

全国 2016 年 10 月高等教育自学考试
英语写作基础试题

课程代码:00597

请考生按规定用笔将所有试题的答案写在答题纸上。

注意事项:

1. 答题前,考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。
2. 用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔将答案写在答题纸上,不能答在试题卷上。

I. 重写句子 (15 points, 1.5 points each)

Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the requirement in brackets.

Example: The history of English words is the history of our civilization in many ways. (periodic sentence)

In many ways, the history of English words is the history of our civilization.

1. Maria learned very simple tasks. The simple tasks were created just to keep her occupied. (simple sentence)
2. If the voters pass the measure, a new park will be built downtown. (loose construction)
3. I would know what to do if Dad were here. (periodic sentence)
4. He gave us some directions. The directions were easy to follow. (complex sentence)
5. I don't expect children to be rude. I don't expect to be disobeyed. (compound sentence)
6. He took a drink of brandy each night before bed to relieve his pain. (sentence with *to* opener)
7. One bright summer morning the Sheep and the Rat were out on the river bank. They watched the world go by. (sentence with a modifying phrase)
8. Walt Disney was a creative genius. He created the first animated film. He also created the idea of theme parks. (long sentence)
9. Rain cannot keep the postman from his appointed rounds. Snow cannot keep the postman from his appointed rounds either. (sentence with parallel structure)

10. Gilda was awakened by thunder. She couldn't go back to sleep. She tossed and turned until morning. (compound-complex sentence)

II. 修改句子 (15 points, 3 points each)

Correct the errors in the following sentences.

Example: After seeing an offensive mouthwash ad on television. I resolved never to buy that brand again.

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11. To learn French cooking, a lot of practice is necessary.
12. He showed the drum to his father that he had won as a prize.
13. I never thought I would die first people believe women live longer than men.
14. The construction worker looked at the plans, thought about his options, and he called the supervisor.
15. We need to concentrate on our target audience. Namely women aged between 20 and 30.

III. 辨认主题句 (15 points, 5 points each)

16. Choose the best topic sentence from the four options below. Write the corresponding letter of your choice on the answer sheet.
- A. The problems of school naturally tend to be less complex than those in the real world.
B. The problems we learn to solve in school are those that someone has already solved.
C. In the real world problems may take days, weeks, or years to solve, or may have no solution at all.
D. One important difference between the problems of school and those of the real world is complexity.
17. Read the following paragraph and write the topic sentence on the answer sheet.

We now have, as a result of modern means of communication, hundreds of thousands of words flung at us daily. We are constantly being talked at, by teachers, preachers, salesmen, public officials, and motion-picture sound tracks. The cries of advertisers pursue us into our very homes, thanks to the radio—and in some houses the radio is never turned off from morning to

night. Daily the newsboy brings us, in large cities, from thirty to fifty enormous pages of print, and almost three times that amount on Sunday. We go out and get more words at bookstores and libraries. In this modern world, words fill our lives.

18. Read the following paragraph and choose the best topic sentence from the four options that follow. Write the corresponding letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

Man begins life with a cry and ends it in stillness. All through his life he does everything he can to make a noise in the world, and there are few things he fears more than the absence of noise. Even his conversation is to some degree a desperate attempt to prevent a dreadful silence. If he is introduced to a fellow man, and a number of pauses occur in the conversation, he regards himself as a failure, a worthless person, and is full of envy of the noisy talkative person. He knows that ninety-nine percent of human conversation means no more than the buzzing of a fly, but he longs to join in the buzz and to prove that he is a man and not a waxwork figure.

- A. Silence is unnatural to man.
- B. A waxwork figure is worthless.
- C. The buzzing of a fly is annoying.
- D. Pauses are common in conversations.

IV. 重新组合段落 (5 points, 1 point each)

19. Rearrange the following sentences so that they read logically. Put the corresponding letters in a proper sequence in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The positions of some sentences have been given.
- A. At this point, most people seek help from groups like Alcoholics Anonymous or treatment programs because few addicts can “get clean” by themselves.
 - B. Recovering addicts have to learn new ways of spending their time, finding pleasure and relaxation, caring for their bodies, and relating to spouses, lovers, family, and friends.
 - C. Many experts believe that recovery from addiction, whether to alcohol or drugs, has four main stages.

- D. The first stage begins when the user finally admits that he or she has a substance abuse problem and wants to quit.
- E. Withdrawal can be a painful physical and emotional experience, but luckily, it does not last long.
- F. The fourth and final stage is staying off drugs. This open-ended part of the process often calls for ongoing support or therapy.
- G. The next stage is withdrawal, when the addict stops using the substance.
- H. After withdrawal comes the most challenging stage—making positive changes in one’s life.

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V. 写出与段落内容无关的句子 (10 points, 5 points each)

20. Read the following paragraph and write TWO irrelevant sentences on the answer sheet.

A rainforest actually consists of five different layers, each one filled with life. Tropical rainforests have the most varied collection of plants in the world. On the forest’s dark floor live a wide variety of creatures, from the smallest insects and spiders to ant eaters. Similarly, in the depth of the ocean, there is a large variety of beings as well. Rising a few feet above the ground is a layer of shrubs and seedlings struggling to grow in the deep shadows. Still higher is a cool, shady zone beneath the leaves of the taller trees where beetles, snakes, and frogs crawl over ferns and vines. The canopy, the leafy roof of the forest, is home to many mosses, birds, snakes, and monkeys. Bursting through the canopy into the sunlight are a few towering trees of the uppermost layer, the habitat of birds like the brilliant red, blue, and yellow scarlet parrots.

VI. 写信 (40 points)

21. Write a letter of complaint to a shoe company according to the following situation: You (Li Ping) ordered a pair of soccer cleats (鞋底防滑钉) from the website of the shoe company but found they had been used when you opened the package. Tell them you’ve bought another pair in a local store and ask them to return the money charged for the cleats. Don’t forget to tell them the order number and your phone number for confirmation and further contact. (150-200 words)