

大学英语 IV 模拟试题

Part One Listening Comprehension

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Section A

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

Q.1

A. A deadly fish has been spotted in the Mediterranean waters.

B. Invasive species are driving away certain native species.

C. The Mediterranean is a natural habitat of Devil Firefish.

D. Many people have been attacked by Devil Firefish.

Q.2

A. It could add to greenhouse emissions.

B. It could disrupt the food chains there.

C. It could pose a threat to other marine species.

D. It could badly pollute the surrounding waters.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

Q.3

A. Cars will not be allowed to enter the city.

B. About half of its city center will be closed to cars.

C. Buses will be the only vehicles allowed on its streets.

D. Pedestrians will have free access to the city.

Q.4

A. The rising air pollution in Paris

B. The worsening global warming.

C. The ever-growing cost of petrol.

D. The unbearable traffic noise.

Questions 5 - 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

Q.5

A. Many of his possessions were stolen.

B. His house was burnt down in a fire.

C. His fishing boat got wrecked on a rock.

D. His good luck charm sank into the sea.

Q.6

A. Change his fishing locations.

B. Find a job in a travel agency.

C. Spend a few nights on a small island.

D. Sell the pearl he had kept for years.

Q.7

- A.His pearl could be displayed in a museum.
- B.His monstrous pearl was extremely valuable.
- C.The largest pearl in the world weighs 14 pounds.
- D.A New York museum has the world's biggest pearl.

Section B

Questions 8 - 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

Q.8

- A.It boasts a fairly long history.
- B.It produces construction materials.
- C.It has 75 offices around the world.
- D.It has over 50 business partners.

Q.9

- A.It has about 50 employees.
- B.It was started by his father.
- C.It is a family business.
- D.It is over 100 years old.

Q.10

- A.Shortage of raw material supply.
- B.Legal disputes in many countries.
- C.Outdated product design.
- D.Loss of competitive edge.

Q.11

- A.Conducting a financial analysis for it.
- B.Providing training for its staff members.
- C.Seeking new ways to increase its exports.
- D.Introducing innovative marketing strategies.

Question 12 -15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

Q.12

- A.She is a real expert at house decorations.
- B.She is well informed about the design business.
- C.She is attracted by the color of the sitting room.
- D.She is really impressed by the man's house.

Q.13

- A.From his younger brother Greg.
- B.From home design magazines.
- C.From a construction businessman.
- D.From a professional interior designer.

Q.14

- A.The effort was worthwhile.
- B.The style was fashionable.
- C.The cost was affordable.
- D.The effect was unexpected.

Q.15

- A.She'd like him to talk with Jonathan about a new project.

B.She wants him to share his renovation experience with her.

C.She wants to discuss the house decoration budget with him.

D.She'd like to show him around her newly-renovated house.

Section C

Questions 16-18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Q.16

A.Providing routine care for small children.

B.Paying hospital bills for emergency cases.

C.Doing research on ear, nose and throat diseases.

D.Removing objects from patients' noses and ears.

Q.17

A.Many children like to smell things they find or play with.

B.Many children like to put foreign objects in their mouths.

C.Five-to nine-year-olds are the most likely to put things in their ears.

D.Children aged one to four are often more curious than older children.

Q.18

A.They tend to act out of impulse.

B.They want to attract attention.

C.They are unaware of the potential risks.

D.They are curious about these body parts.

Questions 19-21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Q.19

A.It paid for her English lessons.

B.It gave her a used bicycle.

C.It delivered her daily necessities.

D.It provided her with physical therapy.

Q.20

A.Expanding bike-riding lessons

B.Asking local people for donations.

C.Providing free public transport.

D.Offering walking tours to visitors.

Q.21

A.It is a language school.

B.It is a charity organization.

C.It is a counseling center.

D.It is a sports club.

Questions 22-25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Q.22

A.How mice imitate human behavior in space.

B.How low gravity affects the human body.

C.How mice interact in a new environment.

A.They tried everything possible to escape from the cage.

D.How animals deal with lack of gravity.

B.They continued to behave as they did in the beginning.

Q.23

A.They were not used to the low-gravity environment.

C.They already felt at home in the new environment.

B.They found it difficult to figure out where they were.

D.They had found a lot more activities to engage in.

C.They found the space in the cage too small to stay in.

Q.25

D.They were not sensitive to the changed environment

A.They repeated their activities every day.

B.They behaved as if they were on Earth.

Q.24

C.They began to eat less after some time.

D.They changed their routines in space.

Section D Compound Dictation

He handed out the 1) _____ finals and the 2) _____ were 3) _____. However, I had gotten an A. But why did I sense he wasn't going to let me enjoy it?

Wickert 4) _____ all the complaints. "I warned you at the beginning of the class that if you took the lazy way out, it would cost you. If you had followed my instructions, this final would have been a 5) _____. Now that it's over, I can tell you. I took the case straight out of the textbook. *Verbatim*. I did not even 6) _____ to change the name of the case. I knew you wouldn't notice."

You could hear the sound of pages 7) _____ as we *frantically* searched the textbook and the *index*, looking for the case. Then, there was dead silence as we read it. 8) _____
_____ They thought up a few things that I hadn't and *vice versa*.

"Only three people 9) _____," he said. "But one person did it the hard way and actually reasoned it out on her own. It would have saved her a lot of time if she had just done what I had asked."

Yes, it would have saved me time and embarrassment.10) _____
_____ I had thought it through and come up with the correct answer. Could Wickert have been trying to push us young students into thinking?

Part Two Reading comprehension

A

Japan is getting tough about recycling—and not in the paper and plastic kind of way. Recently, the country requires that all electronic goods—TVs, VCRs, stereos, and more—be recycled. But recycling will not be left to consumers, instead, the devices will be sent to the original manufacturer for proper disposal.

The new law poses a few challenges to manufacturers who are now rushing to set up collection networks and perfecting techniques to disassemble and recycle older products. With an eye toward the future, they are also integrating easily recycled materials into new products. Plastics, a major component of most electronic products, pose a particular obstacle because their quality becomes worse and worse with age, losing strength and flexibility even if reprocessed. NEC Corp. overcomes this problem by creating a plastics sandwich, in which the filling is 100 percent recycled plastic and the outer layers a mixture of 14 percent recycled material. The resulting plastic has sufficient strength and toughness for use as a case for desktop PCs. The company, in cooperation with plastic maker Sumitomo Dow, has also developed a new plastic, which engineers claim retains its mechanical properties through repeated recycling. NEC uses the plastic, which is also flame-retardant (阻燃的) in battery cases for notebook PCs.

Meanwhile, Matsushita Electric, maker of the Panasonic brand, is avoiding plastic in favor of magnesium (镁). Magnesium, says the company, is ideal for re cycling because it retains its original strength through repeated reprocessing. Matsushita has developed molding techniques to form magnesium into the case for a 21-inch TV. Unfortunately, the magnesium case and energy-saving features make the TV about twice as expensive as an ordinary model. The company hopes, however, that increased use of magnesium will eventually bring prices down.

Choose correct answers to the question:

1. According to the present regulations of Japan, the recycling of paper and plastic will be the responsibility of _____.

- A. the government
- B. the manufacturers
- C. the consumers
- D. the sellers

2. Which of the following is NOT the character of plastics?

- A. Most electronic products contain plastics.
- B. It retains its original strength through reprocessing.
- C. Recycled plastics can be integrated into new products.
- D. Plastics will lose flexibility after a certain period of time.

3. According to the passage, the term “plastic sandwich” refers to _____.

- A. a kind of sandwich-shaped toy made of plastics
- B. a kind of plastics with different integration in each layer
- C. a kind of plastics with maximum strength and flexibility
- D. a kind of plastics made of 100% recycled materials

4. In the passage, it is implied but NOT stated that _____.

- A. disposing the plastics is one of NEC Corp’s businesses

- B. magnesium is an ideal material for the case of TV
- C. 21-inch TV with magnesium case isn't very popular so far
- D. magnesium must be better than the plastics

5. The author writes this passage in order to _____.

- A. inform
- B. instruct
- C. predict
- D. persuade

B

Whether striding ahead with pride or slouching (没精打采地站) gloomily, we all broadcast our emotions through body language. Now a computer has learned to interpret those unspoken cues as well as you or I.

Antonio Camurri of the University of Genoa in Italy and colleagues have built a system which uses the depth-sensing, motion-capture camera in Microsoft's Kinect (体感游戏机) to determine the emotion conveyed by a person's body movements. Using computers to capture emotions has been done before, but typically focuses on facial analysis or voice recording. Reading someone's emotional state from the way they walk across a room or their posture as they sit at a desk means they don't have to speak or look into a camera.

"It's a nice achievement," says Frank Pollick, professor of psychology at the University of Glasgow, UK. "Being able to use the Kinect for this is really useful."

The system uses the Kinect camera to build a stick figure representation of a person that includes information on how his head, torso (躯干), hands and shoulders are moving. Software looks for body positions and movements widely recognized in psychology as indicative of certain emotional states. For example, if a person's head is bowed and their shoulders are drooping (下垂), that might indicate sadness or fear. Adding in the speed of movement--slow indicates sadness, while fast indicates fear--allows the software to determine how someone is feeling. In tests, the system correctly identified emotions in the stick figures 61.3% of the time, compared with a 61.9% success rate for 60 human volunteers.

Camurri is using the system to build games that teach children with autism (自闭症) to recognize and express emotions through full-body movements. Understanding how another person feels can be difficult for people with autism, and recognizing fear is more difficult than happiness.

"In one of the serious games we developed, a child is invited to look at a short video of an actor expressing an emotion," Camurri says. "Then the child is invited to guess which emotion was expressed in the video." He adds that you can also ask the child to express the same emotion just by moving her body; joy, for example, can be characterized by energetic, fluid movements and a tendency to raise your arms.

The team also plans to use the system to figure out how "in tune" a group of people is with their leader, looking for signals like how people's heads move when someone is speaking. Pollick says it could be useful as an automatic way to classify emotion--as part of a CCTV (闭路电视) system to infer intent, or to help shops understand customers.

Choose correct answers to the question:

6. What is the advantage of the newly-developed system over previous research?

- A. In tests it identified a person's emotion more correctly.
- B. It uses Microsoft's Kinect in a better way.
- C. It does not require a fixed position in front of a camera
- D. It represents a person in a more detailed and vivid way.

7. What body movements would the system probably interpret as sadness?

- A. Bowed head and drooping shoulders.
- B. Energetic movements and a tendency to raise arms.
- C. Bowed head and fast movements.
- D. Drooping shoulders and slow movements.

8. What benefit can the serious games probably bring to children with autism?

- A. They can learn how to move their bodies.
- B. They can grow into an actor or actress.
- C. They can be better understood by people.
- D. They can separate happiness from joy.

9. What does the plan of Camurri's team imply?

- A. The way a person's head moves suggests his attitude toward the speaker.
- B. The system can improve the relationship between leaders and group members.
- C. A speaker should look for the signals given by the audience.
- D. Listeners should pay attention to the tune of the speaker.

10. What does Pollick think about this system?

- A. It enables shops to better monitor customers.
- B. It has a wide range of potential applications.
- C. It is more useful than previous research.
- D. It can divide emotion states into different types.

PART Three Banked cloze

Complete the passage with suitable words from the table. You may not use any of the words more than once.

**accompanied boundaries constantly escaping workforce
hustling isolating limitations obstacles seemingly
Options panic popularizing productivity reinvented**

A commitment to long hours of hard work to earn success has been widely celebrated, but this tendency toward hustling is turning toxic. 1) _____ workaholism may pose a threat to the physical and mental well-being of the 2) _____, and potentially damage your business.

The constant drive to keep working only creates more 3) _____ to deep, restful sleep. It also often discourages more healthful nutritional habits. Junk- and fast-food 4) _____ look more efficient but are far less beneficial for the body. Over time, this can result in malnutrition and lack of energy. In addition, an increase in the number of hours that workers spend before a computer screen has 5) _____ a decline in physical exercise and, therefore, a rise in lifestyle diseases

like obesity. Furthermore, if workers 6)_____choose work-related activities in pursuit of hustle, they give up something else that might be more rewarding in terms of individual well-being.

If you encourage such a culture, you may be setting yourself and your employees up for a rat race. When winning becomes the only acceptable outcome, that healthy sense of rivalry can turn deeply dangerous to company 7)_____. Being devoted and hardworking is important and even necessary for entrepreneurs, but too much focus on competition causes 8)_____and desperation. Respect the fact that, as human beings, we all come with physical, mental and emotional 9)_____. A culture should be fostered that not only celebrates hard work but also appreciates and rewards employees who enforce reasonable 10)between life and work.

Part Four Vocabulary

1. Since we've been waiting for 20 minutes, a bus should _____ any minute now.
A. come along B.come by C.come across D.come in
2. I didn't mean to say it like that — it just _____ I do apologize for my unthinking remark.
A. popped up B.popped in C.popped out D.popped off
3. You must _____ your fears and doubts and take risks again and again.
A. Confront B.forefront C. affront D.frontage
4. The city government is currently _____ policies on road expansion to solve traffic problems.
A. simulate B.accumulate C.formulate D.Regulate
5. For several years, the family was forced to make do with just the bare _____.
A. advocates B.candidates C.sulfates D.necessities
6. There is a top-secret research _____ on this military base.
A. fertility B.facility C.ductility D.servility
7. After the sudden interruption, the dean immediately _____ with her commencement.
A. acceded B. proceeded C.preceded D.receded
8. They spent an _____ amount of time getting the engine into perfect condition.
A. immense B.insensible C.insensitive D.immerse
9. When the old man looked up, he saw a heavy _____ of cloud creeping across the sky.
A. mess B.moss C.miss D.mass
10. During the Spring Festival, the windows of the shopping mall are _____ with posters.
A. plastered B.blastered C.lastered D.mastered
11. The investigation _____ evidence of a large-scale illegal trade in wild birds.
A.recovered B.discovered C.uncovered D.rediscovered
12. There is _____ evidence that smoking damages your health.
A.underwhelming B.overwhelming C.overpowering D.overbearing
13. She has just_____herself a company directorship.
A.landed B.handed C.banded D.sanded
14. The workforce has nearly _____ in size since the new factory opened last year.
A.trialed B.tricked C.tried D.tripled
15. To instill the ability to _____ , we must value subjective experience, and nurture our capacity to find meaning, not just fact.
A.season B.reason C.treason D.reassure

16. I think you'd be _____ if you just moved back to your mother's house for a while.
A.well off B.take off C.wash off D.better off
17. Technology gives us immense power over nature, and our decisions will affect all life
A.subterranean B.extraterrestrial C.terrestrial D.atmospheric
18. As he lay in his hospital bed that night, he cried as he _____ his future.
A.contained B.contested C.contemplated D.contented
19. Meals are prepared by the chef on board using fresh _____ which are bought daily.
A.ingredients B.gradients C.information D.inventions
20. I _____ at a clinic during the first summer vacation after I graduated from high school.
A.interrupted B.returned C.interned D.intermediated

Part Five Sentence Completion

1. Artistic m_____ (优秀) scholarships require that applicants excel in a given artistic area.
2. We stood in the orchard (果园), where the apples were ripe and d_____ (悬挂) just inches above our heads.
3. He took a screwdriver (螺丝刀) from his pocket and began to l_____ (使放松) the screws on the bike.
4. These companies are sure to encounter financial trouble if they only rely on advertising r_____ (收入, 收益) for their funds.
5. C_____ (培养, 养成) a positive mental attitude toward yourself can reap tremendous benefits.
6. He suffered a second heart attack two days ago but his condition has now s_____ (使稳定, 使稳固).
7. Over several decades, people's views on health and diet have changed d_____ (大幅度的).
8. A new version of the app is d_____ (预期的) to be released in June
9. This was important because many of the staff did not fully understand what the role e_____ (使必须, 需要).
10. Concerns about the danger p_____ (引起, 产生) by fireworks could lead to restrictions on their sale and use.

Part Six Writing

You are about to graduate and so you are looking for a job. There are many things to decide such as big city, small city, big company, small company, high salary, future prospects, in-house training, etc. In your opinion, what is important in looking for a job?