

西城外国语初三2015-2016 期中考试试卷

四. Choose the best answer.(10%)

21. In 1911, ___ American archaeologist found the Incas city in the Andes mountains.

A. a B. an C. the D. /

22. I was very tired last night, _____ I went to bed earlier.

A. so B. but C. or D. for

23. Thanks for giving me _____.

A. an advice B. some pieces of advices

C. some advices D. a lot of advice

24. Nobody knows how much time he _____ practicing speaking Chinese.

A. has spent B. has taken C. has cost D. has had

25. ---Have you seen the notice No Smoking here?

---Sorry, I _____ it.

A. don't see B. haven't seen C. hadn't seen D. didn't see

26. We are going to have a meeting at Hilton Hotel _____ the morning of October 20th.

A. on B. in C. at D. from

27. ---Could you tell me _____?

---At seven tomorrow.

A. when they have arrived B. when they could arrive

B. when they arrived D. when they are arriving

28. ---Do you know the girl _____ is talking to David?

---Joanne.

A. what B. which C. when D. who

29. ---David told me that he was going to start his own band soon.

---Great! _____

A. With pleasure B. Never mind C. Good luck D. Thanks a lot.

30. In ancient times in _____, many people believed that evil spirits lived in the trees.

A. America B. Peru C. Britain D. Canada

五. Cloze(10%)

A teacher was giving a talk to his students on stress(压力) management. He raised a glass of water and asked them, "How 31 do you think this glass of water is"

The students began to think and 32. Their answers are different, from 20g to 500g.

"It does not matter on the real 33. It depends on how long you hold it. If I hold it for a 34 it is OK. If I hold it for an hour, I will have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you will have to call a 35. It is the exact same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes. What we have to do is to put the glass down, 36 for a while before holding it up again."

"If we carry our burdens (ffi. 1E!) 37 sooner or later, we will not be able to carry on. The burden will become increasingly heavier. We have to 38 the burden every now and then, so that we can be refreshed and are able to carry on."

So 39 you return home from work tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it back home. You can pick it up tomorrow.

Whatever burdens you have, let them down for a moment if you can. And learn to 40 ourselves.

Life is short but amazing. Enjoy it!

31. A. heavy B. full C. much D. long
32. A. read B. watch C. guess D. listen
33. A. glass B. weight C. water D. height
34. A. minute B. night C. day D. week
35. A. mother B. teacher C. doctor D. friend
36. A. rest B. shake C. look D. work
37. A. this time B. some other time C. next time D. all the time
38. A. give up B. put down C. pick up D. think about
39. A. after B. since C. before D. until
40. A. save B. help C. care D. relax

六. Reading (20%)

A

Linda Evans was my best friend—like the sister I never had. We did everything together: piano lessons, movies, swimming, horseback riding.

When I was 13, my family moved away. Linda and I kept in touch through letters, and we saw each other on special time—like my wedding (婚礼) and Linda's. Soon we were busy with children and moving to new homes, and we wrote less often. One day a card that I sent came back, stamped "Address (地址) Unknown." I had no idea how to find Linda.

Over the years, I missed Linda very much. I wanted to share (分享) happiness of my children and then grandchildren. And I needed to share my sadness when my brother and then mother died. There was an empty place in my heart that only a friend like Linda could fill.

One day I was reading a newspaper when I noticed a photo of a young woman who looked very much like Linda and whose last name was Wagman — Linda's married name. "There must be thousands of Wagnans," I thought, but I still wrote to her.

She called as soon as she got my letter. "Mrs Tobin!" she said excitedly, "Linda Evans Wagman is my mother."

Minutes later I heard a voice that I knew very much, even after 40 years, laughed and cried and caught up on each other's lives. Now the empty place in my heart is filled. And there's one thing that Linda and I know for sure: We won't lose each other again!

41. The writer went to piano lessons with Linda Evans _____.
- A. at the age of 13
- B. before she got married
- C. after they moved to new homes
- D. before the writer's family moved away

42. They didn't often write to each other because they _____.

- A. got married
- B. had little time to do so
- C. didn't like writing letters
- D. could see each other on special time

43. They haven't kept in touch _____.

- A. for about 40 years
- B. for about 27 years
- C. since they got married
- D. since the writer's family moved away

B

Little Tommy was doing very badly in math. His parents had tried everything-tutors, cards, special learning centers-in short, everything they could think of. Finally they took Tommy to a catholic (天主教的) school.

After the first day, little Tommy came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't kiss his mother hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying. Books and papers were spread (铺开) out all over the room and little Tommy was hard at work. His mother was surprised. She called him down to dinner and as soon as he finished eating, he went back to his room, without a word. In no time he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day while the mother tried to understand what was happening.

Finally, little Tommy brought home his report card. He quietly put it on the table and went up to his room and hit the books. His mom looked at it and to her surprise, little Tommy got an A in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity (好奇心). She went to his room and asked, "Son, what was it? Was it the nuns (修女)?"

Little Tommy looked at her and shook his head, "No."

"Well then," she asked again. "WHAT was it?"

Little Tommy looked at her and said, "Well, on the first day of school, when I saw that man nailed (钉) to the plus sign (加号), I knew they weren't joking."

44. Why did Tommy's parents send him to a catholic school?

- A. Because he could eat well there.
- B. Because his parents could save some money.
- C. Because his parents wanted him to do better in his math.
- D. Because his parents didn't want him to learn math any more.

45. Tommy's mother felt surprised that his son _____.

- A. was still the same as usual
- B. ate so much at dinner
- C. kissed her hello after school
- D. worked hard but said little

46. The last sentence in the passage shows that _____.

- A. Tommy felt sorry for the mail
- B. Tommy was afraid of being nailed

- C. Tommy didn't like the plus sign
- D. Tommy liked playing jokes on others

C

Although international students want to dive into American culture, it is easier to stay close to the families.

“Most international students told me that they want to meet and make friends with as many Americans as they can,” said Mark Galloway, Institute for International Studies (IIS) student adviser at State University. “But in reality, they are comfortable with being around people from their own country, if possible. ”

Testing of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is an admission test for international students enrolling in American universities. Galloway said students’ scores decreased when they spend less time with American students.

More than 450 international students are on campus at Murray State University. Thailand, Japan, South Korea, China and Germany are countries with the most students this semester, according to an IIS report.

Wichien Eampromate, Thai Student Association President, said poor English ability and cultural differences make it difficult for Thai students to spend time with Americans.

“We eat different things; we do different kinds of things,” said Eampromate.

On the other hand, Joon-Seong Bae, an exchange student from Korea University, said he tried to avoid hanging around other Koreans.

But it is not easy for him. He said he is less comfortable with Americans because he cannot say everything he wants to say, and not all Americans are patient with his limited English.

“There were two or three Americans and me,” Bae said. “We talked about something. As time went by, I was kind of excluded(排斥在外) because they talked to each other.

While international students venture outside their comfort zones, American students also have the opportunity to be exposed to other cultures. “I know there are a lot (of American students) who want to get to know international students,” said Philip Lee, senior from Boonville, Indiana. “They are just uncomfortable. ”Lee said he has learned about life from his international friends, although it is sometimes a challenge. “ I can’t live a comfortable life all the time,” Lee said. “ I realized there is a great benefit of stepping out of my comfort zone to meet people. ”

47. From the first paragraph we learn that _____.
- A. international students enjoy American culture with difficulty
 - B. international students all go to America without preparation.
 - C. American culture, in fact, is the same as others
 - D. American culture is easy to deal with
48. What Bae has experienced tells us that _____.
- A. he is willing to help Koreans with their English
 - B. he prefers to stay home rather than meet Americans
 - C. he can’t express himself well with American students.
 - D. He doesn’t have any chance to meet American students
49. When American students talk with international students, they _____.

A.always feel comfortable B.usually become angry
C.often change for money D.usually get familiar with other cultures

50. It can be inferred from this passage that _____.

- A. international students go to America in order to improve their English
- B. international students can hardly make any friends in America
- C. it is necessary for international students to make friends with Americans
- D. it is bad for international students to get along with Americans

D

Over the last 70 years, researchers have been studying happy and unhappy people and finally found out ten factors that make a difference. Our feelings of well-being at any moment are determined to a certain degree by genes. However, of all the factors, wealth and age are the top two.

Money can buy a degree of happiness. But once you can afford to feed, clothe and house yourself, each extra dollar makes less and less difference.

Researchers find that, on average, wealthier people are happier. But the link between money and happiness is complex. In the past half-century, average income has sharply increased in developed countries, yet happiness levels have remained almost the same. Once your basic needs are met, money only seems to increase happiness if you have more than your friends, neighbors and colleagues.

"Dollars buy status, and status makes people feel better," conclude some experts, which helps explain why people who can seek status in other ways — scientists or actors, for example — may happily accept relatively poorly-paid jobs.

In a research, Professor Alex Michalos found that the people whose desire — not just for money, but for friends, family, job, health — rose furthest beyond what they already had, tended to be less happy than those who felt a smaller gap (差距). Indeed, the size of the gap predicted happiness about five times better than income alone. "The gap measures just blow away the only measures of income." Says Michalos.

Another factor that has to do with happiness is age. Old age may not be so bad. "Given all the problems of aging, how could the elderly be more satisfied?" asks Professor Laura Carstensen.

In one survey, Carstensen interviewed 184 people between the ages of 18 and 94, and asked them to fill out an emotions questionnaire. She found that old people reported positive emotions just as often as young people, but negative emotions much less often. Why are old people happier? Some scientists suggest older people may expect life to be harder and learn to live with it, or they're more realistic about their goals, only setting ones that they know they can achieve. But Carstensen thinks that with times running out, older people have learned to focus on things that makethem happy and let go of those that don't.

"People realize not only what they have, but also that what they have cannot last forever," she says. "A goodbye kiss to a husband or wife at the age of 85, for example, may bring far more complex emotional responses than a similar kiss to a boy or girl friend at the age of 20."

51. According to the passage, the feeling of happiness _____.

- A. is determined partly by genes
- B. increases gradually with age
- C. has little to do with wealth
- D. is measured by desires

52. Some actors would like to accept poorly-paid jobs because the jobs _____.

- A. make them feel much better
- B. provide chances to make friends
- C. improve their social position
- D. satisfy their professional interests

53. Aged people are more likely to feel happy because they are more _____.

- A. optimistic
- B. successful
- C. practical
- D. emotional

54. Professor Alex Michalos found that people feel less happy if _____.

- A. the gap between reality and desire is bigger
- B. they have a stronger desire for friendship
- C. their income is below their expectation
- D. the hope for good health is greater

Read and choose (5 %)

Once, two birds named Cici and Nick lived in a nest. ___55___ They always found excuse for not doing any work.

On a cold winter day, a strong wind was blowing. ___56___. By chance, a hole was made in their nest(巢). The cold wind blew in through the hole and got away the warmth from the nest. Both the birds started feeling cold. Nick thought, "I wonder why Cici is so lazy? Why is she not repairing the hole?"

On the other hand, Cici thought that Nick would fill the hole. Both of them were depending on each other. ___57___.

Soon snow started to fall and the wind nearly blew off the last warm air from the inside of their nest. The snowflakes entered the nest through the hole. The lazy birds started shivering (颤) with cold. ___58___.

In the morning both the birds were dead in their nest. They had shivered to death but because of laziness they had not got up to repair the hole.

Life is the same. Some people never get success. ___59___. Do you think so?

- A. Because their laziness blows out the chances.
- B. But no one was active enough to work
- C. Both of them were very lazy.
- D. There was some snowfall too
- E. So no one repaired the hole

Read and answer(5 %)

Mike was a good and well-trained boy. His parents loved him very much. He did everything well, but Mike had one bad habit. He ate a lot of sweets and chocolates. Those were his favorite. He just couldn't refuse. His mother always told him, "Mike doesn't eat so many sweets. You will get toothaches. "

His mother used to keep all the sweets in a glass jar(罐子). It had a narrow mouth and a tight lid on it.

One day when his mother went to the market, Mike saw that his father was asleep. So he walked carefully and slowly to the kitchen and got the sweet jar. With great effort, he opened the tight lid and put his hand in narrow mouth. Mike picked a fist(拳头) full of sweets. But when he tried to pull his hand out, it got stuck(卡) in the jar.

Mike's father was awake and watching. He said to Mike, "You have picked up too many sweets in your fist. it's more than your little hand can keep. Your fist cannot come out of the jar. Let go of the sweets and pick only one sweet in your two fingers and you can pull your hand out easily. Always take as much as you can control."

Mike pulled out his hand from the jar easily and he learned a lesson for his life, too.

60. What was Mike's had habit?
61. Did his mother use to keep the sweets in a glass jar?
62. Where was the sweet jar?
63. How many sweets did his father suggest him to get?
64. What lesson did Mike learn?

Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with proper words according to the meanings.

vocabulary(10 %)

65. Ashley l _____ her own website at the age of 16.
66. This form is so c _____ that many people don't know how to fill in it.
67. The airline should be r _____ of the safety of its passagers.
68. According to the old s _____, if you walk under a ladder it brings you bad luck.
69. That temple was r _____ in the big earthquake.

vocabulary(5 %)

70. New scientific _____ are made every day .(discover)
71. There has been a big _____ in children's behavior.(improve)
72. You should _____ for losing your temper.(apology)
73. She is now helping the marketing _____ for the southeast area.(manage)
74. Brandon is very _____. If he says he'll do something, he will do it.(rely)

Complete the sentences.(10 %)

75. 该到我们休息的时间了。

_____ to have a rest.

76. 他经常帮妈妈做家务。

He often _____ mother _____.

77.他过去起床很晚。

He _____ very late.

78.对一些学生来说，学英语有点难。

It's _____ for some students _____.

79.他妈妈总是阻止他玩电脑游戏，希望他在读书上多花些时间。

His mother always _____ computer games. She hopes he can
_____ books.

Complete the passage with the help of the initial letters(10%)

It was the yearbook day and we were given an hour to sign each other's yearbooks in the cafeteria. I was president of the class and I played sports. When I sat down at a table, people started to come over to get their yearbooks signed and to sign 80.m_____.

Among them, a weak boy with ugly teeth and thick glasses kept shaking. I had seen him around, and I knew he was always 81.l_____ at. He seemed unsure of himself, and was so pale that it hurt us to look at him.

He came up and asked me nervously, "Can you sign this?" I took his yearbook but I didn't know 82 w_____ to write. I saw that there was the name "Ricky Sanders" written on the front of it. So I wrote:

I put down the yearbook and turned around to get some signatures from some of my friends when I 83.n_____ my yearbook was gone. I saw that Ricky had sat down with my yearbook. "What are you doing?" I asked him. He looked up calmly (平静地) and 84.j_____ said "Sign!"

My friends broke into a loud laugh, and I saw that he was carefully trying to put a signature in my yearbook. He hadn't even finished the "R" yet. I thought for a while and 85.d_____ to let him sign.

It took him nearly five minutes to sign and when I got my yearbook back, there was a very shaky "RICKY". He hugged (紧抱) his yearbook and 86.s_____. I couldn't help but smile back at him.

In that moment, my 87 a___ changed completely.

I gave him a high five and suddenly everyone at my table wanted his signature. He was asked politely to write in their yearbooks and the signature 88.p___ of his yearbook were filled up. He was smiling so big that it lit up the whole room.

参考答案

21-25:BADAB 26-30:ADDCC 31-35:ACBAC 36-40:ADBCD 41-45:DBACD 46-50:BACDC

51-54:ACCA 55-59:CDEBA

60. He ate a lot of sweets and chocolates.

61. Yes, she did.

62. It was in the kitchen.

63. His father suggested him to pick only one sweet.

64. Always take as much as you can control.

65.launched

66.confusing

67.responsible

68.saying

69.ruined

70.discoveries

71.improvement

72.apologize

73.management

74.reliable

75.It's time

76.helps;do housework

77.used to get up

78.difficult to learn English

79.stops him from playing;spend more time reading

80.mine 81.laughed 82.what 83.noticed 84.just 85.decided 86.smiled

87.attitude 88.pages 89.pupular 90.down