

全国 2015 年 4 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 on the answer sheet.

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. John gets up early every day. John does morning exercises in the park. (simple sentence)
2. I went to call on him as soon as I arrived in the city. (periodic sentence)
3. The heavy rain started suddenly. We stopped planting trees. (compound sentence)
4. The curtain was closed. The cast congratulated each other for their wonderful performance. (complex sentence)
5. Frank Water was a strong man. He could not lift the rock. The rock weighed over four hundred pounds. (compound-complex sentence)
6. The boy rushed out of the laboratory. He was badly frightened by the explosion. (sentence with a modifying phrase)
7. Scientists are not sure whether our weather is changing from the greenhouse effect. They are not sure whether it is changing from a cycle of nature either. (sentence with parallel structure)

8. The mayor called a press conference last week. She wanted to announce new programs for crime prevention and care for the homeless. (sentence with to opener)
9. The world appears to be growing smaller. World travel is so common. Many foreign customs have become familiar to us today. (long sentence)
10. Betty had worn glasses for fifteen years. She decided to get contact lenses. She would be able to see better. She would look more glamorous. (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. I finished the novel on the train which Mark had given me on my birthday.
12. We all hurried home after the picnic, it had started to rain.
13. Looking out of the window, the magnificent view fascinated me.
14. The students formed a study group to prepare for the midterm exam. Decided to study together for the rest of the course.
15. Many people get up early to jog along country lanes, to listen to the sounds of nature, or just watching the sun come up.

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. Amy has always been someone special to me in my life.
 - B. Like my other self, Amy always understands me perfectly.
 - C. I love the wild way Amy dances, so wonderful and exciting.
 - D. Amy is beautiful with her pleasant face and charming smiles.

Your choice: _____

17. Read the following paragraph and write the topic sentence on the answer sheet.

Joan has sweaty palms when she enters her math class. Her heart beats faster and faster as she moves toward her seat. She remembers that she is getting back her chapter test paper today, and she knows she did not do as well as she should have. She studied hard for a week before the test, but her mind went blank on some of the questions. She remembers feeling the same way in elementary school in Mrs. Smith's class. Mrs. Smith always told her, "You're not trying hard enough. That's what your problem is." Joan looks at the other students sitting calmly in their seats. She feels helpless and wonders why. What Joan does not know is that she is suffering from the symptoms of math anxiety.

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.

The reality is that most students have to work after school or during the summer. Few schools, however, teach the most basic skills students need to succeed in applying for jobs, interviewing, and finding employment. I attended three high schools in two states, and none made a connection between academic courses and the world of work I will face when I graduate. I was taught English but never shown how to write a resume. I took public speaking but was never trained how to handle a job interview. My economics course never explained the hiring process. The school board justifies teaching sex education because "school has to prepare students for life." What could be more important than teaching young people how to succeed in a competitive job market?

A. Schools should not teach students sex education.

B. Schools should prepare students for the job market.

C. The job market is too competitive for school leavers.

D. Schools have the responsibility to prepare students for life.

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 the first stage in the life of a star, the hot gas is drawn by the force of gravity into a burning sphere.
 - B. Scientists speculate that stars were first formed from the gases floating in the universe at the beginning of time.
 - C. A black hole has thus been formed.
 - D. But gravity soon takes over again, and the exploded star falls back in on itself with such force that all the matter in the star is compacted into a mass no larger than a few miles in diameter.
 - E. At this point, no heavenly body can be seen in that area of the sky, as the tremendous pull of gravity lets nothing escape, not even light.
 - F. A black hole in space, from all indications, is the result of the death of a star.
 - G. In the middle stage—our own sun being a middle-aged star—the burning continues at a regular rate, giving off enormous amounts of heat and light.
 - H. As it grows old, however, the star eventually explodes to become what is called a nova, a superstar.

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V. 在答题纸上写出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.

Nowadays a standard for measuring national power has changed. There used to be two super powers in the world, namely, the Soviet Union and the United States. These changes foretell a new standard for measuring power. No longer will a nation's political influence be based on the strength of its military forces. Of course, military effectiveness will remain a primary measure of power. But political influence is also closely tied to industrial competitiveness. It is often said that without its military the Soviet Union would really be a third-world nation. The growing strength of the Third World is an important factor for world peace. The new standard of power and influence that is evolving now places more emphasis on the ability of a country to compete effectively in the economic markets of the world.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter to Mrs. Alice Cook, Director of Admissions of Princeton University, to apply for college admission. Tell her

- ① your interest in the university,
- ② your qualifications,
- ③ your experiences and interests.

Please provide your phone number (555-5555) and your email address (liping@123.com) for further contact, and sign your name as Li Ping.
(150-200 words)