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I. CAREFUL READING

Read the following passages carefully. Decide on the best answer and blacken the corresponding letter on the ANSWER SHEET. (40 points, 2 points each)

Passage 1

Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following passage.

Two legal cases, one in Germany and one still ongoing in the UK, show how the limits of patient confidentiality are being tested, and how this challenges long-established medical norms.

In a trial coming up at the High Court in London soon, a woman is suing the hospital that diagnosed her father with Huntington's disease for not informing her. Huntington's is a fatal, incurable neurodegenerative (神经变性的) disorder caused by a mutation (突变) in a single gene. Every child of an affected parent has a 50 per cent chance of inheriting the mutation.

The woman argues that, had she known her father's diagnosis, she wouldn't have given birth to her daughter, who is now herself at risk of Huntington's. Currently, in the UK as in many other countries, doctors are legally obliged to respect the confidentiality of patients unless they consent to their information being shared.

Guidelines issued by professional organisations do acknowledge that situations can arise where a doctor has a duty of disclosure to third parties even in the absence of consent. The High Court trial will test whether that duty of disclosure should also be recognised in law. That could bring some much needed clarity to the area, but also create new problems. What if

I test positive for a disease-causing gene variant and my family members, who didn't consent to be tested themselves, don't want to know they are at risk?

This question was raised by a German case in which a woman sued a doctor for telling her that her ex-husband had Huntington's, meaning that their two children were at risk. The doctor acted with the consent of his patient, the ex-husband, but the woman's lawyers argued that the information was useless to her because the condition can't be cured and the children were too young to be tested anyway. Knowing her ex-husband's diagnosis without being able to act on it, the woman claimed, had sent her into a reactive depression and left her unable to work.

The German case ended with a final decision that favoured the doctor, despite the fact that, unlike in the UK, the right not to know is legally protected in Germany, with respect to genetic information.

Balancing these various rights isn't easy. In most cases, a gene test is likely to reveal only an increased risk of disease. The real problem is that the law is black-and-white, while predictive medicine is all about grey.

1. What do the two legal cases both involve?
  - A. Treating the same disease.
  - B. Revealing patients' illness.
  - C. Evaluating hospitals' work.
  - D. Establishing medical norms.
2. What information can we get from the London case?
  - A. The woman was optimistic about her father's health.
  - B. The Huntington's disease was ignored in the hospital.
  - C. The father hoped to have his disease concealed from his family.
  - D. The doctors were careful about revealing medical evidence.
3. In the London case, the duty of disclosure \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. remains a minor issue
  - B. needs further judgement
  - C. causes few problems
  - D. aids legal reform

4. In the German case, the woman \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. got devastated upon hearing about her ex-husband's disease
  - B. had to bring her children to hospital to test for Huntington's
  - C. sued the doctor for delaying the treatment of her ex-husband
  - D. blamed her ex-husband for lacking concern for their children
5. Which of the following explains the statement "the law is black-and-white"?
- A. The law reduces the risk of a crime in many areas.
  - B. The law deals with various problems in people's life.
  - C. The law gives a distinction between right and wrong.
  - D. The law takes effect in a few rather than all aspects.

### Passage 2

*Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following passage.*

Whether in public or private schools, teachers worried that their students with poor writing skills will suffer in college and the workplace. Some felt torn between their desire to enforce the rules and their fear of sucking the joy out of self-expression. And many were uncertain about how to help teenagers who didn't learn the foundations of grammar.

Eighteen teachers met for a class last week with Mary Norris, a veteran copy editor at *The New Yorker*. The Academy for Teachers sponsored the class in the Manhattan offices of Scholastic, a publishing company.

Ms. Norris began with a lighthearted demonstration of her perfectionism. Then she led the group in fixing mistakes she found in the media. Pointing to one example, she stressed that to put a comma between a subject and verb is a great error.

Catherine Conley, a teacher at St. Jean Baptiste High School, said that is "something my students love to do."

As the day went on, teachers expressed more concerns. They said formal grammar lessons have fallen by the wayside because of time constraints, an emphasis on hands-on projects and other priorities. Schools focus on reading comprehension and material emphasized on state tests, they said.

Erika Stark, who teaches English at Bronxdale High School, said her supervisors want her to concentrate on meaning and analysis, not grammar, but she couldn't ignore her 10th-graders' mistakes.

Several teachers said they struggle to deal with how much to be purists about spelling and punctuation (标点) in the era of texting. Their students often use abbreviations (缩写) in homework, such as "u" for "you," and some see a period as a sign of aggression.

Ambar Paulino, an English teacher at DeWitt Clinton High School, said some of her students use slang such as “ain’t” and neglect subject-verb agreement when they speak. They don’t realize they need to be more formal in academic writing. “I’m trying to find a balance so I’m allowing my students to find their voice but still follow some of the rules,” she said.

Teresa Genaro, who teaches literature at the Packer Collegiate Institute, said she could envisage a day when writers no longer use capital letters at all. She corrects students who fail to capitalize “I” or “Catholic,” but also questions the necessity because she understands their intent.

Ms. Genaro has her students write about rules that they think should be abandoned and why. “They are very compelling,” she said.

6. What is the teachers’ main concern about their students?
  - A. Their difficulty of starting a career.
  - B. Their failure in self-expression.
  - C. Their refusal to learn anything.
  - D. Their poor grammar in writing.
7. What do we know about Ms. Norris?
  - A. She photocopies articles every day.
  - B. She sponsored the teachers’ class.
  - C. She manages a publishing house.
  - D. She taught in the teachers’ class.
8. What has been dropped due to time constraints according to the teachers?
  - A. Grammar lessons.
  - B. Reading programs.
  - C. Hands-on projects.
  - D. Test preparations.
9. In the era of texting, some teachers feel hesitant in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. teaching students to be formal in academic writing
  - B. righting some shortened words in their students’ writing
  - C. concentrating on meaning and analysis in their teaching
  - D. stressing subject-verb agreement in the literature teaching

10. What do we know about Teresa Genaro's students?
- A. They cry for the permission to find their voice.
  - B. They deem some grammar rules unnecessary.
  - C. They feel compelled to learn proper writing.
  - D. They expect the abandonment of capital letters.

### Passage 3

*Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following passage.*

Healthy children come in all shapes and sizes. Being physically fit is more important than Body Mass Index (BMI) when it comes to getting good grades. A new study by Dr. Robert R. Rauner and colleagues from Lincoln Public Schools and Creighton University in Nebraska found that aerobic (有氧运动的) fitness has a greater effect on academic performance than weight.

The study found that although BMI is an important indicator for overall health, it did not have a significant effect on test scores. Dr. Rauner and his team found that aerobically-fit children were 2.4 times more likely to pass math tests and 2.2 times more likely to pass reading tests than aerobically-unfit children. Even though the consequences of childhood obesity are well known, many school districts across the country have reduced physical education classes and recess time. This new study highlights that regular activity is an important part of closing the achievement gap. Forcing kids to sit still and cram for tests without including a regular outlet for physical activity can backfire (适得其反). According to Dr. Rauner, "Schools sacrificing physical education and physical activity time in search of more seat time for math and reading instruction could potentially be pursuing a counterproductive approach."

The study notes that both aerobic fitness and socio-economic status have a similar impact on academic performance. Among poorer children who received a free or reduced lunch at school, the odds of passing the tests were still greater than those of students who were aerobically-unfit, but not as high as those not receiving a free or reduced lunch. Because aerobic fitness is easier to improve than socio-economic status, Dr. Rauner is pushing for regular physical activity to be built into the school schedule.

Rauner says that physical education has been treated as optional for U.S. schools in the past few decades, "but I am hopeful we have passed that low point...and can reverse things."

"There is well-established research showing that physical and mental well-being are connected," says Rebecca Hashim, a clinical psychologist. "Some programs to treat depression use physical exercise, and studies with children show that exercise can raise

self-esteem. If they feel better about themselves, perhaps they will do better academically. It makes sense,” she said. “There is no known negative effect of exercise, so if it could improve well-being, why not put resources behind it?”

11. We can learn from the passage that weight may \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. affect academic performance in school
  - B. determine whether a child is healthy
  - C. get considerable attention in schools
  - D. get neglected in a child’s upbringing
12. The study found that aerobically-fit children \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. passed the given tests effortlessly
  - B. were slimmer than the aerobically-unfit
  - C. were enthusiastic in doing the given task
  - D. got better scores than the aerobically-unfit
13. Dr. Rauner’s remark in Paragraph 2 can serve as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. a hint to researchers
  - B. a warning to schools
  - C. a guideline for students
  - D. a suggestion to parents
14. What does the author say about aerobic fitness and socio-economic status in terms of bettering academic performance?
  - A. The former is easier to improve.
  - B. The latter’s role has been ignored.
  - C. The latter is more important.
  - D. The former’s role has been overstressed.
15. What is the last paragraph mainly about?
  - A. What measures are taken to close the academic gap.
  - B. Why physical exercise boosts academic performance.
  - C. When it is proper and effective to do physical exercise.
  - D. How well some programs are used to treat mental illness.

#### Passage 4

*Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following passage.*

At the age of 97, John Goodenough became the oldest person ever to win a Nobel Prize. The chemistry professor thereby settled an old score: 33 years before he won the award his

employer, the University of Oxford, tried to make him retire before he wanted to. He “fled”, in his words, to Texas where he has spent the entire intervening period happily working.

Professor Goodenough’s work ethic demonstrates what is wrong with the often told story in rich countries about the young shouldering an ever greater burden as they support an ageing population. Those like the professor who might once have been pensioned off by their mid-sixties are now working longer. The young, meanwhile, do not go off to earn as early as they once did, and spend far longer studying.

Social scientists have traditionally used a “dependency ratio” comparing the number of those between the ages of 15 and 64 to everyone else in order to assess the sustainability of welfare states. Those of “working age” must support those who cannot work. A high dependency ratio means fewer people are funding health care, education and social security programmes.

This vision of the workforce is out of date. Advances in medicine mean many people can, and choose to, work far longer than the age of 65. Others, especially the low paid, who have not accumulated private pension rights, have been forced to continue working as state pension ages have increased.

As globalisation and automation have reduced the number of manufacturing jobs in rich countries, workers in the west have been able to keep going for longer. Physical labour wore out the bodies of factory workers and miners, but accountants and call centre operators face different kinds of stress.

In the US, where overall participation in the labour force has been declining since the financial crisis, those above the age of 65 are more likely to be in work now than before 2008. This pattern is the same across rich countries.

The traditional definition of “working age” is redundant. The 15-64 age band should be put out to grass. Instead, experts should use a version that reflects the new milestones in the developed world.

The University of Oxford still has a retirement age of 67, arguing that it needs to “refresh” the ranks of senior academics. Professor Goodenough is a reminder that allowing them to recharge might be more appropriate.

16. What do we know about Professor Goodenough in Paragraph 1?
- A. He began to study chemistry 33 years ago.
  - B. He failed to find a new employer in Texas.
  - C. He left the University of Oxford in his 60s.
  - D. He won the Nobel Prize for chemistry twice.
17. Which of the following does the author consider wrong in rich countries?
- A. Young people tend to start work at a later age.
  - B. Old people make more money than young people.
  - C. The white-collar should extend their working age.
  - D. Those like Goodenough should depend on the young.
18. Which of the following is a factor behind a sustainable welfare state?
- A. The high-paying jobs exceed the low-paying ones.
  - B. The government finances the welfare system.
  - C. The dependency ratio needs a constant increase.
  - D. The working people support those unable to work.
19. Who is a physical laborer?
- A. An engineer.
  - B. A call operator.
  - C. A factory worker.
  - D. An accountant.
20. What does the author think of the retirement policy of the University of Oxford?
- A. It needs supporting.
  - B. It is very disastrous.
  - C. It needs updating.
  - D. It is very flexible.

## II. SPEED READING

**Skim or scan the following passages, and then decide on the best answer and blacken the corresponding letter on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points, 1 point each)**

### Passage 5

*Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.*

The United States has had its most devastating wildfire season on record, with more than eight million acres of land burned across the country this year. Regenerating the forests that sat on much of that land would ordinarily take years and involve hundreds of people manually replanting young trees grown in dedicated nurseries.



Seattle-based DroneSeed has a much faster and more effective solution. The company uses fleets of drones (无人机) to reforest areas that have burned down, dropping what it calls “seed vessels” into areas where they have the best chance of growing back.

The eight-foot drones, up to five at a time flying together on pre-programmed routes, can cover up to 50 acres a day and each carry as much as 57 pounds of seed vessels. “We are six times faster than a tree planter out there with a shovel who’s doing about two acres a day,” DroneSeed CEO Grant Canary said.

Replanting forests from the air is not a new approach, with planes or helicopters often used to scatter seeds. Experts say that method is cheaper and easier than traditional hand planting but may not be as effective. “Just throwing forest tree seeds out of airplanes can be successful, and it’s a lot cheaper than manual planting,” said Ralph Schmidt, a geology professor. “Growing seedlings (幼苗) in nurseries and manually planting them will always have a much higher success rate than aerial sowing, but it is much more expensive.”

Selecting the right species of seed and the right place to drop them is key, Schmidt added.

DroneSeed is trying to find a middle ground with its unique seed vessels. The specially designed packets consist of a combination of fertilizers, nutrients and pest deterrents (杀虫剂) that help the seeds take root more effectively—without having to be physically buried in the ground. “The vessel absorbs moisture so that it can avoid drying out. It’s also pest-proof so that the seed can avoid getting eaten,” Canary said.

Drones aren’t the only technology the company uses to make replanting more effective. It also deploys Lidar, the sensing technology used by self-driving cars to map the world around them, to create a 3D model of the land. That’s coupled with sensors that measure different wavelengths of light to tell the difference between areas of gravel and places where healthy soil may be better suited for trees to grow.

21. According to Paragraph 1, the US needs to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. improve soil
- B. replant trees
- C. carry out fire drills
- D. remove manual-labor

22. Canary's remark in Paragraph 3 reveals his pride in the drones' \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. programmed routes
  - B. high efficiency
  - C. body structure
  - D. seed vessels
23. In what aspect is manual planting superior to aerial sowing?
- A. The coverage of land.
  - B. The selection of seeds.
  - C. The survival of trees.
  - D. The reduction of costs.
24. What do we know about the seed vessels?
- A. They contain filtered water.
  - B. They carry growth promoters.
  - C. They are buried in the ground.
  - D. They are attractive to pests.
25. What does the last paragraph deal with?
- A. DroneSeed's ambitious plan.
  - B. DroneSeed's business scope.
  - C. Lidar's strong and weak points.
  - D. Lidar's mechanism and function.

### Passage 6

*Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.*

A rare species of coffee has been found to have a similar flavour to the varieties chosen by coffee growers for their high quality. But it is also more tolerant of the higher temperatures and more varied rainfall that are becoming increasingly typical of coffee-growing regions.

Many types of coffee beans favoured for their taste only grow in a narrow range of conditions, meaning they might not survive if temperatures increase. In fact, around 60% of wild coffee species are facing extinction.

*Coffea stenophylla* may offer a solution. Farmers stopped cultivating it in the 1920s, believing it couldn't compete in the market at the time, and it was thought to have gone extinct in some countries where it once grew, including Guinea and Sierra Leone. But two small, wild populations were rediscovered in Sierra Leone in 2018.

Historical records showed that the species had an excellent flavour, but Aaron Davis at the Royal Botanic Gardens in London and his team wanted to test this properly. The

researchers created samples of coffee brewed with *C. stenophylla* beans and served them to five professional judging panels alongside samples of high-quality arabica coffee (*Coffea arabica*) and robusta (*Coffea canephora*), which is commonly used for instant coffee.

The judges said coffee made from *C. stenophylla* had a complex flavour with sweetness and a good body, similar to the taste of arabica. Some 81% of judges thought *C. stenophylla* coffee was actually arabica. They also gave it a score of 80.25 on the Speciality Coffee Association's 100-point coffee review scale, meaning it is considered a speciality coffee.

"I was really blown away by the taste," says Davis. "It's rare to find something that tastes as good as high-quality arabica, so this is really exciting." *C. stenophylla* has chemicals in common with arabica, which makes them taste similar. The team's models, based on what is already known about *C. stenophylla*, suggest it could tolerate an average annual temperature of around 25°C, which the researchers say is roughly 6°C higher than arabica. It is also more resistant to varying rainfall, suggesting that *C. stenophylla* can be cultivated in conditions in which arabica can't.

Davis thinks *C. stenophylla* has the potential to be commercialized. "It also presents opportunities to breed with other species, like arabica," he says, making them more climate resilient and securing high-quality, high-value coffees for the future. "It's totally a new favorite coffee."

26. What do we know about most wild coffee species?
- A. They are threatened with extinction.
  - B. They can tolerate hot weather.
  - C. They grow in rainforest areas.
  - D. They have their unique flavors.
27. What happened to *C. stenophylla* in the 1920s?
- A. It was believed to be gone in Sierra Leone.
  - B. It became very competitive in the market.
  - C. It lost its good reputation for its taste.
  - D. It was rediscovered by Aaron Davis.
28. What did most of the judges believe?
- A. *Coffea arabica* could be processed to be instant coffee.
  - B. *C. Stenophylla* and *Coffea arabica* were the same thing.
  - C. *Coffea canephora* should be scored high on the review scale.
  - D. *Coffea arabica* was no different from *Coffea canephora* in flavor.

29. What is the finding of Davis' research?
- A. *C. stenophylla* is adaptable to tough environment.
  - B. There are different ways to classify coffee species.
  - C. There is a great variety of coffee species in Guinea.
  - D. Many coffee species can be named speciality coffee.
30. How does Davis feel about the future of *C. stenophylla*?
- A. Puzzled.
  - B. Curious.
  - C. Worried.
  - D. Hopeful.

## 非选择题部分

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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。

### III. DISCOURSE CLOZE

**The following is taken from the textbook. Read the passage and fill in the numbered spaces (there are more suggested answers than necessary). Write the letter of the answer on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points, 1 point each)**

Unlike most of the other non-foolish holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn't a "First April Fool's Day" (31) \_\_\_\_\_. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, (32) \_\_\_\_\_, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian calendar was introduced, (33) \_\_\_\_\_.

However, communications being what they were in the days when news traveled by foot, (34) \_\_\_\_\_. Others, the more obstinate crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These backward folk were labeled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule, (35) \_\_\_\_\_.

This harassment evolved, over time, (36) \_\_\_\_\_. The tradition eventually spread to England and Scotland in the eighteenth century. It was later introduced to the American colonies of both the English and French. (37) \_\_\_\_\_, so to speak, with different nationalities specializing in their own brand of humor at the expense of their friends and families.

In Scotland, for example, (38) \_\_\_\_\_. The second day is devoted to pranks involving the posterior region of the body. It is called Taily Day. The origin of the “kick me” sign can be traced to this observance.

Mexico’s counterpart of April Fool’s day (39) \_\_\_\_\_. Originally, the day was a sad remembrance of the slaughter of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

Pranks performed on April Fool’s Day range from the simple, (such as saying, “Your shoe’s untied!”), to the elaborate. Setting a roommate’s alarm clock back an hour is a common gag. Whatever the prank, the trickster usually ends it (40) \_\_\_\_\_

(From *April Fool’s Day*)

- A. and New Year’s Day was moved to January 1
- B. The news media even gets involved
- C. into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April
- D. and were often sent on “fools errands” or were made the butt of other practical jokes
- E. by yelling to his victim, “April Fool!”
- F. many people did not receive the news for several years
- G. that can be pinpointed on the calendar
- H. April Fool’s Day is actually celebrated for two days
- I. was a fairly detailed documentary
- J. the new year was celebrated for eight days
- K. is actually observed on December 28
- L. April Fool’s Day thus developed into an international fun fest

#### IV. WORD FORMATION

**Complete each of the following sentences with the proper form of the word in brackets. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points, 1 point each)**

- 41. (origin)           The game is thought to have \_\_\_\_\_ among the native peoples of Alaska.
- 42. (expend)           Government \_\_\_\_\_ on scientific research has risen in the last few years.

43. (retail) Furniture and carpet \_\_\_\_\_ are among those reporting the sharpest annual decline in sales.
44. (value) Parents gave the school \_\_\_\_\_ support in its case for getting its facilities improved.
45. (utter) He is \_\_\_\_\_ dependent on the corporation for both his economic and emotional security.
46. (art) Elizabeth's got it all so nice—you remember how \_\_\_\_\_ she always was with colors.
47. (deliver) Mrs. Smith got a \_\_\_\_\_ of fresh vegetables yesterday morning.
48. (safe) The refugees were groping their way through the dark, trying to reach \_\_\_\_\_.
49. (resent) At first, the project manager was \_\_\_\_\_ of anybody's attempts to interfere in his work.
50. (exist) The latest images confirm the \_\_\_\_\_ of water on the planet's surface.

## V. GAP FILLING

The following is taken from the textbook. Fill in the numbered gaps with the correct forms of the words in the box (there are more words than necessary). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points, 1 point each)

early	capture	friendly	at	development	natural
eagerly	play	upbringing	if	excitement	because

Where one stage of child development has been left out, or not sufficiently experienced, the child may have to go back and (51) \_\_\_\_\_ the experience of it. A good home makes this possible—for example by providing the opportunity for the child to (52) \_\_\_\_\_ with a clockwork car or toy railway train up to any age if he still needs to do so. This principle, in fact, underlies all psychological treatment of children in difficulties with their (53) \_\_\_\_\_, and is the basis of work in child clinics.

The beginnings of discipline are in the nursery. Even the youngest baby is taught by gradual stages to wait for food, to sleep and to wake (54) \_\_\_\_\_ regular intervals and so on. If the child feels the world around him is a warm and (55) \_\_\_\_\_ one, he slowly accepts its rhythm and accustoms himself to conforming to its demands. Learning to wait for things, particularly for food, is a very important element in (56) \_\_\_\_\_, and is achieved successfully only if too great demands are not made before the child can understand them.

Every parent watches (57) \_\_\_\_\_ the child's acquisition of each new skill—the first spoken words, the first independent steps, or the beginning of reading and writing. It is often tempting to hurry the child beyond his (58) \_\_\_\_\_ learning rate, but this can set up dangerous feelings of failure and states of anxiety in the child. This might happen at any stage. A baby might be forced to use a toilet too (59) \_\_\_\_\_, a young child might be encouraged to learn to read before he knows the meaning of the words he reads. On the other hand, though, (60) \_\_\_\_\_ a child is left alone too much, or without any learning opportunities, he loses his natural zest for life and his desire to find out new things for himself.

(From *Bringing Up Children*)

## VI. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

**The following questions are based on Passage 4 in this test paper. Read the passage carefully again and answer the questions briefly by referring back to Passage 4. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points, 5 points each)**

61. What changes have taken place in the US with regard to its labour force?
62. What does the author suggest doing concerning working age?

## VII. TRANSLATION

**The following excerpt is taken from the textbook. Read it carefully and translate into Chinese each of the numbered and underlined parts. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points, 2 points each)**

(63) In America there are still customs by which a man may show respect for a woman. He opens the door for her and lets her precede him through it. (64) He walks on the side of the walk nearest the street. He takes her arm when crossing a street or descending a stairway. (65) A younger person also shows respect for an older one in much the same fashion, by helping the older person in things requiring physical exertion or involving possible accident.

(66) American surface informality often confuses the foreigner because he interprets it to mean no formality at all. He does not understand the point at which informality stops. A teacher, though friendly, pleasant, and informal in class, expects students to study hard, and he grades each student's work critically and carefully. He also expects to be treated with respect. Although students are free to ask questions about statements made by the teacher, and may say that they disagree with what he says, they are not expected to contradict him. (67) Similarly, in boy-girl relationships a foreign student should not mistake the easy relationship and flattery that are part of the dating pattern in the United States, nor presume that it means more than it does.

(From *American Social Relations*)