

2023 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. Write your answers 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. Sometime after twelve o'clock Byron passed south of the railroad bridge. He walked back to the station. (simple sentence)
2. Efficient public transportation reduces traffic. It saves money on road construction. It lessens harm to the ozone layer. (parallel structure)
3. Princeton University has a School of Engineering and Applied Science and a School of Architecture in addition to a college and a graduate school. (periodic sentence)
4. I promised the teacher I'd finish my homework by noon. I can't go to the movies with you. (compound sentence)
5. More and more people reach retirement age in China. There will be a greater demand for hospital care, assisted-living centers, and nursing homes. (complex sentence)
6. The cat ran away. Mary was not worried. The cat was trained to find his home. (compound-complex sentence)
7. I can still remember my first-born baby Danny smiling at me. We were wheeling him home one dark night. (complex sentence)
8. The Braille system of reading and writing was devised by Frenchman Louis Braille. It was widely used by blind people all over the world. (compound sentence)
9. Even in Sweden women do more housework than men. In Sweden, government policies strongly promote gender equality. (complex sentence)
10. Eighty percent of all college students in the U.S. have at least one part-time job. Some even work full-time. It takes their focus away from school and gives them little time for academics. (compound-complex sentence)

II. 修改句子 (15 points, 3 points each)

Correct the errors in the following sentences. Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Example: My parents bought a house from a man with no inside plumbing.

My parents bought a house with no inside plumbing from a man.

11. Lee ordered food and managed his business on the Internet, in fact, at times he spent as long as three weeks alone at home.
12. Jane started her speech. Reading slowly and clearly from her prepared remarks.
13. The writer proved his skills through his compact sentence structure, designing thrilling plot, and his enduring theme.
14. A girl stood at the doorway of a cottage, waving good-bye to her grandpa in a red skirt.
15. Winning China's first ever Olympic gold medal in snowboarding, many Chinese youngsters were inspired by Su Yiming to dream big.

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. American adults aged 50 and older say reducing crime is one of the policy priorities.
 - B. Seventy-seven percent of younger Americans prioritize protecting the environment.
 - C. Both younger and older Americans place a much lower priority on climate change.
 - D. The policy priorities of younger and older Americans differ in three key respects.
17. Read the following paragraph and underline the topic sentence on the answer sheet.

Most of the time, we don't even know what our own bodies are doing. Human body language is more closely tied to ritual than planned behavior. For example, I don't think about how to pick up my glass when I drink, how to hold my fork, how to lock the door, or how to start my car. Our brains are so complex, with multiple subprograms running at all times, that it is difficult to have complete control over every movement. It is difficult for us to even remember what we've done if the action has reached the point of ritual or habit.

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.

Zebras evolved from horses more than 2 million years ago, biologists have found. Scientists have previously assumed that zebras' stripes evolved for one, or a combination of four main reasons: confusing enemies, protecting against disease-carrying insects, controlling body temperature, and maintaining social unity. While numerous previous studies of the phenomenon focused on one single assumption, a study led by Brenda Larison, a researcher in

UCLA, was the first to fully test a large set of assumptions against one another. The researchers examined zebras at 16 locations in Africa. On zebras in warmer climates, the stripes are bold and cover the entire body. On others—particularly those in regions with colder winters such as South Africa and Namibia—the stripes are fewer in number and are lighter and narrower. In some cases, the legs or other body parts have virtually no striping.

- A. Regulating body temperature may be a key factor for zebras' striping.
- B. Brenda Larison studied many zebras during her field work in Africa.
- C. The location determines the amount and intensity of zebras' stripes.
- D. One fascinating question about zebras is how they got their stripes.

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. One way to sustain positive emotions is to become more aware of what types of thoughts are associated with those emotions.
- B. So, for example, if you feel good each time you think about a problem you're trying to solve or the dinner you're planning to cook, you can increase the amount of time you have these kinds of thoughts during the day.
- C. You can improve your happiness by taking steps to change your emotions.
- D. Looking at your positive emotions as a consequence or outcome, try to figure out which thoughts give rise to these feelings.
- E. On the other hand, you more likely want to change the negative emotions.
- F. After you identify the emotion that you want less of, you can change the thoughts that lead up to that emotion.
- G. Now, you don't want to change all your emotions; you simply want to maintain or increase your positive emotions and decrease your negative emotions.
- H. Use the bad feelings as a starting point to identify which of a wide range of emotions you're experiencing.

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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 on the answer sheet.

A lot of the time, people hardly ever listen to what's going on in a conversation. They either just take in the general idea or focus instead on getting their own response ready. A bad conversation is one where both parties are so intent on talking, that the "listening" is simply a silent gap waiting one's turn. Silence is golden though it can be embarrassing. In these cases, the talking-listening ratio is all wrong. The fact is that good conversations, like a game of catch, are a back-and-forth game. They need a talking-listening ratio that's not far from 50:50. Actually, it's commonly said that everyone has something to share, and there's a lot of truth in this. When we listen to someone else, we allow them to deal with whatever stresses or bothers them. As such, it builds much deeper relationships with much higher satisfaction.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter of invitation in 150-200 words according to the following situation. Write your letter on the answer sheet.

Your community is planning a dinner party to celebrate the Spring Festival, where traditional dishes will be shared and performances and folk arts will be presented. Suppose you are the organizer of the event. Please write a letter to your new neighbor Mr. Smith to invite him to the party, and tell him what to expect, when and where to meet. Please sign your name as Li Fei.