

2015 年全国大学生英语竞赛 D 类初赛试题

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. When will the woman's cousin hold his wedding?

- A. Next Tuesday. B. Next Wednesday. C. Next Thursday D. Next Friday

2. How did James deal with the envelope?

- A. He sent it to his brother in Brazil. B. He gave it to his brother.
C. He threw it away. D. He put it under the desk.

3. Where was Mr. Joyce's car parked?

- A. In a parking lot B. Near his grandmother's house.
C. At the police station. D. On a street.

4. Why has Jacky been to New York?

- A. To do market research. B. To have a weekend trip
C. To open a computer market. D. To buy a personal computer.

5. Why does the woman choose to buy The Guardian?

- A. It carries a word game she likes. B. Its political views are similar to hers.
C. Its arts section is interesting to read. D. It has fewer advertisements.

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.*

Conversation One

6. What is the relationship probably between the speakers?

- A. Professor and student. B. Manager and secretary.
C. Interviewer and candidate. D. Doctor and patient.

7. What does Hall International build in developing countries?

- A. Schools. B. Railways. C. Bridges. D. Hospitals.

8. Where did the man get the information about Hall International?

- A. From a news report. B. From its website. C. From a friend. D. From an advertisement.

9. What did the man major in at college?

- A. Human resource management. B. Civil engineering.
C. Market management. D. Mass media.

10. What can we infer from the conversation ?

- A. The man did very well at collage.
- B. Hall International is located in a developing country.
- C. If the man is employed , he is likely to work abroad.
- D. Imperial College is probably not a very good university.

Conversation Two

11. Which part of Africa has been probably most seriously affected by Ebola?

- A. West Africa.
- B. East Africa.
- C. South Africa.
- D. North Africa.

12. The virus "Ebola" got its name after _____.

- A. an Asian doctor
- B. a river in Africa
- C. an African plant
- D. a mental disease

13. What does the Health Minister of Liberia say if the experimental drug doesn't work on a patient?

- A. The patient can sue the hospital and the doctors.
- B. Both the government and the doctors are responsible.
- C. The patient is not support to sue.
- D. The patient has the right to compensation.

14. When was the virus Ebola discovered?

- A. In 1966.
- B. In 1976.
- C. In 1986.
- D. In 1996.

15. When Ebola was first discovered, which animal was suspected to carry the virus?

- A. Mosquito.
- B. Mouse.
- C. Monkey.
- D. Bat.

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 does the company CyberEdit aim to do?

- A. Provide computer editing services for students.
- B. Write essays for students.
- C. Edit documents for Wired magazine.
- D. Supply funding for businesses.

17. How much did Mark earn in the first year?

- A. \$400.
- B. \$4,000.
- C. \$40,000.
- D. \$400,000.

18. How much hours did Mark spend editing documents per week?

- A. Fourteen hours.
- B. Fifteen hours.
- C. Thirty hours.
- D. Fifty hours.

19. Why do some interested investors invest money in CyberEdit?
- A. Because Mark has emailed them for help.
- B. Because Wired magazine has called on them to do this.
- C. Because Mark has made money and employed some college students.
- D. Because Wired magazine and ABC News has given Mark great publicity
20. When is it the best time for someone to develop a business according to Mark?
- A. After they graduate from college. B. When they are young.
- C. When they get enough money. D. When they have enough real-world experience.

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**.*

The word or phrase that you use to open your email account may provide a key to your personality as well as to your (21) _____, according to a British psychologist. Helen Petrie, professor of human-computer interaction at City University in London, analyzed the responses of 1,200 Britons who (22) _____ a survey funded by CentraNic, an Internet domain-name company. The results were published on CentraNic's website.

Petrie (23) _____ three main password "genres". "Family oriented" respondents numbered nearly half of those surveyed. These people use their own or nickname, the name of a child, or partner, or a birth date as their password. They tend to be (24) _____ computer users and have strong (25) _____. "They choose passwords that symbolize people or events with emotional value," says Petrie. One third of respondents were "fans", using the names of athletes, singers, movie stars, or sport teams. Petrie says fans are young and want to (26) _____ the lifestyle represented by a celebrity. Two of the most popular names were Madonna and Homer Simpson. The third main group of participants are "cryptics" because they pick (27) _____ passwords or a random string of letters, numerals, and symbols. Petrie says cryptics are the most security-conscious group. They tend to make the safest but least interesting choices.

Passwords are revealing for two reasons. First, because they are invented (28) _____. "Since you are focused on getting into a system, for example your email account, you're likely to write down something that comes quickly to mind," says Petrie. "In this sense password (29) _____ things that are just below the surface of consciousness. Also, to remember your password, you pick something that will stick in your mind. You may unconsciously choose something of particular emotional (30) _____."

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. When _____ economy gets stronger, more people improve their looks as _____ way to show off their money.
- A. /; a B. an; the C. the; a D. the; /
32. Even though John has been told about the _____ he was still _____ it.
- A. secret; taken to B. dilemma; taken by C. idea; taking in D. hoax; taken in by
33. While some people are content _____ a cup of coffee and toast others remain faithful _____ the eighteenth-century breakfast.
- A. with; to B. for; to C. for; with D. with; for

34. The traditional and slow pace of life of Ireland makes it _____ popular with holidaymakers of all ages.
A. that most B. quite more C. much more D. far most
35. Research shows that hidden cameras, _____ highly visible ones, may be the best way to slow down traffic.
A. for the sake of B. rather than C. in spite of D. regardless of
36. By the end of this year, 30,000 students _____ degrees by the Open University, to enable them _____ a university degree at home.
A. will get; award B. have got; to award
C. will have been awarded; to get D. will be awarded; get
37. There are various ways _____ people who suffer from insomnia can improve their sleep patterns.
A. in that B. in which C. on which D. by what
38. If the manager _____ the files more carefully, he would have known that we _____ an enormous effort to complete the project.
A. checked; have made B. had checked; have made
C. has checked; made D. had been checked; are making
39. —How do you find your visit to the exhibition, Jack?
—_____.
—Really, so I would like to go there too.
A. Oh, so wonderful B. By taking a No.18 bus
C. No, it is so beautiful D. Yes, it is
40. —Excuse me, Mrs. Bell, do you have a minute?
—Of course, John. How can I help you?
—Well, my English vocabulary is so limited. _____
—Well, all learners are different and learn in different ways. What do you like doing?
—I like writing.
—So I think it's easier to learn words if you write them down.
A. How can you improve your oral English? B. I don't like reading.
C. You can help me if you like. D. What's the best way to memorize English words?

Section B Culture (5 marks)

41. —The society is so complicated. You should learn to separate the sheep from the goats.
—Thanks for your kindness.

What does separate the sheep from the goats mean?

- A. be different from others B. distinguish good from evil
C. come to the point D. engage in social activities

42.The Welsh national symbol is the leek or the daffodil, and the symbol for Scotland is_____.



A. the thistle



B. the shamrock



C. the rose



D. the lily

43.On December 10th, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted_____. In part, it was in response to the atrocities of World War II.

A.the Communist Manifesto

B.the Act of Union

C.the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

D.Declaration of Independence

44.The essence of Renaissance, the most significant intellectual movement, was_____.

A.geographical exploration

B.religious reformation

C.harmony

D.humanism

45 _____is a private Ivy League research university, which is considered as the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

A.Stanford University

B.Harvard University

C.Yale University

D.Princeton University

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 of the word. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.



We always think "it will never happen to me" but disasters can strike any time anywhere. How would you cope if the (46) _____ (thinkable) happened?

According to experts, people (47) _____ (catch) up in disasters tend to fall into three categories.About 10%to 15% remain calm and act quickly and efficiently. Another 15% completely panic, crying and screaming. But the vast (48) maj_____of people do very little.They are stunned and confused.

Why is this? Research suggests that (49) _____great stress our minds take much longer to process information. So, in a crisis many people "freeze". It also seems that a person's personality is not a good guide to how they might react. Most people go their entire lives (50) _____with) a disaster. So when something bad happens they are so shocked that they just think, "This can't possibly be happening to me, "instead of taking action.

On March 27th, 1977, a Pan Am 747, (51) _____ was waiting to take off from Tenerife airport, collided with a Dutch KLM 747 that was taking off in the fog. Everyone on the KLM plane was killed but 62 passengers on the Pan Am plane survived. Many more would survive if they had got off the plane (52) imm_____.

One of the (53) _____ (survive) was 65-year-old Paul Heck. He led his wife towards the exits and they got out just before the plane caught fire. Why Paul and not others? While he was waiting for the plane to take off, he studied the plane's safety diagram. He looked for the (54) _____ (near) exit and pointed it to his wife. When the plane collided Heck's brain had the data it needed. So next time you fly or stay in a hotel or find yourself in any new environment, take a few seconds to find out where the (55) emergency exit is. It may just save your life.

Part IV Reading Comprehension (40 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 (10 marks)

Questions 56—60 are based on the following passage.

Did Climber Have to Cut Off Arm to Save Life?

On Sunday the 27th April 2003, 27-year-old Aron Ralston, an experienced mountaineer, set off on a 13-mile hike through the Bluejohn Canyon in Utah. He expected the hike would take him about 12 hours. On his way, while climbing through a narrow section of the canyon, a 360-kg boulder (岩石) fell and trapped his arm. He was unable to move.

Ralston lay trapped in the canyon for five days. His water ran out after four days. A search party that went looking for him found no sign of him. On Thursday, he used a pocket knife to amputate (截肢) his arm below the elbow. He then walked out of the canyon and was taken to hospital.

Search and rescue veteran Rex Tanner was asked what Ralston did right and wrong.

How do you think Ralston managed to survive?

Rex: I think the most important thing is that he kept his head. In a dangerous situation, you need a stable frame of mind.

What could Ralston have done to avoid the situation?

Rex: Ralston had broken the most important rule of climbing. He had not told anyone where he was going. There are a lot of things he should have done that he didn't do. For example, he could have asked someone to do the hike with him. He could have taken a cell phone with him. He shouldn't have set out without doing at least one of these things. It's really not that difficult to do, and it doesn't take away from the wilderness experience.

What basic tips would you suggest to help people survive in the wild?

Rex: Having enough water is number one. Being able to start a fire is number two. The proper clothing is important. Also, you have to realize when things are getting difficult. Before you climb down into a canyon, it's important that you figure out how you're going to get out.

Questions 56—60

Decide the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the passage.

56. As an experienced mountaineer, Ralston went on hiking through the Bluejohn Canyon in Utah by himself.

57. Before Ralston was found by the search party he had been trapped in the canyon for four days.

- 58.If Ralston had told someone where he was going, he would not have been trapped so long.
- 59.What made Ralston survive was his keeping calm.
- 60.Rex indicates that for people who do the hike in the wild, taking proper clothing is the most important.

Section B (10marks)

Questions 61—65 are based on the following passage.



One Small Word, One Big Difference in Meaning

As Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the Moon, a global audience of 500 million people were watching and listening. "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," they heard him say as he dropped from the ladder of his spacecraft to make the first human footprint on the lunar surface. It was the perfect quote for such a momentous occasion. But from the moment he said it, people have argued about whether the NASA astronaut got his lines wrong.

(61)_____ In the tense six hours and forty minutes between landing on the Moon and stepping out of the capsule, Armstrong wrote what he knew would become some of the most memorable words in history.

(62)_____ It would have been a more meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. Without the missing "a", the intended meaning of the sentence is lost. In effect the line means, "That's one small step for mankind (or humanity), one giant leap for mankind,"

(63)_____ Until his death Armstrong himself had never been sure if he actually said what he wrote. In his biography *First Man* he told the author James Hansen, "I must admit that it doesn't sound like the word 'a' is there. On the other hand, certainly the 'a' was intended, because that's the only way it makes sense."

(64)_____ Using hi-tech sound analysis techniques, Peter Shann Ford an Australian computer expert has discovered that the "a" was spoken by Armstrong, but he said it so quickly that it was inaudible on the recording which was broadcast to the world.

(65)_____ James Hansen said, "Neil is a modest guy, but I think it means a lot to him to know that he didn't make a mistake."

Questions 61—65

*Complete the following sentences. There are **two extra** sentences that you do not need to use.*

- A. But now, after almost five decades, the spaceman has been vindicated.
- B. What was the life like on the Moon?
- C. Armstrong has always insisted that he wrote "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."
- D. Mr. Ford could not do anything about it.
- E. Mr. Ford's findings have been presented to relieve Mr. Armstrong.
- F. Did Armstrong really say the sentence incorrectly?
- G. Armstrong landed the Apollo 11 spacecraft on the Moon on 20th July 1969.

Section C (10 marks)

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Questions 66—70 are based on the following passage.

Silly Question, Brilliant Answers

Several years ago, Masaru Ibuka, the chairman of Sony, was at a company planning meeting. Suddenly he had a brilliant idea. He stopped the meeting and asked everyone present what would happen if Sony removed the recording function and speaker and sold headphone with a tape player instead. Almost everyone thought he was crazy. Still, Ibuka kept thinking about his idea and worked at refining it. The result, of course, turned out to be the wildly successful Sony Walkman.

Good ideas often start with a really silly question. Bill Bowerman was making breakfast one day. As he stood there making waffles (华夫饼干) for his son, he wondered what would happen if he poured rubber into his waffle iron. Later, he tried it and the result looked something like the bottom of most sports shoes we see today. Still, when he took this idea to several existing shoe companies, he was literally laughed at. In fact, every single company turned him down. Though rather discouraged, Bowerman persevered and went on to form his own company, making NIKE athletic shoes.

Sometimes good ideas grow out of frustration. When Fred Smith was a student at Yale University, he had some paperwork that he needed to have delivered across the country the next day. Fred was amazed to find out that overnight delivery was impossible. He sat for a long while wondering why. Why couldn't there be a reliable overnight mail delivery service? He decided to design one. Fred did that and turned his design into a class project. His business professor gave him only a "C" for his efforts. However, Fred was not through. He refined the ideas in that class project and eventually turned them into one of the first and most successful overnight mail services in the world—FedEx.

We know today, of course, that each of these ideas led to an incredibly successful product or service that has changed the way many of us live. The best questions are usually open-ended and are often silly. Children aren't afraid to ask such questions, but adults frequently are. Think how different the world might be if people never asked "silly" questions!

Question 66—70

Answer the following questions according to the passage.

66. What was Ibuka doing when he thought of the brilliant idea?

67. How did Sony Walkman come into being?

68. How many examples are used to explain the theme of the passage? What are they?

69. Why did Fred think of designing overnight delivery?

70. What is the main idea of the passage?

Section D (10 marks)

Questions 71—75 are based on the following passage.

Get Stressed, Stay Young



For decades doctors have warned us about the dangers of stress and have given us advice about how to cut down our stress levels. Everyone agrees that long-term stress, for example, having to look after someone who has a chronic illness, or stressful situations where there is nothing we can do, or being stuck in a traffic jam, is bad for our health and should be avoided whenever possible. However, some medical experts now believe that certain kinds of stress may actually be good for us.

Dr. Marios Kyriazis, an anti-aging expert, claims that what he calls "good stress" is beneficial to our health and may, in fact, help us stay young and attractive and even live longer. Dr. Kyriazis says that "good stress" can strengthen our natural defenses which protect us from illnesses common among older people, such as Alzheimer's, arthritis (关节炎), and heart problems. He believes that "good stress" can increase the production of the proteins that help to repair the body's cells, including brain cells.

According to Dr. Kyriazis, running for a bus and having to work to a deadline are examples of "good stress", which are situations with short-term, low or moderate stress. The stress usually makes us react quickly and efficiently, and gives us a sense of achievement—we did it! However, in both these situations, the stress damages the cells in our body or brain and they start to break down. But then the cells' own repair mechanism "switches on" and it produces proteins which repair the damaged cells and remove harmful chemicals that can gradually cause disease. In fact, the body's response is greater than is needed to repair the damage, so it actually makes the cells stronger than they were before.

"As the body gets older, this self-repair mechanism of the cells starts to slow down," says Dr. Kyriazis. "The best way to keep the process working efficiently is to 'exercise' it, in the same way you would exercise your muscles to keep them strong. This means having a certain amount of stress in our lives."

Other stressful activities that Dr. Kyriazis recommends as being good stress include redecorating a room in your house over a weekend, packing your suitcase in a hurry to reach the airport on time, shopping for a dinner party during your lunch break or programming your DVD player by following the instruction manual.

Question 71—75

Complete the summary with **a maximum of three** words from the passage.

In the past stress was considered to be harmful to our health. Therefore, we always (71) _____ the stress levels when possible. But recently medical experts claim that some "good stress" can be beneficial to our health and help us stay young and attractive. That is because the self-repair mechanism of this kind of stress can (72) _____, and produce proteins that repair the damaged cells and remove (73) _____. To prevent the cells from (74) _____,

we must have some stress in our daily life. Such stress can (75) _____ our self-repair mechanism.

Part V Translation (15 marks)

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Section A (5 marks)

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

76.Chinese characters play a key role in passing on Chinese language and culture.You may not have any special feeling just by looking at them. But by writing you get closer to them and sense their cultural meanings. It is an unavoidable fact that writing ability has declined recently with the advent of keyboard and voice recognition.There are fewer opportunities for handwriting as it is more convenient and faster to type on keyboards. Overreliance on electronic input methods is eroding people's memory for charterers.

Section B (10 marks)

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

- 77.这是一本自助手册，用来帮助人们保持健康，无需经常看医生。（without）
- 78.道路上安装了越来越多的测速摄像头，以减少严重事故的数量。（install）
- 79.电子产品的出现，特别是电视和电脑，对孩子们产生了巨大的影响。（have an impact on）
- 80.电视的背景噪音使那个孩子不能集中精力做作业。（concentrate）
- 81.学生们不仅努力学习，还积极参加各种社会活动。（倒装结构）

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>

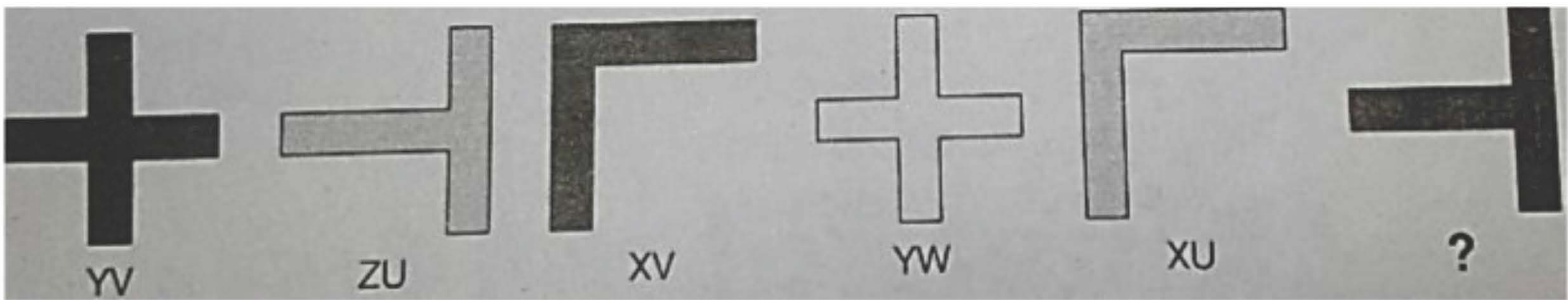
Children are inventing a new lexicon for electronic communication with a range of jargon and symbols that adults find hard to understand. Although educators and politicians were once most concerned about concise pronunciation, it seems that "e-mail English" poses a greater threat to the language. For example, the symbol:-(82._____ represents a sad face and is widely used to signifying sympathy, disappointment or bad 83._____ news. The symbols have evolved to keep up the cost of mobile phone text messages 84._____ and e-mailing, and speed up the response time. Teachers say that the new shorthand style associating with e-mails is making their job of improving literacy skills 85._____ even hard. Robin Lauffer, who conducted the research, said that symbols used in 86._____ text messages represented new ways of expressing emotions. "We are witnessing a

communications revolution which children have adapted very quickly. Our language 87. _____
 is changing in the front of our eyes."Other experts said that dropping grammar 88. _____
 and replacing sentence with abbreviations will damage the language. Ms Lauffer added: 89. _____
 "Kids have always had some coded language of their own what separated them from 90. _____
 grown-ups, but the Internet and mobile phones have given them the ability to do this much
 more. Writing a longhand letter is going to have to be something that is taught at school
 and, while they will know how to do this, the question is, will they want to?" 91. _____

Part VIII IQ Test(5 marks)

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

92. Which code matches the shape or pattern?



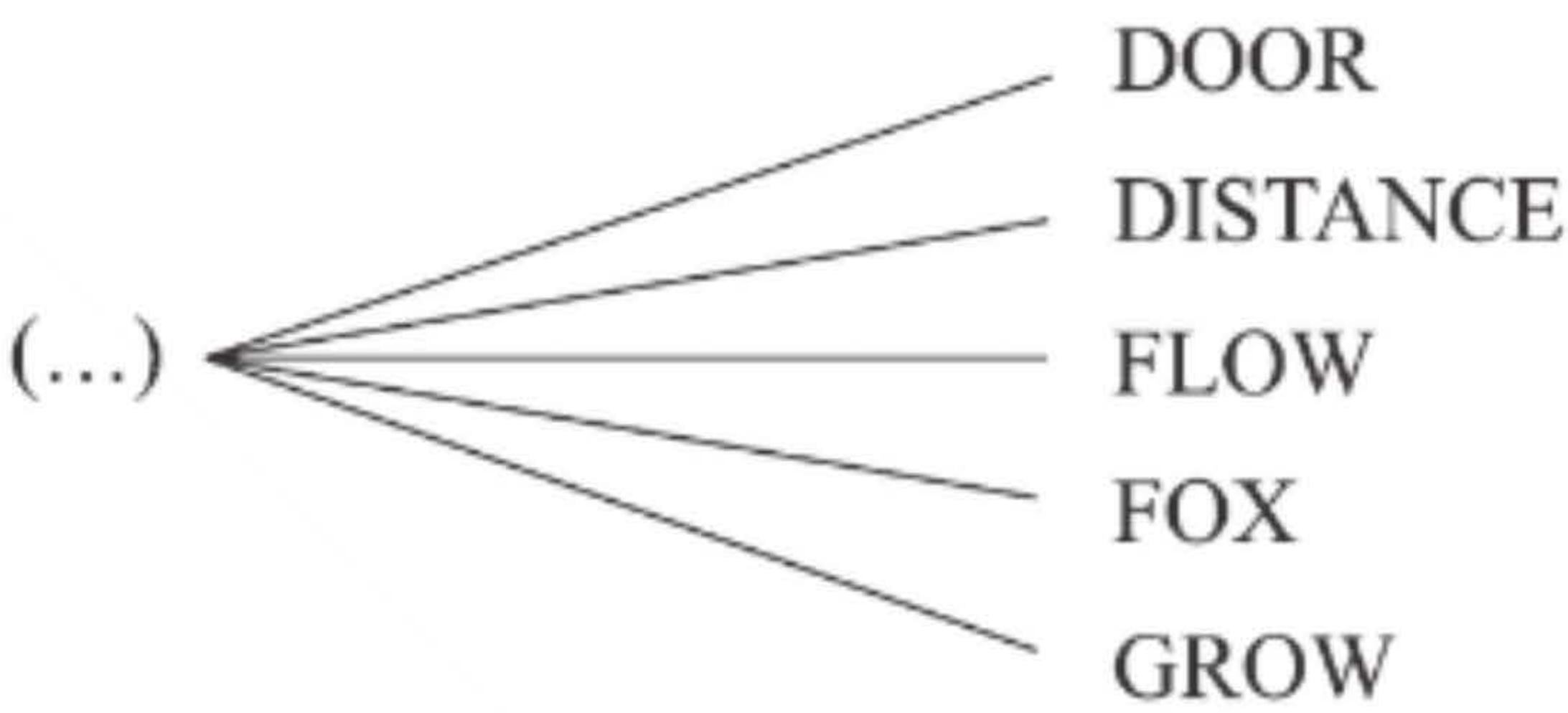
A.ZW B.YW C.XV D.ZV E.XW

93.I meant to tell her that she was fun , not fat; it was just *a slip of the tongue* ! What's the Chinese meaning of'*a slip of the tongue*'in the sentence above?

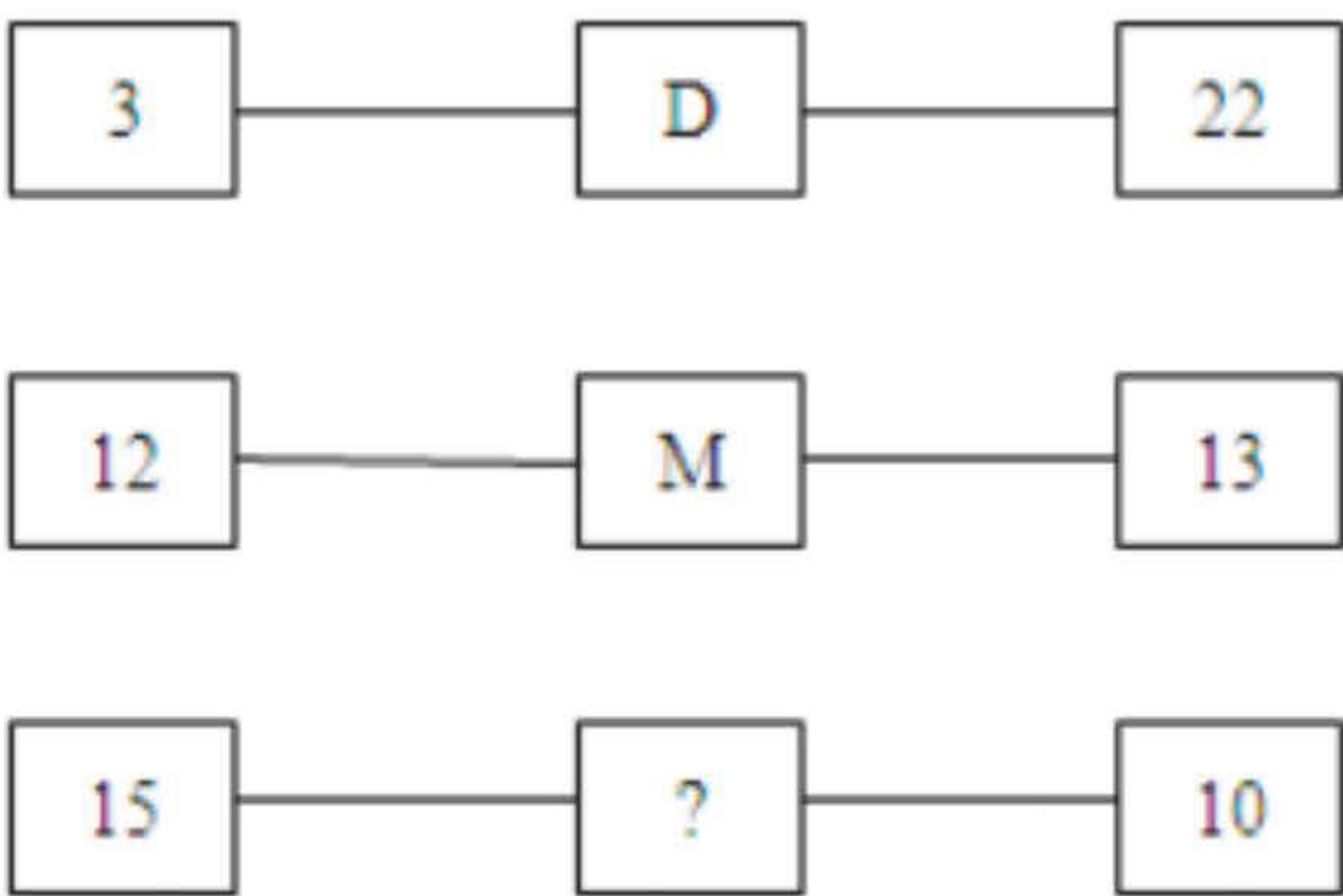
94.Which word does not logically belong to the list below?

glance, anchor, charge, casino, arcade

95.Replace the"dots"with a word to make five new words.



96.What letter should replace the question mark ?



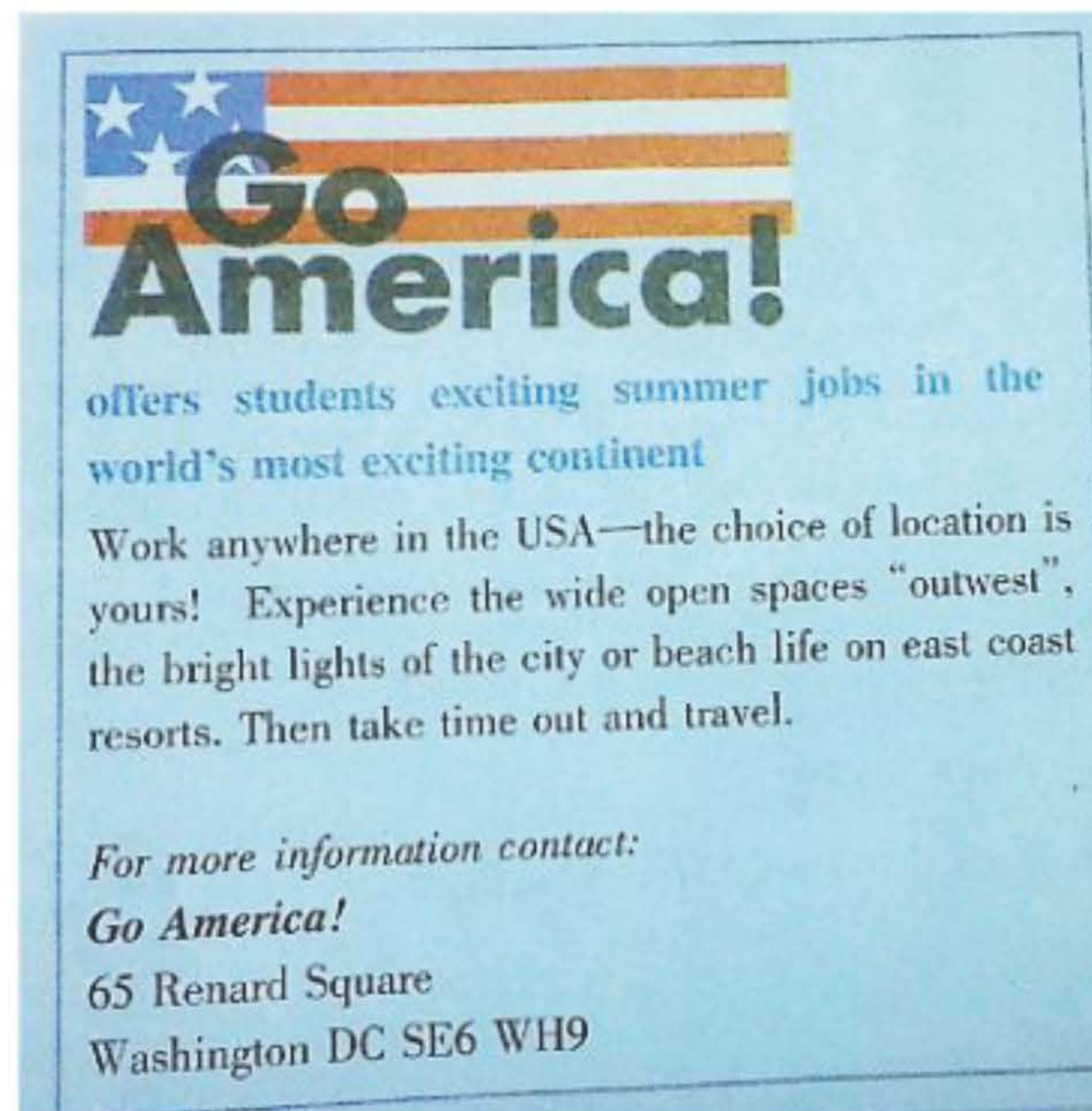
Part VIII Writing (30 marks)

I (10 marks)

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Now read this advertisement and write a letter of 80-100 words on the answer sheet to the employment agency giving them details of your qualifications and asking for further information about these things:

- type of jobs in New York?
- accommodation ?
- cost of flight included ?
- work permit ?



II (20 marks)

People say that the teenage years are the happiest time of a person's life; others think that being a teenager means endless stress and problems.

*What are your views of this joys and pains of growing up? Please write an essay of at least **120** words on the answer sheet.*