

全国大学生英语竞赛 D 类考试 2014 年决赛试题

Part I Listening Comprehension (30 marks)

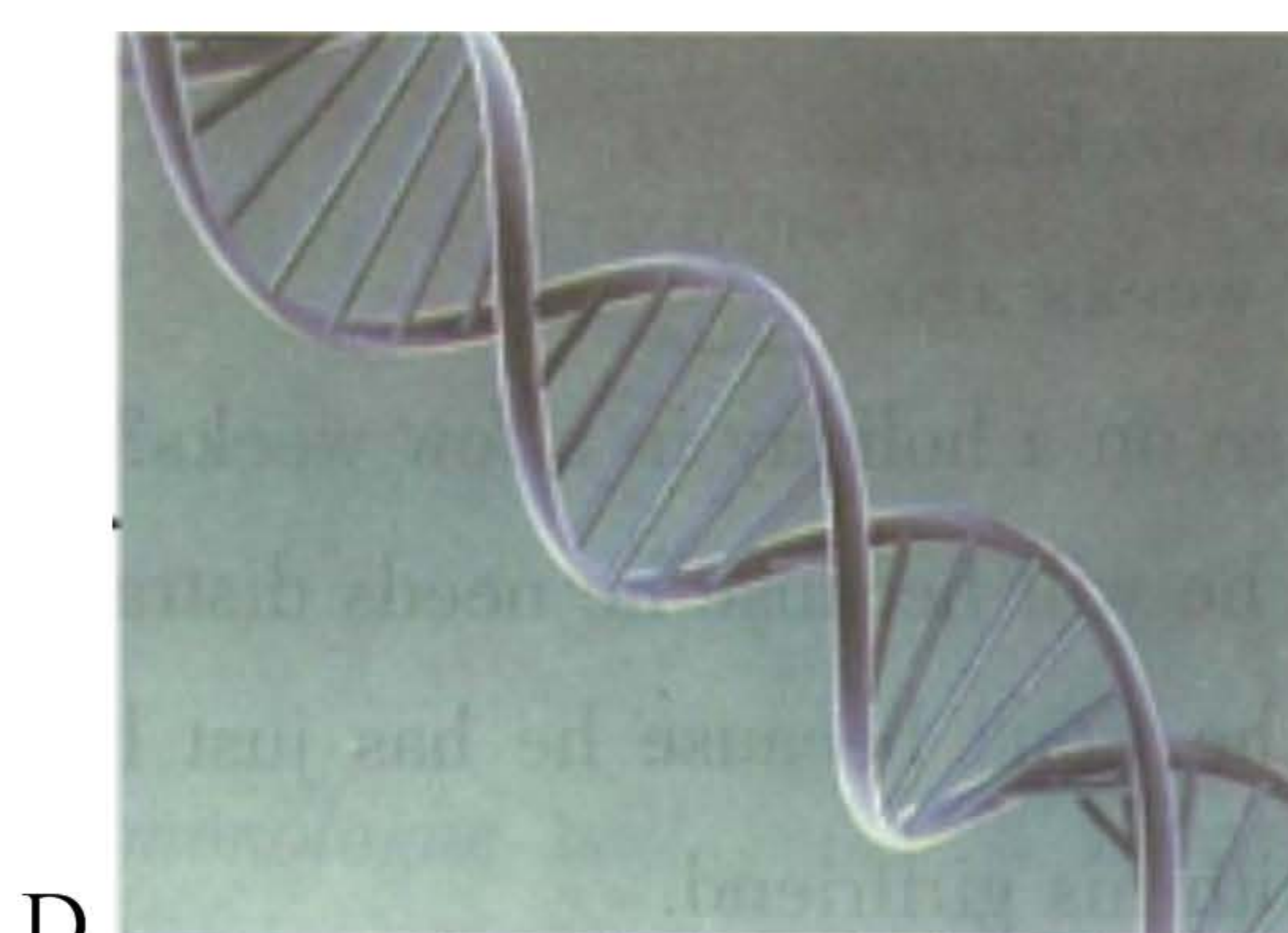
Section A (5 marks)

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 questions and the **four** choices marked **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

1. Whose car is David's brother going to use on Saturday?

- A. David's. B. David's uncle's. C. Nancy's. D. David's father's.

2. What is Ann interested in?



3. Why was the man concerned about his shirt?

- A. He was afraid of getting it torn when playing. B. He thought it didn't match his short haircut.
C. He was afraid of getting it dirty. D. He hated wearing white shirt.

4. What does the man think of the dress?

- A. It's perfect. B. It's a bit too long. C. It's a bit too bright. D. It's expensive.

5. Why were some people seriously injured in the accident?

- A. The driver had drunk too much and couldn't hold the steering wheel.
B. The car crossed the road at a high speed when the red light was on.
C. The ambulance arrived late.
D. They didn't fasten their seat belts.

Section B (10 marks)

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 four choices marked **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

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Conversation 1

6. What is Laura going to do next?

- A. Attend her third meeting of the day.
- B. Go shopping.
- C. Join a party.
- D. Go for a holiday.



7. Who's Jessica's new boyfriend?

- A. Her colleague.
- B. Her boss.
- C. Her teacher.
- D. Her classmate.

8. When did Phil and Jessica split up?

- A. A week ago.
- B. Two weeks ago.
- C. Three weeks ago.
- D. Four weeks ago.

9. Will Phil go on a holiday in a few weeks?

- A. Yes, he will because he needs distraction
- B. No, he won't because he has just broken up with his girlfriend.
- C. He hasn't decided yet.
- D. No, not until he has got a girlfriend.

10. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Laura is not so busy today as usual.
- B. Jessica is on a business trip with her boss.
- C. Laura is unwilling to give Phil sympathy because she is extremely busy.
- D. Jessica's boss owns the company which Mandy was working for.

Conversation 2

11. Does Shelley think there should be stricter regulations placed on the press?

- A. Yes, she does.
- B. No, she doesn't.
- C. She doesn't care about it.
- D. She makes no comment.

12. According to *The Daily Post*, where did Shelly and her co-star take a bath?



- A. At her own home. B. In her hotel room. C. At her co-star's home. D. In her co-star's hotel room.

13. What does Shelley think of the press's making up stories?

- A. It's sensational. B. It makes sense. C. It's understandable. D. It's irresponsible.

14. Why does the press make up stories when it's obvious that they' re not true?

- A. To get famous people angry and make more money.
- B. To mess up people's lives.
- C. To increase the paper's circulation and make more money.
- D. To bring laughter to people.

15. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. In Shelley's Opinion, the press is not so important.
- B. Before Shelley was famous, she begged the press editor to write anything about her.
- C. Shelley usually read some true stories about herself in newspapers and magazines recently.
- D. When Shelley and her co-star took a bath, the bath was filled with \$5,000 worth of milk.

Section C (5 marks)

*In this section, you will hear **a monologue**. The monologue will be read **twice**. After the monologue, there will be a **one-minute** pause. During the pause, read the questions and the **four** choices marked **A, B, C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.*

16. What did Mike do to end his normal and dull life?

- A. Try scuba-diving. B. Try travelling.
C. Try climbing Mount Qomolangma. D. Try skydiving.

17. What was he thinking the moment he jumped out of the plane?



- A. Nothing. B. He was going to die. C. He was going to fly. D. It was fun.

18. How did he feel when he got into the plane?

- A. Excited. B. Relaxed. C. Nervous. D. Astonished.

19. At what height did he open his parachute?

- A. 2,000 feet. B. 5,500 feet. C. 11,000 feet. D. 20,000 feet.

20. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. He was reading a newspaper one evening when he saw an ad for skydiving.
B. He phoned the skydiving centre the minute he saw the ad and booked a jump.
C. After a day's training he was sure he was doing the right thing.
D. It was a beautiful morning and his first jump was unforgettable.

Section D (10 marks)

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**.



Today, parents are (21)_____worried about the safety of their children. and because of this, they are not letting their children out to play. As a result, children are no longer playing outside but (22)_____in their rooms and losing themselves in (23)_____activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.

Yet, if they had the chance, they (24)_____get out of the house and go to the cinema, see friends or play sports. In fact, when asked what their idea of a good day, was, only 1 in 7 said that they would turn on the television.

British teenagers have always (25)_____their bedrooms, leaving the younger children to play in communal spaces such as the sitting room, garden or kitchen. However, children from the age of 9 are now turning to their bedrooms as a place to (26)_____.

Bedroom culture is a (27)_____of the past 20 years with families getting smaller and homes getting more (28)_____.Increasing (29)_____has also (30)_____the rise of the bedroom culture.

Part II Vocabulary, Grammar and Culture (15 marks)

*There are 15 incomplete sentences in this section. For each blank there are **four** choices marked **A, B, C and D**. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.*

Section A Vocabulary and Grammar (10 marks)

31. I feel it is your husband who _____ for the spoiled child.

- A. is to blame B. is blamed C. is to be blamed D. should blame

32. When we returned from the ball, we found that our house _____ and many things _____.

- A. has broken into; has been stolen B. has broken; had been stolen
C. had been broken into; stolen D. had been broken; stolen

33. _____ my finishing reading the novel, you can have it immediately.
- A. On B. At C. For D. With
34. It wasn't long before they found that there was much trouble _____ the plan.
- A. to carry out B. carrying out C. with carrying out D. to have carried out
35. The meeting _____ over, I found her _____ at the desk and _____ to the music.
- A. to be; sitting; listened B. is; sitting; listened
- C. was; seating; listening D. being; seated; listening
36. _____, I have never seen anyone who's as capable as John.
- A. As much as I have traveled B. Now that I have traveled so much
- C. Much as I have traveled D. As I have traveled so much
37. The other day, my friend John drove his car down the street at _____ I thought was a dangerous speed, and _____ surprised everyone in the car.
- A. which; that B. which; it C. that; which D. what; that
38. _____ and I'll get the work finished.
- A. Have one more hour B. One more hour C. Given one more hour D. If I have one more hour
39. —Bobby is overweight, but he is too young to be on a low-fat diet. He needs to exercise.
- What about keeping him from playing computer games or watching TV?
- That won't work. _____
- I'm sure an exercise program will solve the problem. What do you say?
- Good idea! I guess it'll also help him realize how important it is to avoid getting fat.
- A. I'd rather finish the assignment right now.
- B. He'll do other things other than exercise.
- C. It's high time that we thought about ethical problems.
- D. Had I had enough time, I would have helped him with the lawn.
40. —Have you heard about the cafeteria's plan to have genetically modified food on the menu?
- Really? They say genetically modified food isn't safe. _____
- We'd better not. Such food may be cheaper but may cost more in the long run.
- OK. What should we do about this?
- We can talk to the owner and say we're ready to pay more.
- A. Do we have to take the risk? B. Did you see snow in your hometown?
- C. Where do we go for lunch today? D. Why not have a try?

Section B Culture (5 marks)

41. She was _____ and seemed to be able to accomplish the impossible.
A. a paper tiger B. a feather in her cap C. a bird of ill omen D. a ball of fire
42. _____ has been regarded by some as "the Father of the English Poetry".
A. Jonathan Swift B. John Bunyan C. Geoffrey Chaucer D. John Milton
43. The book from which "all modern American literature comes" refers to _____.
A. The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn B. The Great Gatsby
C. An American Tragedy D. Sister Carrie
44. The traditional dividing line in America between "east" and "west" is _____.
A. the Appalachians B. the Mississippi River C. the Rocky Mountains D. the Hudson River
45. In 1066, _____ led the Norman army in invading and defeating England.
A. Alfred the Great B. Julius Caesar C. William the Conqueror D. Claudius

Part III Cloze (10 marks)

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with **one** word. Choose the correct word in one of the following **three** ways: according to the context, by using the correct form of the given word, or by using the given letter (s) of the word. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

The Global Economy

Of all the sciences, only two are subjects that have a direct and (46) _____ (notice) effect on our lives every day. One is meteorology, the study of (47) wea_____. Heat, cold, sun and rain affect us in many ways—in the kind (48) _____ clothing we wear, for example, and the types of activities we do outdoors. Economics is the (49) ot_____ science that affects the daily life of all of us. Each time we spend money, or it is spent on us, we are (50) _____ (contribute) to the economic life of our country, and in fact, of the world.

Most people have basic understanding of the weather, (51) b_____ how many people feel comfortable with the subject of economics? Often, economics seems to be a (52) mys_____ subject. Newspapers and television use terminology that can sound (53) _____ a foreign language. They speak of the gross (54) _____ (nation) product, the balance of payments, the cost of living, interest, productivity, stocks and bonds, and so forth.

In some ways, economics is like an enormous jigsaw puzzle. Each piece is basic, but the pieces interconnect, one to another, in a large picture. To look at the whole picture, you must begin piece by piece. Knowledge of the individual pieces and their (55) int_____ will help you understand the global picture.

Part IV Reading Comprehension (35 marks)

Read the following passages. Each passage is followed by several questions. Respond to the questions using information from the passage. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

Section A (5 marks)

Questions 56-60 are based on the following passage.

Spain's Third City Sees Winter off with a Bang

It's March and I'm in Valencia, Spain's third largest city, with my new friend, Jose. It's 1 am. All around us, fireworks are going off and the streets are full of noisy people. "Welcome to Lag Fallas," Jose grins. "Here you're going to see how Valencians party!" Seven hours later, I understood what he meant.



Las Fallas (the bonfire) explodes over Valencia every March from the 12th to the 19th. It takes the whole of the previous year to get organized and everybody joins in the preparations. The city buzzes with a festive atmosphere all week, but, like all good parties, it is at night when people really get down to some serious celebration.

The tradition of Las Fallas began in the 18th century. At that time, craftsmen used special candles to light up the dark evenings while they were working. At the end of winter they celebrated by burning all their waste material in a ceremony that brought together people from all the neighboring communities. Before burning the waste material, they made it into life-like statues, and then dressed them up to look like well-known but unpopular local characters.

Nowadays the statues, some of them over 30 metres tall, are made of cardboard and represent different aspects of modern Spanish society. The whole of the previous year is spent fund-raising, planning and constructing the monuments, some of which are worth over \$200,000. But they all go up in flames with the maximum amount of fire and noise before the end of the festival.



The Valencians like their guests to enjoy themselves, but after one hour's sleep I am woken up by the sound of firecrackers and a brass band parading beneath my window. Valencia by day may be sleepier than Valencia by night, but during Las Fallas there's always something going on. From the outskirts of the city, 200,000 girls and boys, wearing traditional dresses, march into the centre of town bringing flowers to decorate the statue of the Blessed Virgin.

The festival reaches its climax on 19th March, a public holiday and St Joseph's Day. This is the night when the cardboard statues are burnt. As midnight approaches, a feeling of anticipation rises up from the streets and hangs over the city. Firecrackers go off every second or two and midnight passes in a shower of explosions. The last statue burns down and ends Las Fallas. It is a sad moment, but the Valencians don't have time to mourn the end of this year's festival. After all, they're too busy planning for the next one.

Read the passage, and then tell whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

56. The festival Las Fallas begins from March 12th to 19th annually. ()

57. The Valencians spend the whole of the previous year to get organized, such as fund-raising, planning and building the monuments. ()

58. Nowadays, before burning the waste material, the Valencians turn it into statues which are dressed up like famous pop stars. ()

59. Some of the monuments, which are constructed for the celebration, are well reserved after the festival. ()

60. When the sad moment of burning down the last statue comes, all the Valencians mourn the end of this year's festival.()

Section B (10 marks)

Questions 61-65 are based on the following passage.

Time-saving Tips:Lists



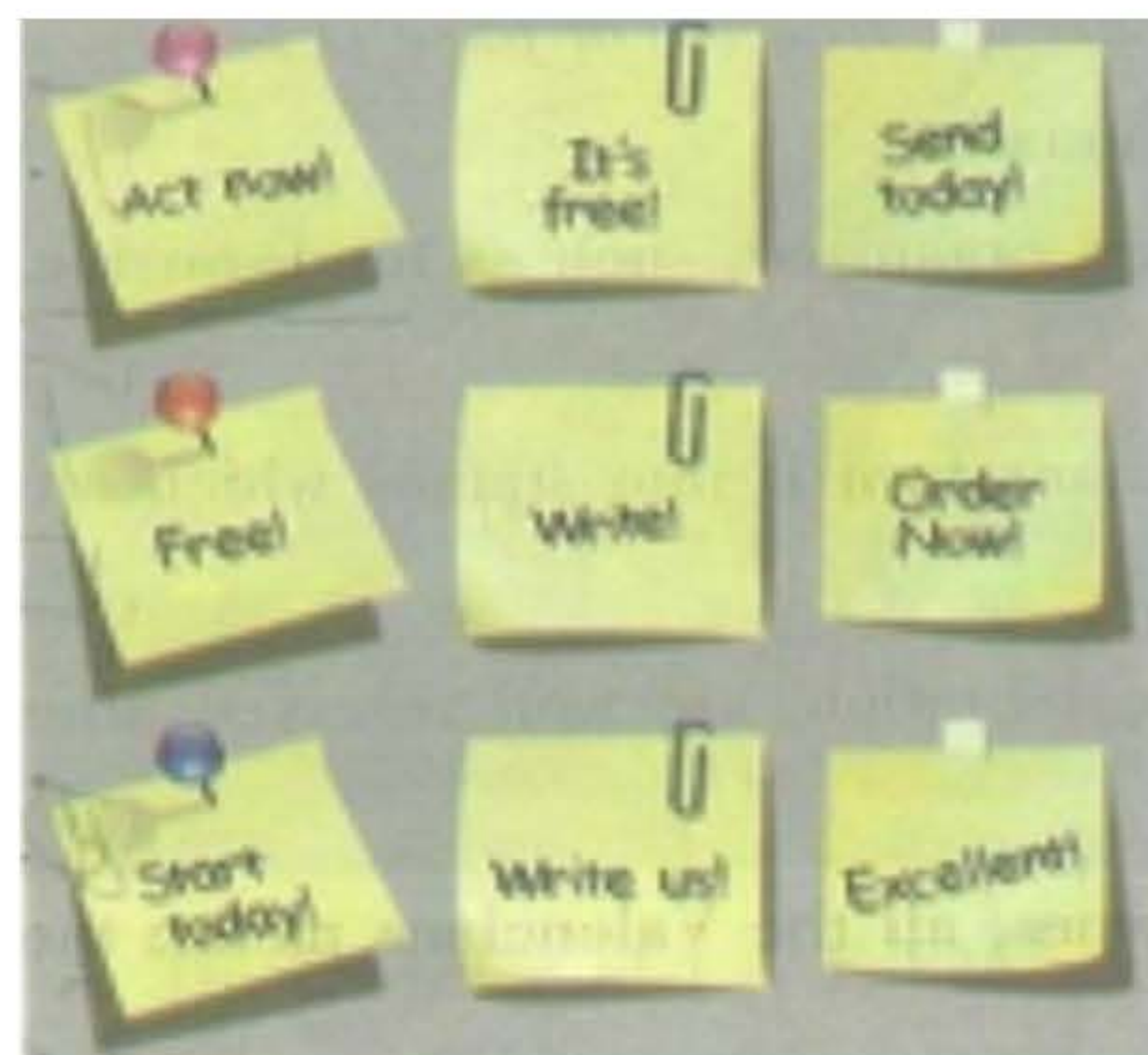
Making lists is relaxing. It makes you feel important--all those things to do. It dictates the shape of the immediate future; it calms you down (it's OK, it's on a list somewhere) and it makes you feel good when you cross something off (list-making is standard practice in the therapy for depression). It might even help you to get things done too.

(61)_____Type A makes orderly lists, priorities and calmly sets to work on them. Type B waits until panic sets in, grabs the nearest envelope and scribbles all over it. sighs with relief and promptly loses it.

(62)_____Barbara Vanilli, chief executive of a large chain of supermarkets, says, "Before I go to bed, I have to write down everything that's going to stop me sleeping. I feel I won't forget anything I've written down, so my lists are a great comfort"



(63)_____Men tend to have Tasks which they assemble into Action Plans where s women just have lists of Things To Do. Jacqueline Maddocks, head of Maddocks Publishers, says, "My male colleagues only make lists for work, whereas I have to make lists for work and for home too. It's essential to write things down. If you're constantly thinking,"I must remember this, "it blocks your mind."



(64)_____ Having tried all these, student Kate Rollins relies on a computerized list, printed out each morning to be scribbled on during the day. "My electronic organizer has changed my life," she says. "Up to now, I've always relied on my good memory, but now that I'm working and studying, I find I've got too much to keep in my head."

(65)_____ You're not too busy to make today the first day of your upgraded, time-managed life. In fact, there's no better time than the present to get an upper hand on time and begin to take increased control of your work and life. So, get out your pencil and paper and make a list.

Fill in each blank with one of the following statements, two of which are useless. Put the letters A, B, C, D, E, F or G in each blank according to the theme development.

- A. So what are you waiting for?
- B. It's all a question of what works best for you, whether it's a tidy notebook, a forest of Post-it notes or the back of your hand.
- C. The world divides in two when it comes to listing.
- D. He writes a list of things to do and then organizes them into categories.
- E. The more you have to do, the more you need a list and few people with high-powered jobs get by without them.
- F. If people get obsessed with making lists, it doesn't work.
- G. Women always think they're better at lists than men.

Section C (10 marks)

Questions 66-70 are based on the following passage.

Plagiarism (抄袭)

When I was young, plagiarism was hard work. This was before the days of the Internet. Back then, plagiarism was going to the library and copying something from a book. Since most books are professionally written, plagiarized work was not hard for teachers to find. So it was usually easier and safer for students to do their own writing.

The Internet has changed all that. We now live in a time when a wide variety of information is at our fingertips. Essays on all topics are easy to find online. Some are free; others are there for students to buy.

We all know that taking someone's words or ideas from a book is wrong. Because we can touch a book, the real book and the author seem more real to us. This reminds us that the words inside belong to someone else. The Internet is different; it seems much more open than a book. When we read something online, we don't always know the name of the author, or when it was written. So we naturally come to think that it can be shared. Therefore, some students copy word and ideas from the Internet without even knowing it is plagiarism.

Most students, however, plagiarize from the Internet because it is easy to do. They say that there is so much work on the Internet it is almost impossible for a teacher to prove that something was plagiarized. This is probably true. Your teacher may never know if the work you submit is really yours. But you will know, and that is the best reason for doing your own work.

Answer the following questions according to the passage.

66. What is the main idea of the passage?

67. What does the underlined part in paragraph 2 mean?

68. What is the function of a real book and the author when we touch it?

69. Why is it almost impossible for a teacher to prove that something is plagiarized nowadays?

70. According to writer, what is the best reason for doing your own work?

Section D (10 marks)

Questions 71-75 are based on the following passage.

Trees for Democracy



I am Wangari Maathai. When I was growing up in Nyeri in central Kenya, there was no word for desert in my mother tongue, Kikuyu. Our land was fertile and forested. But today in Nyeri, as in much of Africa and the developing world, water sources have dried up, the soil is parched and unsuitable for growing food, and conflicts over land are common. So it should come as no surprise that I was inspired to plant trees to help meet the basic needs of rural women. As a member of the National Council of Women of Kenya in the early 1970s, I listened as women related what they wanted but did not have enough of energy, clean drinking water, and nutritious food.

My response was to begin planting trees with them, to help heal the land and break the cycle of poverty. Trees stop soil erosion, leading to water conservation and increased rainfall. Trees provide fuel, material for building and fencing fruits, fodder, shade, and beauty. As household managers in rural and urban areas of the developing world, women are the first to encounter the effects of ecological stress. It forces them to walk farther to get wood for cooking and heating, to search for clean water, and to find new sources of food as old ones disappear.

My idea evolved into the Green Belt Movement, made up of thousands of groups, primarily of women, who have planted 30 million trees across Kenya. The women are paid a small amount for each seedling, giving them an income as well as improving their environment. The movement has spread to countries in East and Central Africa.

Read the passage carefully and then complete each blank in the summary in a maximum of three words from the passage.

When Wangari Maathai was a child, there were few (71)_____ in Nyeri. However, today in Nyeri as well as in other parts of Africa and the developing world, there are (72)_____ water sources, parched soil and common land conflicts. As a member of the National Council of Women of Kenya, she heard that many women lacked energy, (73)_____ and nutritious food which they wanted. Therefore, she was inspired to initiate the (74)_____ Movement which was made up of thousands of groups. Most of the members are women, because they bear the brunt of the effects of (75)_____.

Part V Translation (15 marks)

I (5 marks)

Translate the following paragraph into Chinese. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

The two European nations, Sweden and Switzerland, have often been confused for each other among the Chinese. The former is known for its furniture and cars; the latter is famous for chocolate, cheese and watches. The problem largely stems from the fact that both nations' names are written similarly in Chinese—"Ruidian" and "Ruishi", which begin with the same Chinese character "Rui", according to the Swedish Consul General (总领事) in China. In an effort to put an end to the mix-up, the Swedish and Swiss consulates (领事馆) in Shanghai have launched a competition on the website, asking Chinese people to come up with funny ways to help differentiate the two countries.

II (10 marks)

Translate the following sentences into English by using the hints given in brackets. Remember to write the answers on the answer sheet.

76. 北京市民的友好与志愿者的热情给参加奥运会的各国运动员留下了深刻的印象。(impress)

77. 我们很快就喜欢上了这个坐落于青山之中的千年古镇。(fall in love)

78. 难怪这个主题公园这么受到大家的欢迎，它模拟的是古代中国的生活场景。(be modeled after)

79. 他知道在收集、分析所有的事实之前，他们不能得出任何结论。(not...until...)

80. 我们希望将来能够建立一个环保地回收垃圾的系统。(environment-friendly)

Part VI Error Correction (10 marks)

Proofread the passage as required. Each indicated line contains **a maximum of one error**. Correct the passage in the following way: for a right line, put the sign "✓" in the corresponding blank; for a wrong word, underline the wrong word and write the correct one in the blank; for a missing word, mark the position of the missing word with the sign "∧" and write the word you believe to be missing in the blank; for an unnecessary word, cross the unnecessary word with the sign "✗" and put the word with the sign in the blank. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

For example:	
One of my favorite writers <u>are</u> Charlotte Bronte. She was born in the early	<u>is</u>
nineteenth century when women had far fewer opportunities ∧ they have now.	<u>than</u>
She lived in a small village in Yorkshire and she took great pleasure in walking	<u>✓</u>
on the moors where near her home.	<u>where</u>

A Remarkable Bicyclist and a Remarkable Human Being

Justin Johnson is a remarkable human being. He was born with	
numerous handicaps, but so none of these has stopped him. Unable to	81. _____
walk without help, Justin began to ride a hand-powering bicycle	82. _____
several years before. At first, it was very difficult for him to go more than a	83. _____
short distance. Soon Justin's trainer Jeff Frame suggested a three-wheel pedal	84. _____
bicycle since Justin had some use of his legs. Justin worked hard to master	
the pedal bike and then decided to try to compete in bicycle races. In 2004,	
he entered EI Tour de Tucson, a Arizona bicycle race. It was almost	85. _____
possible for him to finish the race, but finally, after dark, Justin made it	86. _____

across the finish line--with a police escort! It has taken him 5 hours 87._____

19 minutes to complete the course. In 2005, when Justin raced again,
he was able to finish the 38-mile race in 4 hours 51 minutes. His training
and hard work had made possible to cut 30 minutes off his previous record. 88._____

Justin's experience with bike racing has encouraged him to shoot for
other goals. Although he has limited vision and hand movements, he's now
studying in a Tucson college and hopes to graduate. Justin also plan to write 89._____
a book about his life. He wants to share his experiences such that others can 90._____
find the strength to succeed against difficult odds.

Part VII IO Test (5 marks)

There are five IQ Test questions in this part. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

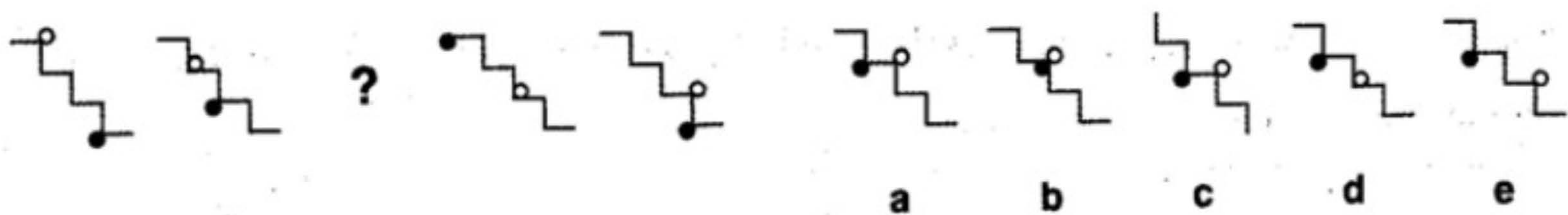
91.Benjamin went to the dentist on a Tuesday. He has two further appointments for fillings. One is ten days later; the next is five day after the second appointment. On which day of the Week is the third appointment? On_____.

92.My garden has large trees. My garden has flower which smell lovely when in bloom.

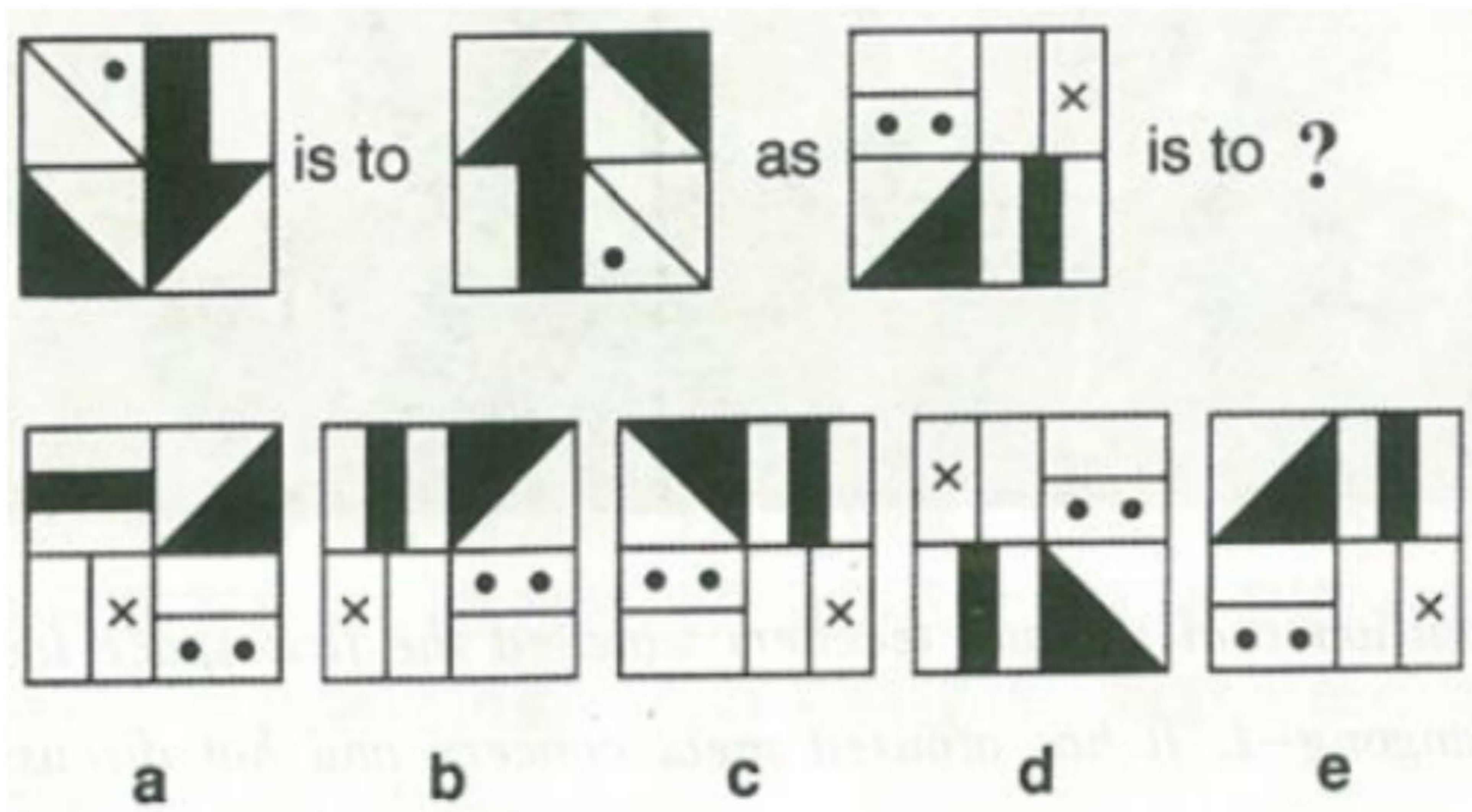
According to the two statements, which of the following options must be true? _____

- A.My garden doesn't have any grass.
- B.My garden has more trees than flowers.
- C.My garden has scented flowers
- D.My garden has trees under which flowers are planted.

93.Which one comes next? _____



94.Which pattern completes the second pair in the same way as the first pair? _____



95.The fish counter in my local supermarket is laid out like this :

LEFT			RIGHT		
A	B	C	D	E	F

From the information below, work out which type of fish goes into each tray.

- The Salmon steaks are between the cod and the tuna steaks.
- The sea bream is directly to the left of the cod but to the right of the halibut.
- The plaice is next to the tuna steaks on the right.

What is A? _____

Part VIII Writing (30 marks)

I (10 marks)

Most of the meetings or gatherings are held in hotels or restaurants. But a terrible phenomenon has aroused much concern, which is food waste. Chinese government has proposed a "clear your plate" campaign. Please write a NOTICE of 80-100 words for your school to appeal for not wasting food, including the following information:

- It's reported that after a banquet, the amount of leftovers reaches 40% of a meal.
- The leftovers of a table may cost a waiter's one-week wage or more.
- In many places in China or in the world, there are still people who go hungry.



II (20 marks)



It's reported that more than sixty million students and teachers watched the first space lecture hosted by Wang Yaping in the Tiangong-1. It has aroused great concern and hot discussion. The lecture was about motion in micro-gravity environments and the surface tension of liquid in space, as well as the concepts of weight, mass and Newton's Law. Many people say this activity will produce far-reaching impacts on children. What may be the impacts?

Write an article of at least 120 words on the **answer sheet**. The title is given below.

Lecture From Space Inspires Children's Dreams