

## 2019年5月北京地区学位英语考试

## Part I Reading Comprehension (30%)

Directions: There are three passages. In this part Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice and blacken the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.

## Passage 1

Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following passage:

A little boy in South Carolina got to celebrate his birthday twice: After only one friend showed up to his birthday party, the local fire department decided to throw him another one.

The City of Beaufort Fire Department shared the story of a party the fire department held for a local boy named Cooper, who was disappointed when only one of his classmates showed up to his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday party. But after a community member gave the local fire department a call, (76) the members were quick to come to his rescue.

“We jumped on board and said we’ll do whatever we can to make sure he has a great birthday and that more than one child shows up.” Beaufort firefighter Ross Vezin says. “We made arrangements to pick him up from school along with his mom and brother, and we brought him to a bowling alley(保龄球场) along with a biker group.”

The fire department was also able to bring nearly 75 other kids from school to celebrate alongside Cooper, whose mother, Nicola Shiflet, said he has difficulty making friends because he suffers from autism(自闭症). They had cake and presents and got to do some bowling. “We’re also going to **have him up** next week.” Vezin says, “We’re going to give him a fire department T-shirt and a tour of our fire station.”

1. Who did the most to make Cooper’s second birthday party a great success?
  - A. Firefighters from Beaufort Fire Department.
  - B. Men from the biker group
  - C. Community members
  - D. Cooper’s parents
2. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE according to the passage?
  - A. About 75 kids showed up at Cooper’s second birthday party.
  - B. Cooper’s mother and brother were at his second birthday party.
  - C. Those joining the second birthday party did some bowling.
  - D. Cooper got a T-shirt from the fire department at his second birthday party.
3. The phrase **have him up** in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. invite him as a guest
  - B. meet him by chance

## Passage 2

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following passage:

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon. The spacesuit Armstrong wore on his mission has come to symbolize courage and human achievement. In 1971, the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) acquired Armstrong's suit. It stood proudly on display for visitors to admire until there were changes in the suit's appearance. "Over time, the suit started to show signs of deterioration(变坏). " Lisa Young says. She works at NASM and her job is to preserve historical and cultural treasures.

Plastics are tricky to preserve. They tend to degrade(降解) over time. Neoprene is one type of plastic in Armstrong a suit. The material can turn **brittle** and break into tiny pieces. (77) This would ruin the spacesuit. NASM, seeking ways to preserve this historical treasure, removed it from display in 2006.

Yet history can still be saved. Sunlight, water, humidity, and dust can cause plastics to degrade. Scientists have found that storing plastics in cooler temperatures, with lower humidity levels, can slow degradation. Young says Armstrong's suit is currently in storage at a temperature of 63°F and a lower relative humidity of 30%. These conditions will be maintained when Armstrong's suit returns to a museum display case in time for this year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary(周年纪念日) of the moon landing.

Plastic degradation affects art, too. Artist Claes Oldenburg created False Food Selection in 1960. (78) It consists of plastic food displayed in a wooden box. The plastic of food used to look real. Now, some of it has flattened and yellowed. The artwork's wooden box produces an acidic gas that eats away at the plastic, which speeds up the degradation process. But Young is motivated to preserve this artwork and others like it. "Plastics are a part of our history," she says, "it's important to preserve them so that future generations can understand the journey we've taken."

6. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

A. Landing on the Moon      B. Preserving Plastics

C. Neil Armstrong's spacesuit      D. Application of Plastics

7. The word **brittle** in Paragraph 2 probably means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. well established      B. heavily loaded  
C. easily upset      D. easily broken

8. In 2006, NASM removed Armstrong's spacesuit from display to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. put it on sale      B. return it to Armstrong  
C. give it to another museum      D. look for ways to preserve it

9. In Claes Oldenburg's False Food Selection, the wooden box \_\_\_\_\_ the plastic degradation.  
A. slow down      B. leads to  
C. accelerates      D. doesn't play any role in

10. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?  
A. Sunlight, water and dust contribute to plastic degradation.  
B. Armstrong's spacesuit is currently on public display at NASM.  
C. NASM acquired Armstrong's spacesuit in 1971.  
D. Claes Oldenburg is an artist.

### Passage 3

Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following passage:

There was once a tree in South Africa so wide that it could fit 60 people inside its hollow trunk. The tree reached 62 feet into the sky. It was more than 1,100 years old. But recently, that tree and others like it have died. (79) Scientists are wondering why.

The tree was a baobab. A baobab looks like a giant oak(橡树) turned upside down. Its branches resemble roots reaching toward the sky. It grows in Africa and is called the Tree of Life. Baobabs have been used as a shop, a prison, a house, and a bus shelter.

In 2005, scientists began a survey to determine the age of more than 60 baobabs. (80) During the process, they noticed that several of the trees had died. Their results, recently published in Nature Plants, show that nine of the 13 oldest baobab trees and five out of six of the largest died in the 12-year study period.

Stephan Woodborne conducted the baobab study with six other scientists. They say more research is needed to know why the trees died. But they think climate change may be to blame. That's because the trees showed no evidence of disease. Plus, many were in national parks, so they would have been protected from human harm. Also, Woodborne says, the most affected baobabs are on the outer edge of their ideal habitat(栖息地). Increasing heat and shifting rainy seasons have made it harder for baobabs in these areas to thrive.

Smaller and younger baobabs are dying too. "The big ones and the old ones caught attention of the media." Woodborne says, "But it's not just those, it's unprecedented(空前的) that they should be dying across the age **spectrum**. We've got

to do a reality check on our own footprints in terms of the way we live our lives. If we all changed what we did a little bit, it would start to make a difference."

11. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?
 

A. Die-off of Africa's Baobabs	B. National Parks in Africa
C. African Rainy Seasons	D. Strange-looking Baobabs
12. The baobab study lasted \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. 6 years	B. 9 years	C. 12 years	D. 13 years
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13. According to Stephan Woodborne, the baobab trees died mainly because of \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. human damage	B. disease
C. climate change	D. the attack of insects
14. The word **spectrum** in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. point	B. range	C. edge	D. team.
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15. According to Stephan Woodborne, which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?
 

A. Further research is needed to know why the Baobabs died.	B. Baobab trees can live a long time.
C. The researchers found that only old baobab trees died.	D. The baobab study involved more than 60 baobabs.

## Part II Vocabulary and Structure (30%)

*Directions: In this part there are 30 incomplete sentences. For each sentence there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the ONE answer that best completes the sentence. Then blacken the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.*

16. Becoming \_\_\_\_\_ American citizen takes a lot of work.
 

A. /	B. an	C. a	D. the
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17. She was the only member of her family \_\_\_\_\_ spoke English.
 

A. that	B. whom	C. what	D. which
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18. \_\_\_\_\_ he walked, he looked carefully at the ice in front of him.
 

A. If	B. As	C. Since	D. Whether
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19. At about twelve o'clock, the man decided \_\_\_\_\_ to eat his lunch.
 

A. being stopped	B. stopping	C. to be stopped	D. to stop
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20. He threw stones at the birds but could not hit \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. him	B. her	C. it	D. them
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21. Peter is going to a lake \_\_\_\_\_ he can fish with his friends.
 

A. which	B. here	C. where	D. there
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22. They \_\_\_\_\_ into the dormitory already.
 

A. have moved	B. moving	C. move	D. having moved
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23. Everyone is getting old, but you look \_\_\_\_\_ than ever.

A. younger      B. youngest      C. the youngest      D. young

24. ---- Do you enjoy your present job  
---- \_\_\_\_\_. I just do it for a living.  
A. Of course      B. Not really      C. Not likely      D. Not a little

25. They \_\_\_\_\_ have arrived at lunchtime but their flight was delayed.  
A. will      B. can      C. must      D. should

26. After dinner the minister made a short \_\_\_\_\_ to the guests.  
A. delivery      B. speech      C. pronunciation      D. conversation

27. Jean is one of those modern girls who always \_\_\_\_\_ the latest fashions.  
A. put up with      B. come up with      C. keep up with      D. get along with

28. The room was so quiet that she could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of her heart.  
A. hitting      B. beating      C. tapping      D. knocking

29. This watch is \_\_\_\_\_ to all of the other watches in the store.  
A. superior      B. advantages      C. super      D. beneficial

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the valley was very wet.  
A. head      B. basis      C. top      D. bottom

31. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the east.  
A. rises      B. raises      C. increases      D. goes

32. When you have kids, you won't have time to go to parties \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. further      B. still more      C. anymore      D. no more

33. They hid themselves \_\_\_\_\_ a tree.  
A. off      B. after      C. behind      D. before

34. The protests were not \_\_\_\_\_ to New York.  
A. balanced      B. ended      C. limited      D. attended

35. He has never recovered from the \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's death.  
A. aim      B. shock      C. plan      D. opinion

36. If you \_\_\_\_\_ smoke, please go outside.  
A. can      B. should      C. must      D. may

37. The police officers in our city work hard \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of us can live a safe life.  
A. in case      B. as if      C. in order that      D. only if

38. No matter how \_\_\_\_\_, it is not necessarily lifeless.  
A. a desert may be cry      B. dry may a desert be  
C. may a desert be cry      D. dry a desert may be

39. The girl glanced over her shoulder and found herself \_\_\_\_\_ by a young man in black.  
A. was followed      B. has been followed      C. following      D. followed

40. They made a great effort to prepare the exhibition, \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve a big success.  
A. hoped      B. hoping      C. to hope      D. hope

41. I have been looking for this book for several weeks, and \_\_\_\_\_ I have found it.  
 A. at least      B. in no time      C. at last      D. at present

42. Thousands of people \_\_\_\_\_ the funeral.  
 A. cared      B. attended      C. devoted      D. appeared

43. I'm afraid you have no \_\_\_\_\_ but to come along with us.  
 A. possibility      B. permission      C. choice      D. selection

44. The old man got into the \_\_\_\_\_ of storing money under the bed.  
 A. habit      B. tradition      C. use      D. custom

45. She is so \_\_\_\_\_ that she cried for days when her pet cat died.  
 A. sensible      B. sensitive      C. imaginative      D. impressive

### Part III Identification (10%)

*Directions: Each of the following sentences has four underlined parts marked A, B, C, D. Identify the one that is not correct. Then blacken the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.*

46. The new stadium being built (A) for the next Asian Games will be (B) three times as bigger (C) as the present (D) one.

47. After (A) the long journey, the three of (B) them went back (C) home, hungry and tiredly. (D)

48. Surprising (A) and happy, Tony stood (B) up and accepted (C) the prize (D).

49. We tried (A) hard, and eventually (B), we were (C) able to get Mike lent (D) us his car just for a day.

50. He doesn't want (A) to spend many (B) time shopping (C) in (D) New York.

51. If he (A) were more experienced (B), I will (C) vote for (D) him.

52. Taking a train (A) is most (B) comfortable than than (C) taking an (D) airplane.

53. I used to swam (A) in high school (B), but I don't have (C) time now (D).

54. I hope (A) the weather (B) must (C) be sunny (D) Friday.

55. Jim sold (A) most of his things (B). He has hardly nothing (C) left in (D) the house.

### Part IV Cloze (10%)

*Directions: There are 20 blanks in the following passage, and for each blank there are 4 choices marked A, B, C, D at the end of the passage. You should choose ONE answer that best fits into the passage. Then blacken the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.*

In the summer of 1838, John Wannamaker was born in Philadelphia. His father was a brick-maker. Whenever he was not 56 school, John was engaged in turning bricks which were laid in the sun to 57. Thus, the quality of working 58 was instilled(灌输) into the young man. 59 his own diligence, he later became the merchant prince of Philadelphia.

A few years later, school was 60 and he worked in a store four mile away 61 his home. He walked eight miles every day, going to work in the morning and 62 back home in the evening. He 63 only \$ for the entire week's work. Afterwards he was 64 as a clerk in a law office, and later he worked in a clothing store at a 65 of \$ per week. Here he seemed to find the calling 66 suited his taste, and he developed a pleasing disposition(性格). People 67 to trade with the young clerk. It was not long 68 he was called to responsible positions.

In 1861, he already saved several hundred dollars. As he had 69 a reputation for honesty and ability, he was able to start in business on his own account. This firm of Wannamaker & Brown was situated 70 the corner of Sixth and Market streets. As the business 71, other stores were opened. John Wannamaker, the poor clerk---- after a 72 of twenty years of hard work, pushed by energy, controlled a force of 6,000 employees. Not only did the firm handle clothing, but also articles that could be generally 73 in retail(零售) stores.

The secret of his great success is his tireless diligence, and a 74 mastery of his business. He was one of the most successful merchants in history who were extremely good at thinking of new business ideas and 75 them successful.

56. A. at	B. with	C. for	D. about
57. A. work	B. see	C. fly	D. dry
58. A. quite	B. hard	C. shortly	D. easily
59. A. Beyond	B. Along	C. By	D. In
60. A. absorbed	B. announced	C. abandoned	D. advanced
61. A. for	B. through	C. with	D. from
62. A. coming	B. came	C. leaving	D. left
63. A. captured	B. received	C. combined	D. returned
64. A. employed	B. consumed	C. followed	D. displayed
65. A. service	B. number	C. salary	D. course
66. A. where	B. which	C. when	D. what
67. A. worried	B. hated	C. permitted	D. liked
68. A. although	B. after	C. because	D. before
69. A. earned	B. reached	C. pushed	D. repaired
70. A. above	B. below	C. at	D. with
71. A. followed	B. divided	C. increased	D. dropped
72. A. justice	B. period	C. recall	D. misery
73. A. visited	B. caught	C. produced	D. found
74. A. thorough	B. public	C. normal	D. recent
75. A. put	B. made	C. putting	D. making

**Part V Translation (20%)**

## Section A

*Directions: In this part there are five sentences which you should translate into Chinese. These sentences are all taken from the 3 passaged you have just read in Reading Comprehension. You can refer back to the passages to identify their meanings in the context.*

76. The members were quick to come to his rescue.
77. This would ruin the spacesuit.
78. It consists of plastic food displayed in a wooden box.
79. Scientists are wondering why.
80. During the process, they noticed that several of the trees had died.

## Section B

81. 这部电影值得看。
82. 他每天坐公共汽车上班。
83. 整个早晨我都在打篮球。
84. 飞机马上就要起飞了。
85. 今天比昨天热的多。

答案：

1-5 ADAAB      6-10 BDDCB      11-15 ACCBC  
16-20 BABDD    21-25 CAABD    26-30 BCBAA    31-35 ACCCB  
36-40 CCDDDB    41-45 CBCAB  
46-50 CDADB    51-55 CBACC  
56-60 ADBCC    61-65 DABAC    66-70 BDDAC    71-75 CBDAD

76. 成员们迅速赶来“救”他。  
77. 这将会毁了太空服。  
78. 它是由陈列在木盒里的塑料食物组成的。  
79. 科学家们想知道为什么  
80. 在这个过程中，他们注意到有几棵树已经死了。

81. This film/movie is worth seeing.  
82. He goes to work by bus every day,  
83. I've been playing basketball all the morning.  
84. The plane is about to take off.  
85. It's much hotter today than yesterday.