly the salmon, to return to the exact stream of their birth after several years at sea. Although the precise method by which they find their way back is (46), _____ (know), one scientist, Macgn MacPhee, research assistant professor at the University of Montana, has made some important discovery about this phenomenon.

According to Dr McPhee, (47) _____ is that

most of the salmon

The way in which the fish continues to follow (48) _____ (understand). When they reach the stream, it is distinguished from all other rivers by a unique "home". They are able to recognize their home by smelling the small chemical families during the beginning of their lives (49) the _____ always tell the fish about this.

Part IV Reading Comprehension (30 marks)

There are ~~two~~ **three** passages in this part. Each passage is followed by several questions. Respond to the questions using information from the passage. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

Section A (10 marks)

Questions 51 to 55 are based on the following passage.

Everybody enjoys winning. However, the concept of victory is so mysterious. Those who are successful make it seem so simple that we are all curious about how it is done. (51) _____ Here are a few pieces of success:

A reporter once asked a bank president what the secret of his success

was. "Two words," said the bank president. "Right decisions."

to reach my star!" said the little moth while the other moths made fun of him. Unaffected by their laughter, the dreamy moth left. (55) The moth must have been miles and miles away when he looked down and realized that he was the only moth of his family that was still alive. "Without you I wouldn't exist now!" the moth said to the beloved star that had saved his life.

Questions 51 to 55

Choose the one which best fits each gap of 51—55 from the sentences A—G. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

- A. The reporter was surprised that the farmer was risking being outdone by his neighbours.
- B. He kept flying up high as the other moths below were getting burned by candles and street lights.
- C. Perhaps that's why we love success stories.
- D. When asked how he learned to make them, the book president gave some words.

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and animals are probably not the first thing you expect to see. However, a lot of wildlife makes its home here. A wide variety of wildlife, from small animals, birds and insects to quite large creatures like foxes are found in this busy city.

City life attracts animals because they are safer there, far away from the other creatures that naturally kill them. There

is also a lot of food for them in cities. Animals such as foxes

search rubbish bins for food, and many people feed wild birds



There are some qualities which are much more important and impact the success of a news reporter

and their success. One of them is general intelligence. It is not necessary to be a genius, but general intelligence helps a reporter develop a growing base of knowledge. Expanding one's knowledge comes from another important and needed quality: curiosity. A reporter needs to have an insatiable curiosity about the world, its inhabitants, and simple day-to-day activities. Next, objectivity is necessary. It is a no-brainer. Biased and prejudiced free journalism is part of news reporting. It is also important for a reporter to know the facts of the story. A reporter should not report on something until they have gathered all the facts. That is beyond the reporter's comprehension, and, of course, never forget to report what you hear in the news.

Questions 61 to 65

Complete the summary below with information from the passage, using no more than three words for each blank.

People have always been interested in the supplying of (61) _____. We want to know what is going on in the world. This is why a reporter is an important job. As a reporter, they should have some qualities. At first, (62) _____ and curiosity are necessary, which both help reporters expand their knowledge. And they must get all the facts with (63) _____ parts of the story. Then they must report them back with (64) _____, without propaganda bias. And reporters should also have a general (65) _____ of the subject being reported and deliver special news.

Part V Translation (15 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

Translate the following paragraph into Chinese. Write the answer on the answer sheet.

66. First aid is the treatment we give to someone who has hurt themselves.

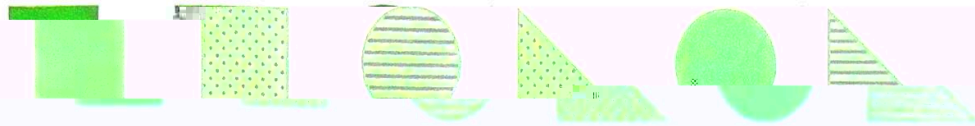


first aid. Serious problems may need first aid before the person can get to a doctor or hospital. There are a lot of techniques that people can easily learn.



With this knowledge, they can help to stop an injury from getting worse, help the injured person to feel better and perhaps even save someone's life!

69. Which code matches the shape given at the end of the line?



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write the correct word. An example of how to correct the error is provided below. Write the answers on the answer sheet.

For example:

One of my favourite writers are Charlotte Brontë. She was born in the early is nineteenth century when women had far fewer opportunities ^ they have now. than She lived in a small village in Yorkshire and

Unison has so far received support from several people included the children's author, 80. _____

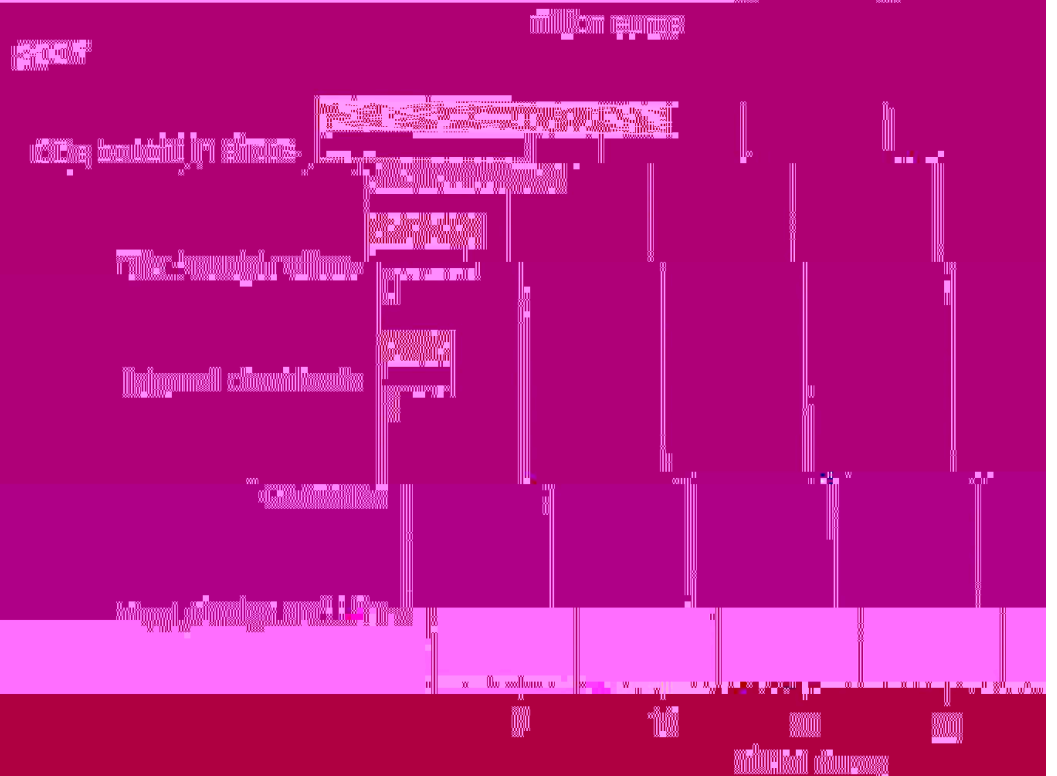
Alan Gibbons, who says that libraries are where authors can meet their readers and that

the loss of local libraries will be a disaster. And it is clear that Unison's message is 81. _____

reached some members of the community, only time will tell whether they can get

83. The chart below shows the amount of profit made by a record company from different formats in three European countries. Write a report in 80–100 words based on the information on the answer sheet.

1997



Section B (20 marks)

84. In your English class, you have been talking about how life has changed for teenagers. Parents often say that modern teenagers have an easier life than they had as teenagers.



Write a comparison essay in which you compare life as a teenager in the past and present. Write in at least 120 words on the answer sheet.