

2012 National English Contest for College Students

(Level C - Preliminary)

参考答案及作文评分标准

Part I Listening Comprehension (30 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

1—5 CBBAC

Section B (10 marks)

6—10 BAACB 11—15 CABCB

Section C (5 marks)

16—20 ACABA

Section D (10 marks)

21. disruption 22. air pressure 23. slow down 24. immune system 25. stimulates
26. bear in mind 27. circulation 28. decreases 29. Consult 30. side effects

Part II Vocabulary and Structure (15 marks)

31—35 BDABC 36—40 BDDAB 41—45 CADBC

Part III Cloze (10 marks)

46. likelihood 47. fortune 48. take 49. with 50. knowing
51. dozens 52. least 53. burning 54. easy/simple 55. realize

Part IV Reading Comprehension (40 marks)

Section A (10 marks)

56. describe 57. opportunity 58. honeymoon 59. transition 60. characterized

Section B (10 marks)

61. F 62. T 63. T

64. The special depth that true friendship is about.

65. They need to get over fear of confrontation and rejection.

Section C (10 marks)

66. High fatality 67. thrill seeking; risk taking 68. pushing out personal boundaries 69. C 70. A

Section D (10 marks)

71. “Linguistic” intelligence and “Logical mathematical” intelligence.

72. The ability to gauge one’s own mood, feelings and mental states, and the ability to gauge it in others and

use the information.

73. "Logical mathematical" intelligence and the "bodily-kinesthetic" intelligence.

74. 他的观点引发了激烈的讨论,应如何定义智力。

75. 这八个类别的智力无疑反映了这样的事实,即这些类别中都有从无能到聪慧的各种不同能力的人。

Part V Translation (10 marks)

76. Since there is no turning back, we might as well try his method.

77. How do you account for the decline in profits for three consecutive months?

78. Talking about how to achieve success, Blair puts more emphasis on creating rather than waiting for opportunities.

79. I wish I had had such good opportunities as yours when I was young.

80. High tuition doesn't necessarily guarantee better education.

Part VI Error correction (10 marks)

Cash reward is a common form of motivation used by parents with high expectation to encourage their children ^ work hard at exam time. Some youngsters receive payments of as much as £100 for each A grade they obtain at GCSE. But would such "bribes" be based on exam performance or should they, as many parents and teachers feel, be offered in recognition of a child's effort, regardless of results? The later approach would solve the problems of how parents reward children with different levels of ability; imagine, for example, a family with one child who is academically gift and another who has learning difficulties. The dangers of result-relating incentives for the second child are clear; with little hope of obtaining the higher grades, the withholding of promised financial rewards would only compound of the child's feeling of false. However, some leading educational psychologists believe that parents should rely in their own judgments in such matters. They maintain that if parents know that money will motivate their child, then they should not be condemned for operating a system of cash payouts.

81. to

82. should

83. ✓

84. latter

85. problem

86. gifted

87. related

88. of

89. failure

90. on

Part VII IQ Test (5 marks)

91. Post Office.

92. The letter "e".

93. Falling in love.

94. A

95. Three socks.

Part VIII Writing (30 marks)

Omitted.

作文评分标准

一、评分原则：

1. 本题满分为 I 10 分；II 20 分，按四个档次给分。
2. 评分时，先根据文章的内容和语言初步确定其所属档次，然后以该档次的要求来衡量、确定或调整本档次，最后给分。
3. I 词数少于 100 或多于 140 的，II 词数少于 140 或多于 180 的，从总分中减去 2 分。
4. 如书写较差，以致影响阅卷，将分数降低一档。

二、各档次给分范围和要求：

第四档(很好)：I 9-10 分；II 16-20 分

完全符合写作格式的要求，覆盖所有内容要点，表达思想清楚，文字通顺，连贯性很好，基本上无词汇和语法错误。

第三档(好)：I 6-8 分；II 11-15 分

基本符合写作格式的要求，有个别地方表达思想不够清楚，文字基本通顺、连贯，有少量词汇和语法错误。

第二档(一般)：I 3-5 分；II 6-10 分

未恰当完成写作格式的要求，漏掉内容要点，表达思想不清楚，文字多处出现词汇和语法错误，影响了对写作内容的理解。

第一档(差)：I 1-2 分；II 1-5 分

未完成写作格式的要求，明显遗漏主要内容，表达思想紊乱，有较多词汇和语法的重大错误，未能将信息传达给读者。

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白卷；作文与题目毫不相关；内容太少，无法评判；所写内容无法看清。

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听力录音原文

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

In this section, you will hear five short conversations. Each conversation will be read only once. At the end of each conversation, there will be a twenty-second pause. During the pause, read the question and the three choices marked A, B and C, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

1. W: How do you feel about oil crisis?

M: It's frightening. Maybe there will be wars about oil. We need to find alternative energy sources very soon. Any alternatives do you know?

W: I think wind energy and wave energy would play important parts in our lives in the future.

2. W: Excuse me, I want to buy a new car and I'd like some information about the loans. What are the current interest rates on short-term loans?

M: Well, that depends on the amount you're thinking of borrowing and over how long a period you want to pay it back.

W: If I have a loan for £5,000 payable over three years, what will the rate be and how much will the monthly repayments be?

M: OK, I'll figure it out.

3. M: Janice won't be coming back after she's had her baby, so do we keep Meryl, or do we need to find someone else?

W: As far as I'm concerned, Meryl can stay. I think she's done a great job over the last month.

M: I'm sorry, but I really can't agree with you. She hasn't got the right manner. Take for example that incident with the customer a couple of days ago. The customer wasn't very friendly, but that's no excuse for being rude.

4. W: Hi, come in. So, do you think you'll have that report ready in time for the meeting?

M: Well, the meeting's on Thursday, so that gives me two days. I'm pretty sure it'll be ready in time.

W: Pretty sure isn't good enough. The regional director is going to be here tomorrow afternoon, and we're meeting the big boss for dinner afterwards, so it needs to be ready earlier.

M: OK, I'll get it finished by tomorrow noon.

5. W: So, Professor Taylor, I'd like you to tell us what is likely to be the biggest problem we'll have to face in the future?

M: Well, the most alarming problem is still world population. In 1948, there were 2 billion inhabitants on

the earth and in 1992 that figure had more than doubled to over 5 billion and by the year 2020, it's estimated that it will increase to over 8.5 billion.

W: There'll be more famines and more wars.

Section B

In this section, you will hear two long conversations. Each conversation will be read only once. At the end of each conversation, there will be a one-minute pause. During the pause, read the questions and the three choices marked A, B and C, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

Conversation One

W: We have with us in the studio today, Simon, an astronomer with an organization searching for intelligence and life in space. Simon, could you tell us something about it?

M: Yes, of course. We're a scientific organization that started in 1959 to search for radio signals from intelligent life in space.

W: So presumably you believe that there is intelligent life in space.

M: No, I wouldn't say I believe that. But there may be intelligent life out there. It's certainly possible. The universe is so vast. Our sun is just one star among billions and it's a fact that many stars have their own planets orbiting around them.

W: Really, I didn't know that.

M: No, we've only recently discovered that.

W: So why are you searching for radio signals?

M: Because the distances in space are so great. It's unlikely that other life forms will ever visit us. If they exist, we're more likely to know from their radio signals.

W: So, you don't believe all those stories about aliens visiting our planet?

M: I'm afraid I don't. There's just no real evidence. But that doesn't mean there isn't other life in the universe.

W: If there IS life, what might it be like?

M: Oh, it's hard to say. It might not have a form that we recognize. For example, on a planet where gravity is very strong, all life forms could be the size of microbes.

W: Oh, really, fascinating.

M: Even if we can't find life on distant stars, we might find simple forms of life in our own solar system. For example, we think there's ice on Mars. And where there's water, there's a possibility of life.

W: That would be exciting. But what about these radio signals? Have you found anything interesting?

M: I can't say we have. But we're going to keep looking.

W: One final question that I've always wanted to ask an astronomer. Scientists now believe that the universe must have started with what's called "the big bang".

M: Well, we're not 100% certain. But yes, we think that the universe could have begun with a huge explosion about 12 billion years ago.

W: What I've always wanted to know is this: what began "the big bang"? How did it start?

M: Are you asking me if I believe in God? We don't know how "the big bang" started. We just don't know.

Conversation Two

W: Please meet Bob who made the news in the business world last month. It was Bob who decided to give traditional job-seeking strategies a miss, and instead, spend \$20,000 on a website and an eye-catching film, broadcasting his desire for an interesting job. He also confesses to offering \$1,000 to anyone who can get him his dream job. Personal branding is all the rage in the United States, where bestsellers like “The Brand Called You” and “The Personal Branding Phenomenon” encourage people to promote themselves as brands to attract the perfect partner. So, Bob, tell us more!

M: Well, to tell you the truth, I wish I had thought of the idea ten years ago. If I had had the idea, I am confident I would be a multi-millionaire by now! I decided that I wasn't going to work for peanuts, so I took a few months off to think between jobs. Only when I had begun to do research, did I realize the power of the internet. No sooner had I devised my campaign, Give Bob a Job, and had the film made, than the Bob-branded merchandising fell into place! We have teddy bears, T-shirts, clocks and cups! The video was made to advertise my skills and talents, and is in the format of an easy-to-download attachment! As long as I make use of the power of the internet, my influence will be unlimited ...

W: I'd be surprised if our listeners understand exactly what you mean, Bob. How can the internet help you in your job search exactly?

M: It's what we call viral marketing. Everyone must have seen an e-mail that has come from a friend, saying “Have a look at this little video”. If you like it, you will send it to three others, and if they like it they will send it to three others each, and so on and so forth. To be honest, after a week, the numbers are frightening! If, for example, a hundred people had each sent an e-mail to two people, the result would have been 1 million people. And in case only, say, 100,000 people look at my video, there might be only two or three who think “Wow! What we want is an employee like this!” Come to think of it, not only are these the two or three people most likely to give me my dream job, they are the only ones I would want actually to work for!

W: That's amazing, Bob! I have to admit to thinking it would be a great way to find a husband or wife as well!

Section C

In this section, you will hear five short news items. After each item, which will be read only once, there will be a pause. During the pause, read the question and the three choices marked A, B and C, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

16. Wednesday night at the White House, President Barack Obama announced the phased withdrawal of 10,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year, with a target of removing the rest of a 33,000 surge force by the end of next year.
17. But the study findings also run counter to conventional wisdom. According to this study, several high-calorie foods were found to lead to less weight gain when their consumption was increased. In particular nuts, whole grains, yogurt, fruits, and vegetables, were all associated with less weight gain over time.
18. Over in Japan, we're getting some conflicting reports about the radiation coming out of a damaged nuclear

power plant. Early Sunday, tests showed that one building at the plant was giving off radiation levels 10 million times higher than normal. Tokyo Electric, which owns the plant, later said the number was close to 100,000 times the normal level.

19. A number of BBC radio services are coming to an end. They include the BBC Caribbean Service, which began in 1939, one of the oldest services the BBC has provided in English. It's the last of five language services being shut down by the BBC because of cuts in government funding. Mandarin Chinese and Azeri language broadcasts on radio also stopped today. A number of World Service programmes in English are ending, including Europe Today, which has made its final broadcast.
20. Thousands of people have demonstrated in cities and towns across Syria, calling for more freedom. In the southern city of Deraa, protesters said at least 20 people were reported to have been killed when shots rang out after a statue of the former President Hafez al-Assad was set alight. The Syrian authorities prevented journalists from entering Deraa. Lina Sinjab sent this report from Damascus.

Section D

In this section, you will hear a short passage. There are 10 missing words or phrases. Fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases you hear. The passage will be read twice. Remember to write the answers on the answer sheet.

Recovery from jetlag can take as long as a day for every time zone crossed. So if you're flying east-west for your holiday or on business, it is likely to mean a few days of feeling tired or even unwell.

Jetlag is the disruption of the body's natural cycle and some factors make it worse. The artificial atmosphere inside a plane can affect the body in a number of ways and add to the effects of jetlag.

Exercising before flights helps to offset the effects on the body of reduced air pressure, and aerobic exercise afterwards helps to reoxygenate it. Drink plenty of water. Children may need more. Drinking carrot juice before flying overcomes oxygen deficiency.

Eat light, frequent meals. Heavy meals slow down the blood circulation, which can lead to dizziness and fainting. For two weeks before you fly, eat plenty of food containing vitamins A and E; they will build up your immune system and help to keep you fit. Sleep as much as you can before the flight and on it. On board, wear earplugs and eye pads because darkness stimulates secretion of the hormones that enhance sleep.

Avoid alcohol, which restricts the brain's oxygen intake. Like tea and coffee, alcohol increases the dehydration effect of flying. If you need to drink to relax, bear in mind that the cabin environment intensifies the effect of alcohol.

Wear loose, comfortable, warm clothes and limber up during flight. Sitting down for several hours slows down the circulation, leading to local stiffness, cramps and dizziness. Re-adjust to local time as soon as you can. Bright light helps the body stay alert, so if you are going somewhere sunny, stay outside.

Do not smoke before or during the flight since smoking decreases the blood oxygen level. If you need to calm your nerves, try aromatherapy oils which have a sedative effect. Consult your doctor before flying if you are on medication. The effects of some drugs are strengthened at high altitudes and some may produce side effects.