2022年10月高等教育自学考试

英语写作基础试题

课程代码:00597

- 1. 请考生按规定用笔将所有试题的答案写在答题纸上。
- 2. 答题前,考生务必将自己的姓名、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。

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. He surely was enjoying his vacation, lying on the beach, listening to the waves, and gazing at the clear sky. (periodic sentence)
- 2. Reading can break down social barriers. It can push aside biases. (simple sentence)
- 3. People have strong motivation. They're more likely to engage with their work and finish their tasks. (complex sentence)
- 4. Students who study literature usually have a larger vocabulary. They have better reading comprehension. They have greater communication skills. (parallel structure)
- 5. Millions of species live in the tropical rainforest. The plants and animals rely on each other for survival. (complex sentence)
- 6. We tend to forget the little pleasant things in life. Documenting those ordinary moments allows us to rediscover them. (compound sentence)
- 7. College helps develop many important qualities. The qualities include self-awareness, global-mindedness, and critical thinking. (complex sentence)
- 8. Mary texted several messages to John. There was no reply from him. She decided to make a phone call. (compound-complex sentence)
- 9. My policy of independence would not allow me to accept financial aid from him. I welcomed his wisdom. (compound sentence)
- 10. Qu Yuan lived over two thousand years ago. He wrote many poems. People still remember them. (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.
 - After seeing an offensive mouthwash ad on television, I resolved never to buy that brand again.
- 11. The dictionary can be used for finding word meanings, pronunciations, correct spellings, and look up irregular verbs.
- 12. The bank is still a thriving business which opened over a hundred years ago.
- 13. After spending two hours writing the essay, it was submitted to the professor.
- 14. Fairy tales are designed to be read aloud by the fire in a family setting, the tradition took off in Denmark in the 1830s.
- 15. Grandma served sandwiches and biscuits to the children on paper plates.

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. Culture refers to the pattern of human activity.
 - B. Culture is the invisible bond which ties people together.
 - C. Cultural differences create diversity as well as conflicts.
 - D. Culture is represented by the art, literature, language, and religion of a community.
- 17. Read the following paragraph and underline the topic sentence.

Our oceans are in more trouble than ever before due to the flow of plastic into the sea. Everything from plastic bottles to bags ends up in our oceans each year. Traveling on ocean currents, this plastic is now turning up in every corner of our planet. It is even being found in the deepest part of the ocean and trapped in Arctic ice. Our oceans are slowly turning into a plastic soup, and the effects on ocean life are devastating. Plastic pieces of all sizes choke the stomachs of creatures who mistake them for food, from tiny fish to whales. Plastic is now entering every level of the ocean food chain and is even ending up in the seafood on our plates.

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.

Insect bites are not just an annoyance, but can come with serious consequences. People frequently use chemicals to protect themselves from insects, especially from mosquitoes (蚊子). However, these chemicals can have many unpleasant side effects, for both humans and the environment. Recently, there has been a lot of interest in non-chemical mosquito bite protection. A good candidate would be graphene (石墨烯)—a material made of carbon in very thin sheets that is already being used on clothes for various other applications. In a paper published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, researchers showed that graphene can provide a two-fold defense against mosquito bites. The ultra-thin yet strong material acts as a barrier that mosquitoes are unable to bite through. At the same time, experiments showed that graphene also blocks chemical signals mosquitoes use to sense that a blood meal is near, blunting their urge to bite in the first place.

- A. Researchers have recently published a paper on mosquito bite protection.
- B. Graphene blocks the signals that mosquitoes use to identify a blood meal.
- C. Mosquitoes serve as one of the most important carriers for many diseases.
- D. Graphene enables a new chemical-free approach to mosquito bite prevention.

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. In order to avoid the peak season pressure, the Louvre (卢浮宫) is now making their works of art accessible via their newly launched website.
 - B. Updated on a daily basis, the Louvre's website is managed by researchers and management services from each of the eight departments.
 - C. Now, the Louvre's stunning cultural heritage is all at your fingertips.
 - D. For travelers from all over the world, this museum is a must-see in Paris, receiving more than 10.2 million visitors annually.
 - E. On this new website, the Louvre's collection of works spans across eight departments of the museum.
 - F. There's also an interactive map available on the main page that allows users to explore the museum and its works room by room.

- G. For the first time, anyone can access the entire collection of works from a computer or smartphone for free.
- H. As is known to all, there are few places as iconic as the Museum of Louvre in Paris.

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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.

For a long time a diverse population of Native American tribes prospered on the rich lands of California. Before European settlers arrived, an estimated 300,000 native people lived in small villages throughout the area. Some Native Americans are still living in California today. Contact with the new settlers brought about serious disruptions to the native way of life. The Gold Rush of 1848 brought still more devastation. Violence, disease and loss brought by the European settlers overwhelmed the tribes. By 1870, an estimated 30,000 native people survived in the state of California, forced to live on without access to their homelands. A professor of Native American Studies was interviewed about the European idea of land. The native tribes of California lived by hunting and gathering the fertile resources of the land. Their culture and religion place them in the role of caretakers not owners of the land, preserving it for the future.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter of invitation to your friend Sam based on the following situation.

You are a volunteer at the Tourist Information Center. Ask Sam to join you during the summer holidays. Explain why more volunteers are needed, what the job responsibilities are and what qualifications volunteers should have for the position. Please sign your name as Li Fei. (150-200 words)