



北京四中2011-2012学年第二学期期中考试初二年级英语试卷

一、单项选择

从下列各题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中，选择可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

17. ____ collection can help ____ make money.

A. She; her B. His; he C. Her; her D. He; him

18. If you want to send your recording ____ email, connect the recorder ____ your computer.

A. by; on B. from; to C. by; to D. in; with

19. Many students have interests. Some interests are relaxing and ____ are creative.

A. the others B. others C. another D. the other

20. Listen carefully in class, ____ you'll not understand what to do.

A. and B. but C. or D. because

21. She asked us ____ that we were in a story.

A. imagine B. to imagine C. imagined D. imagining

22. Always read the ____ before you start taking the medicine.

A. instructions B. suggestions C. information D. explanation

23. —Has John arrived at the hotel?
—Not yet. He ____ here ____ a couple of days.

A. is; in B. will be; with C. was; before D. will be; in

24. My brother is ____ a hardworking student that he always gets high ____ marks.

A. so B. very C. such D. too

25. Day by day, I became ____ to everyone in my class.

A. close B. closer C. closest D. the closest

26. —Can you tell me ____ the programme is on?
—Yes, it's on Wednesday, at five o'clock.

A. where B. Why C. how D. when

27. —Do you know ____ the first prize in the last Art Festival?
—By practicing every day.

A. how he got B. how did he get C. how he will get D. how will he get

28. It's hard to believe that John easily ____ Adam in the last game.

A. bite B. bit C. beats D. beat

29. —Which hobby do you think ____ the least space?
—Collecting stamps.

A. tidies up B. sets up C. takes up D. puts up

30. Though he lost the race, he ____ himself to be a good driver to the audience (观众) .

A. became B. proved C. considered D. found

31. I don't know if he ____ tomorrow. But if he ____, I'll tell you.

A. will come; will come B. comes; comes
C. will come; comes D. comes; will come

二、完形填空 (共20分, 每小题1分)

阅读下面的短文, 掌握其大意, 然后从短文后各题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中,

选择最佳选项。

A

IQ (intelligence quotient 智商) is a score that shows a person's level of intelligence.

People used to believe that some people are born with a high IQ and some aren't.

32, a study by scientist at University College London has challenged (挑战) this idea.

According to an article last October on the Journal Nature, scientists are beginning to think that our IQ is not a constant (不变的) score.

The scientists tested 33 healthy young people in 2004 between the ages of 12 and 16. Then they did tests again four years later, when the same people were between 16 and 20.

Scientists found big changes in the IQ scores between 2008 and 2004. Some 33 and some fell 34 as many as 21 points.

To test whether these scores were meaningful, the scientists compared them with results from brain scans (扫描). They found that the IQ changes matched changes in the structure (结构) of the subjects' brains. "A change in 20 points is a huge 35," said Professor Cathy Price, who led the research. He said it could mean the difference between an average and a 36 person. The team has not found a clear cause for these changes. However, they say it is 37 that education plays a role in changing IQ.

"Here we have shown that children's 38 is likely to be still developing," says Price. "We have to be careful not to write off 39 performers at an early stage. In fact, their IQ may improve in a few more years."

32. A. And	B. However	C. Besides	D. Though
33. A. rise	B. rose	C. raise	D. raised
34. A. of	B. with	C. by	D. from
35. A. difference	B. matter	C. thing	D. meaning
36. A. successful	B. gifted	C. able	D. rich
37. A. natural	B. true	C. certain	D. possible
38. A. score	B. intelligence	C. skill	D. interest
39. A. clever	B. prettier	C. nicer	D. poorer

B

As darkness fell, hundreds of people in the Swiss village left their houses. They were staring (注视) forward at the mountain top in the distance. It was covered with ice and snow-beautiful and dangerous.

The huge mountain is called Matterhorn. Mountain climbers had 40 the top through the southern route (路线). But no one had ever dared to try a winter climbing up the northern side. But now one man was daring to try the 41 route. He was Walter Bonatti, a great mountain climber 42 Italy.

For two days he had climbed. The village people had watched him anxiously (焦虑). Now they were waiting to see his signal. If he planned to 43 the next day, he would light (点燃) a green signal (信号). A red light would mean that he was turning back.

A tiny green light 44 high on the mountain side. Bonatti was not giving up! The people 45 The next day he continued his way upward. He was so lonely and so 46! But he would not give up. Again that night he lit the green light. In the morning, Bonatti 47 He could not see the top; he knew he was 48 there. Though the climb was painful, he moved up.

Bonatti had spent months 49 for the climb. Was the training enough? Did he have the strength and skill to climb to the top?

He was finally at the top! News about his. 50 was radioed to the world.

The trip down the southern route was easy. He was warmly welcomed in the village. He had done the “51” and would be well remembered as a climber of all time.

40. A. reached	B. passed	C. watched	D. followed
41. A. comfortable	B. important	C. difficult	D. nervous
42. A. with	B. from	C. in	D. at
43. A. turn back	B. come down	C. go on	D. get back
44. A. placed	B. appeared	C. pulled	D. found
45. A. cried	B. laughed	C. jumped	D. cheered
46. A. sleepy	B. excited	C. tired	D. happy
47. A. woke up	B. turned up	C. got up	D. looked up
48. A. already	B. almost	C. hardly	D. surely
49. A. training	B. practising	C. planning	D. asking
50. A. importance	B. success	C. climb	D. courage
51. A. necessary	B. dangerous	C. perfect	D. impossible

三、阅读理解（共13分，每小题1分）

阅读下面的四篇短文，根据短文内容，从短文后各题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中，选择最佳选项。

A

	A new planet more like Earth was discovered and regarded as a likely future home for human. The planet contains both land and water with average temperatures around 22°C. It is 600 light years from Earth. There are 290 days a year on the planet.
	A French company wants to change the Eiffel Tower into a very tall and growing Christmas tree made of 600,000 plants. The Eiffel Tower is decorated (装饰) with 10,000 light bulbs and attracts (吸引) 7 million visitors a year.
	Wow, what a night! The evening got off to a fun start with Steven Hall. Ronan Parke took on Kelly Clarkson's <i>Because Of You</i> . Jai McDowall finally won because of his wonderful performance.

52. The new planet _____.

A. might have 365 days a year	B. has no water
C. might be a future home for human	D. has bad weather

53. _____ will make the Eiffel Tower become a big tree.

A. 1000 light bulbs	B. 600,000 plants
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54. _____ was the winner of Britain's Got Talent 2011.

- A. Steven Hall
- B. Ronan Parke
- C. Kelly Clarkson
- D. Jai McDowall

B

When I was 14, I left school with learning disabilities and decided to surf the biggest waves in the world, first in California and then in Hawaii. One morning, I met an old man, a bum (流浪汉), on the street corner. He asked me if I was running away from home. I told him, "Not exactly, sir."

After talking a while, he told me that he had something to show me and share with me. We walked several blocks until we came upon the downtown Public Library.

The bum asked me to sit down and wait a moment. Later he returned with some books, and then said, "I want to teach you two things. Number one is never to judge a book by its cover, for a cover fools you. I'll bet you think I'm a bum, don't you?"

I said, "I guess so, sir."

“Well, young man, I've got a little surprise for you. I am one of the wealthiest (富有的) men in the world. But a year ago, when my wife passed away, I realized there were certain things I had not yet experienced in life, one of which was what it would be like to live like a bum on the streets. For the past year I have been going from city to city doing just that. Number two is to learn how to read, for there is only one thing that people can't take away from you, and that is your wisdom (智慧) . ”At that moment, he gave me the books he'd pulled from the shelves. His parting request (请求) was for me to never forget what he taught me. I have remembered until today.

55. The boy _____ when he was 14.

- A. liked running
- B. left school
- C. did well in study
- D. traveled around the world

56. Which of the following is true?

- A. The old man took the boy home.
- B. The old man was homeless and poor.
- C. The old man was friendly to the boy.
- D. The old man and his wife went from city to city.

57. The old man taught the boy how to _____.

- A. love people
- B. become wise
- C. choose friends
- D. experience the bum's life

C

Want to save money when travelling by train?

Here are some ways:

Day Returns

This ticket can save you up to 45% on the standard fare (费用). You have to travel after the rush hour period Monday—Friday, but can travel at any time on Saturday or Sunday.



Big City Savers

These are special low-priced tickets on certain trains. You have to book in advance (提前)

- at the latest by 16: 00 the day before you travel. It's first come, first served.

Weekend Returns

Weekend Returns are available (有售) for most trips over 60 miles. Go on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and return the same weekend on Saturday or Sunday, and save up to 35% on the standard fare.

Monthly Returns

These are available for most trips over 65 miles. Go any day and return within a month. Monthly returns save you up to 25% on the standard fare.

Family Rail Card

For 20 pounds this rail card allows you to take a second adult and up to 4 children for only 3 pounds each when you buy single or return tickets. You can travel as often as you like until the card becomes out of date.

58. How many ways does the writer tell us to save money when travelling by train?

A. Five. B. Four. C. Three. D. Six.

59. Big City Savers are special low-priced tickets on _____ trains.

A. certain B. return C. weekend D. all

60. Monthly Returns save you up to _____ on the standard fare.

A. 45% B. 35% C. 25% D. 65%

D

The Mayan (玛雅的) Indians lived in Mexico for thousands of years before the Spanish arrived in the 1500s. The Mayan achievements were many. They had farms, beautiful palaces, and cities with many buildings. The Mayan people knew a lot about nature and the world around them. This knowledge helped them to live a better life than most people of that time, because they could use it to make their lives more comfortable and rewarding (值得的). Knowledge about tools and farming, for example, made their work easier and more productive.

The Maya believed in many gods, including rain gods, sun gods, and corn gods. The people built large temples to honor the Mayan gods. Skillful workers built cities around these temples. It was difficult for them to build these cities, because they had no horses to carry the heavy stone they used to build with. Workers had to carry all of the building materials themselves. Today, many of these ancient Mayan cities and temples are still standing.

Although the cities that the Maya built were beautiful, and the people worked hard to build them, very few of the people lived in them. Usually, only the priests (牧师) lived in the cities.

The other people lived in small villages in the forests. Their houses were much simpler than the elaborate buildings in the cities. They lived in small huts (小屋) with no windows. The walls were made of poles covered with dried mud, and the roof was made of grass or leaves. Most Maya lived a simple life close to nature.

The Mayan priests studied the Sun, the Moon, stars, and planets. They made a calendar from



what they learned. The year was divided into 18 months of 20 days each with five days left over. The Mayan calendar was far more exact than the European calendars of the time.

Around the year 800, the Maya left their villages and beautiful cities, never to return. No one knows why this happened. They may have died from some disease. They may have left because the soil could no longer grow crops. Archaeologists (考古学家) are still trying to find the lost secrets of the Maya.

61. What does the underlined word “elaborate” mean?

- A. easily built
- B. carefully made
- C. slowly fixed
- D. quickly designed

62. From the passage we can infer (推理) that ____.

- A. most Maya lived in beautiful cities
- B. many Mayan cities and temples are still standing
- C. the Maya were intelligent and culturally rich people
- D. the Mayan calendar was the same as European calendars

63. Why is it said that the Mayan people lived a better life than most people of that time?

- A. They had better building skills and housing conditions.
- B. They believed in many gods, and honored the Mayan gods.
- C. They had knowledge about tools and farming.
- D. They studied about nature and the world around them.

64. What can be the best title for this article?

- A. Mayan Gods
- B. Mayan Buildings
- C. Productive Maya
- D. Mysterious (神秘的) Maya

四、阅读短文, 还原句子 (共4分, 每小题1分)

Forgetful President

George Washington was the first president of the United States. 65 But it seems that the president was not a perfect person.

A New York library recently found that Washington borrowed two books from the library in 1789. 66 If he were still alive, he would have to pay the library \$300, 000 in fines (罚款), for it has been late for over 220 years.

On October 5, 1789, George Washington went to the New York Society Library.

67 He didn't sign his name in the borrower's book. He just wrote "President" to show who had taken them out.

The two books should have been brought back a month later, but they were never returned. Workers at the library realized the books were missing when they organized the library's old records. The New York Society Library doesn't expect anyone to pay the fine. 68

- A. It's said that he never told a lie.
- B. He then borrowed the books from it.
- C. However, he didn't return them on time.
- D. But it hopes that someone will return the books.
- E. He kept the books, because he didn't finish reading them.



五、阅读回答问题（共10分，每小题2分）

Some children are born bosses. They have a need to make decisions, manage their environment and lead rather than follow. Too much rule in the hands of the young isn't healthy for children or the family. Family expert John Taylor says, "Children have secret feelings of weakness. They are always trying to feel safe." It's the parents' duty- not the child's- to provide safety.

When a "boss child" doesn't learn limits (限制) at home, troubles will appear outside the family. The child may have trouble obeying (遵守) teachers, for example, or keeping friends. It can be pretty lonely as the top dog if no one likes your ruling ways.

Bossy kids are often unusually bright. Their parents need to be especially careful to manage them. Bossy kids usually work more on the mother. It's important for both parents to know their child's weakness, to agree on key rules and to back each up.

Even as you try to be kind—to a point—don't give up your parental ruling post. Instead, stand your ground by using body language that tells your child who the boss is.

Good manners are important to family. Show a child by example how to ask for something rather than shout orders. Try asking your child to do things that are not too difficult. Then reward (奖励) him with a hug (拥抱) and words such as "Thank you. I like it when you listen to me." Over time good manners will become associated (联结) with pleasure.

69. Is the passage mainly about how to teach children?
70. Do boss children usually feel lonely or have a lot of friends?
71. Which of the parents should know their child's weakness?
72. Why is it important to teach children good manners?
73. What should parents be like to teach a boss child well?



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参考答案

一、单项填空 (共15分, 每小题1分)

17-31 C C B C B A D C B D A D C B C

二、完形填空 (共20分, 每小题1分)

32-39 B B C A B D B D

40-51 A C B C B D C D B A B D

三、阅读理解 (共13分, 每小题1分)

52-64 C B D B C B A A C B C D D

四、还原句子 (共4分, 每小题1分)

65-68 A C B D

五、阅读回答问题 (共10分, 每小题2分)

69. Yes. /Yes, it is.

70. They usually feel lonely. /Feel lonely.

71. Both of the parents/ them.

72. Because it can help children (to) get on well with others.

73. They should be serious, careful and always ready to teach.

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部分解析

完形填空:

(A)

32.根据上线问的联系可知答案为B, 本示转折的意思。

33.根据文章的意思应该选为rose为rise的过去式, 表示上升的意思。符合题意。

34. fall by 表示降到...。为固定词组搭配。故选C

35.根据后文内容He said it could mean the difference between an average可知答案为A

36.根据文章内容大意可知答案为B

37. it is possible that 从句, 固定词组搭配, 符合上下文, 故选D

38.根据上下文的内容可知答案为B

39.根据文章内容大意可知答案为D

(B)

40. 根据下文的意思可知, 表示到达的意思。

41. 根据下文内容可知, 表示困难, 故答案选C。

42. from sp, 介词短语做后置定语, 故选B。

43. 根据下文提到的点红色信号就是回来, 因此本题应选go on, 表示继续的意思。

44. 根据上下文的意思可知答案为B。

45. 根据下文场景, 表示欢呼的意思。

46. 根据上下文的内容可知表示很累的意思。



47. 根据后文内容He could not see the top,可知答案为D。
48. 根据文章内容大意可知答案为B。
49. 根据后文内容Was the training enough?可知答案为A。
50. 根据后文内容可知答案为B。
51. 根据整篇文章内容可知答案为D。

阅读理解：

52. 细节题，根据文章内容A new planet more like Earth was discovered and regarded as a likely future home for human.可知答案为C。

53. 细节题，根据文章内容A French company wants to change the Eiffel Tower into a very tall and growing Christmas tree made of 600,000 plants. The Eiffel Tower is decorated (装饰) with

10,000 light bulbs and attracts (吸引) 7 million visitors a year.可知。

54. 细节题，根据文章内容Jai McDowall finally won because of his wonderful performance.可知

答案为D。

55. 根据文章内容When I was 14, I left school with learning disabilities and decided to surf the biggest waves in the world可知答案为B。

56. 根据文章内容可知答案为C。

57. 根据文章内容大意可知答案为B。

58. 细节题，根据文章内容大意可知选A。

59. 细节题，根据内容These are special low-priced tickets on certain trains.可知。

60. 细节题，根据文章内容Monthly returns save you up to 25 % on the standard fare.可知。

61. 根据单词的意思可知答案为B。

62. 根据文章内容大意可知答案为C。

63. 根据文章内容The Mayan priests studied the Sun, the Moon, stars, and planets. They made a calendar from what they learned. The year was divided into 18 months of 20 days each with five days left over. The Mayan calendar was far more exact than the European calendars of the time.可知答案为D。

64. 据文章内容可知答案为D。