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**英语模拟试题**

**I. Listening Comprehension**

**Section A**

1. A. He watched television with his friend.  B. He stayed at home talking with his friend.
C. He went to see a film with his friend.  D. He went to see his schoolmate.

2. A. When the meeting is to be held.  B. Who are going to attend the meeting.
C. Where the meeting is to be held.  D. What's to be discussed at the meeting.

3. A. The necessity of writing to Mr. Johnson.  B. Who is going to contact Mr. Johnson.
C. The arrangement of the Wednesday meeting.  D. Where they are going to meet Mr. Johnson.

4. A. Jack brought the tape to the party.  B. The tape had been returned to Paul.
C. The tape was missing.  D. Jack lent his tape to Paul.

5. A. The man wants to reserve a room.  B. The man reserved a room some time ago.
C. The man has booked a room with no bath.  D. The man wants to buy a flat on the second floor.

6. A. Both editions are the same price now.  B. It has two editions with the same cover.
C. The paperback edition is on sale.  D. The hardcover edition is more expensive.

7. A. His TV sets are all of the same brand.  B. He doesn't have the newest models right now.
C. He has the best TV sets for sale.  D. His TV sets have a good sale.

8. A. He must hand in a report about the museum.  B. He has already visited the museum.
C. He has to read a history book. D. He is too busy to go with her.

9. A. They are rewarding.  B. They are entertaining.
C. They are boring.  D. They are time-consuming.

10. A. A sunny day.  B. A raincoat.  C. An attractive hut.  D. A lovely hat.

**Section B**

***Questions 11 through 13 are based on the following passage.***

11. A. She sat back and relaxed.  B. She decided to retire.
C. She entered university.  D. She worked out a new English program.

12. A. 8 years.  B. 20 years.  C. 16 years.  D. 30 years.

13. A Bring a great deal of useful experience to the university.
B. Improve human relationships in the university.
C. Bring a fear of aging among young students on the campus.
D. Improve the reputation of the university.

***Questions 14 through 16 are based on the following passage.***

14. A The difference between classical music an rock music.
B. Why classical music is popular with math students.
C. The effects of music on the results of math rests.
D. How to improve your reasoning ability.

15. A. Because it stimulates your nerve activity.
B. Because it keeps you calm.
C. Because it strengthens your memory.
D. Because it improves your problem solving strategies.

16. A. Piano music could interfere with your reasoning ability.
B. The effects of music do not last long.
C. The more you listen to music, the higher your test scores will be.
D. Music, whether classical or rock, helps improve your memory.

**Section C**

***Blanks 17 through 20 are based on the following conversation.***

Complete the form. Write ***ONE WORD*** for each answer.

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| What does the man want to see? | He wants to see the \_\_\_\_17\_\_\_\_ show. |
| What advice does the lady give to the man? | The show is really beautiful and he can’t \_\_\_\_\_18\_\_\_\_\_ it |
| When is the show open? | It’s open from \_\_\_\_19\_\_\_\_till 5 in the afternoon. |
| What’s the reason of the local lady recommending the man to that show? | The show becomes one of the tourist\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_in the city. |

***Blanks 21 through 24 are based on the following conversation.***

Complete the form. Write ***No More than three words*** for each answer.

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| 　The present feelings of the woman | She feels excited but\_\_\_\_\_21\_\_\_\_. |
| The attitude of some Shanghai people towards people from other places  | They \_\_\_\_\_\_22\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_them. |
| The other problem the woman feels worried about most | \_\_\_\_\_23\_\_\_\_\_ a kind of language problem. |
| Something the woman will definitely experience at beginning in Shanghai  | \_\_\_\_\_\_24\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

**II. Grammar and Vocabulary**

**Section A**

25. A group of Chinese writers posted a letter on the website to accuse Baidu, China’s largest search engine, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ copyright violations.

 A. over B. of C. against D. about

26. I had to rent my room \_\_\_\_\_\_ the month as I was not sure whether I would stay for a whole month.

 A. for B. by C. at D. on

27. Tiger Mother argues that in Chinese culture \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is fun until you are good at it.

 A. anything B. everything C. something D. nothing

28. The wild flowers looked like a soft orange blanket \_\_\_\_\_\_ the desert.

 A. covering B. covered C. cover D. to cover

29. Haven’t we told you already that you \_\_\_\_\_\_ have 20 dollars if you have fixed our TV set?

 A. would B. shall C. should D. could

30. ---Isn’t it amazing that I met Francis at the Christmas party?

 ---Really? For how many years \_\_\_\_\_\_ each other?

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

31. More than 52 types of new weapon systems \_\_\_\_\_\_ with China’s own technology were displayed in the National Day military parade.

 A. developing B. developed C. being developed D. to be developed

32. After a thorough investigation, the policeman declared that the blow on the victim’s head \_\_\_\_\_\_ from behind.

 A. should have been made B. must have been made C. could be made D. ought to be made

33. The annual report, copies of \_\_\_\_\_ have been circulated, will be discussed later.

 A. which B. those C. that D. what

34. \_\_\_\_\_ to their classroom all the time, these students lack real-life experience and creative qualities.

 A. Confined B. Confining C. To be confined D. Having confined

35. As a footballer, I always keep in mind that it’s not the winning, but the taking part \_\_\_\_\_ counts.

 A. what B. when C. that D. where

36. \_\_\_\_\_\_ the total number of farmers has decreased by 50% over the past 10 years, the size of the average farm has more than doubled.

 A. While B. Since C. Because D. As

37. Dried foods are invaluable to climbers, explorers and soldiers in battle, \_\_\_\_\_\_ little storage space.

 A. which have B. which has C. who have D. that has

38. Kids in the new century no longer take \_\_\_\_\_\_ their parents impose on him for granted.

 A. that B. which C. what D. whether

39. Backward somewhat technologically \_\_\_\_\_\_ we are for the moment, we have confidence in our ability to catch up in time.

 A. as B. if C. although D. like

40. It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to \_\_\_\_\_\_ we are today, but we have just begun.

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

**Section B**

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| A. opposite B. really C. process D. actually AB. surprisingly AC. rebellion AD. different BC. human BD. positive CD. endless |

The evidence for harmony may not be obvious in some families. But it seems that four out of five young people now get on with their parents, which is the\_\_\_41\_\_\_ of the popularly-held image of unhappy teenagers locked in their room after\_\_\_42\_\_\_ family quarrels.

An important new study into teenage attitudes\_\_\_43\_\_\_ shows that their family life is more harmonious than it has ever been in the past. “We were surprised by just how positive today’s young people seem to be about their families,” said one member of the research team. “They’re expected to be rebellious and selfish but\_\_\_44\_\_\_ they have other things on their minds; they want a car and material goods, and they worry about whether school is serving them well. There’s more negotiation and discussion between parents and children, and children expect to take part in the family decision-making\_\_\_45\_\_\_ . They don’t want to rock the boat.”

So it seems that this generation of parents is much more likely than parents of 30 years ago to treat their children as friends. Maybe this \_\_\_46\_\_\_ view of family life should not be unexpected. It is possible that the idea of teenage \_\_\_47\_\_\_ is not rooted in real facts. A researcher comments, “Our surprise that teenagers say they get along well with their parents comes because of a brief period in our social history when teenagers were regarded as \_\_\_48\_\_\_beings. But that idea of rebelling and breaking away from their parents\_\_\_49\_\_\_ only happened during that one time in the 1960s when everyone rebelled. The normal situation throughout history has been a smooth change from helping out with the family business to taking it over.”

**III. Reading Comprehension**

**Section A**

Sometimes I really doubt whether there is love between my parents. Every day they are busy trying to earn money to cover living 50 . They don’t act in the romantic ways that I read in books or I see on TV. In their opinion, “I love you” is too luxurious for them to say. Sending flowers to each other on Valentine’s Day is even more out of the question. 51 . my father has a bad temper. When he’s very tired from hard work, it is easy for him to lose his temper

One day, my mother was sewing a quilt. I silently sat down beside her and looked at her.

“Mom, I have a question to ask you,” I said after a while.

“What?” she replied, still doing her work.

“Is there 52 between you and Dad?” I asked her in a very low voice.

My mother stopped her work and raised her 53 with surprise in her eyes. She didn’t answer immediately. 54 , she bowed her head and continued to sew the quilt.

I was very upset because I thought I had hurt her. I looked at her in 55 and didn’t know what to do. But at last I heard my mother say gently “Susan, look at this thread. Sometimes it appears, but most of time it disappears in the quilt. The thread really makes the quilt strong. If life is a quilt, then love should be a thread. It can 56 be seen anywhere or anytime, but it’s really there. Love is 57 .

I listened carefully but I couldn’t understand her until the next spring, when my father suddenly got sick seriously. My mother had to stay with him in the hospital for a month. When they returned from the hospital, they both looked 58 . It seemed both of them had had a serious illness.

After they were back, every day in the morning and dusk, my mother would help my father walk slowly on the country road, along which there were many beautiful flowers, green grass and trees. The sun gently shone through the leaves. All of these made up the most beautiful picture in the world.

The doctor had said my father would 59 in two months. But after two months he still couldn’t walk 60 . All of us were worried about him.

“Dad, how are you feeling now?” I asked him one day.

“Susan, don’t worry about me,” he said gently. “To tell you the truth, I just like 61 with your mom. I like this kind of life.” 62 his eyes, I know he loves my mother deeply.

 63 I thought love meant flowers, gifts and sweet kisses. \_\_\_64 from this experience, I understand that love is just a thread in the quilt of our life. Love is inside, making life strong and warm.

50. A. fees B. expenses C. charges D. fares

51. A. Besides B. However C. Because D. Still

52. A. love B. equality C. conflict D. agreement

53. A. hands B. head C. eyes D. thumb

54. A. Therefore B. However C. Instead D. Otherwise

55. A. astonishment B. disappointment C. embarrassment D. amazement

56. A. nearly B. hardly C. surely D. obviously

57. A. outside B. selfish C. selfless D. inside

58. A. pale B. curious C. surprised D. frightened

59. A. recover B. die C. rise D. leave

60. A. for himself B. by himself C. of himself D. to himself

61. A. living B. talking C. walking D. working

62. A. Reading B. Covering C. Meeting D. Turning

63. A. Eventually B. Nowadays C. Meanwhile D. Once

64. A. So B. But C. Or D. For

**Section B A**

Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, has died at the age of 82. Many people paid tribute to the former astronaut. But other people feel regret that no human has been back to the moon since 1972, just three years after Armstrong landed on it and gave his famous “giant leap for mankind” speech.

Elliot Pulham, Chief Executive of the Space Foundation, thinks that America’s space agency NASA should get more money, like in the 1960s, during the moon landings programme, when astronauts went to the moon. “In this age of limited goals and tiny NASA budgets, Armstrong is a reminder of what our nation was once capable of,” he said.

Armstrong died because of heart problems after surgery. His recovery seemed to be going well, and his death was a surprise to many people. His family described him as a “reluctant American hero” and said: “Honour his example of service, and the next time you walk outside on a clear night and see the moon smiling down at you, think of Neil Armstrong and give him a wink.”

Speaking from the White House, Barack Obama said Armstrong was “among the greatest of

American heroes – not just of his time, but of all time”. He added: “And when Neil stepped on the

moon for the first time, it was a moment of human achievement that will never be forgotten.”

Buzz Aldrin flew with Armstrong on Apollo 11. He was the second man to walk on the moon. He said he was very sad at the death of his good friend and companion.

“When I look at the moon I remember that special moment, over forty years ago, when Neil and I stood on the moon,” he said. “Looking back at our brilliant blue planet Earth hanging in the darkness of space, I realized that even though we were farther away from Earth than two humans

had ever been, we were not alone. Almost the entire world took that memorable journey with us. I know many millions of people around the world will join me in mourning the death of a true

American hero and the best pilot I ever knew. My friend Neil took the small step but giant leap that changed the world and will always be remembered as a historic moment in human history.”

In the US, people felt that he represented the achievement of a past age of American greatness. Today, things are very different: NASA has cancelled a number of missions because they don’t have enough money.

Former astronaut Eugene Cernan, the last man on the moon, said: “Neil did something that people thought was impossible.” Others complained about the state of the US. Journalist Andrew Pasternak wrote: “It will take longer to rebuild lower Manhattan after 9/11 than it took to build an entire space program and send a man to the moon.”

Of course, NASA has its modern successes. Its engineers have landed a nuclear-powered robot on Mars. There will also be another Mars mission. It will drill below the planet’s surface. But these achievements are not as exciting as Armstrong’s. NASA administrator Charles Bolden expressed that in his tribute. “As we enter this next era of space exploration, we are standing on the shoulders of Neil Armstrong,” he said.

Armstrong was disappointed by what NASA has become. Blogger Eric Berger saw an email from Armstrong and other former astronauts. It expressed frustration at the current problems at NASA and quoted Yogi Berra, an American baseball legend: “If you don’t know where you are

going, you might not get there.”

65. Why is Neil Armstrong’s death described as ‘a surprise to many’? Because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 A. he was relatively young

 B. it was believed he was recovering well from bypass surgery

 C. he was a larger-than-life reminder of what America was once capable of

 D. he was the only person to land on the moon

66. Which of these sentences best describes the current situation at NASA?

 A. NASA is expanding its operations and plans to send more men to the moon.

 B. NASA has had to cancel a number of missions because of a lack of funds.

 C. NASA has cancelled all further space exploration missions as a result of budget cuts.

 D. NASA, according to the article is now on the very edge of bankrupt.

67. What did Neil Armstrong almost certainly think of the current situation at NASA?

 A. He was very disappointed. B. He was very angry.

 C. He was excited. D. He was quite depressed.

68. How, according to Buzz Aldrin, will Armstrong’s ‘giant leap’ be remembered?

A. as a historic moment that changed the world

B. as a memorable journey with the whole world watching

C. as a representation of the achievements of a past age

D. as a story that can not be repeated for human being

**B**

**8 Ways to Avoid Cancer in Your Life**

**1. Eat Blueberries**

Aside from being a healthy and delicious snack, blueberries contain pterostilbene, which has important colon（结肠） cancer-fighting prosperities. But wait, it gets better. Blueberries also offer a large dose of vitamins C (14 milligrams per cup). So at breakfast, try to take in a cup and a half of blueberries in your cereal or yogurt, or mixed with other berries.

**2. Drink Pomegranate（石榴）Juice**

The deep red juice of the pomegranate contains polyphenols, isoflavones and ellagic acid, which together create a powerful anticancer mixture. Most recently, researchers from the University of Wisconsin at Madison has discovered that 16 ounces of pomegranate juice per day also may inhibit the growth of lung cancer.

**3. Relax**

Feeling stressed or worried? Find ways to relax and you may reduce your chances of developing cancer. Purdue University researchers tracked 1,600 men over 12 years and found that half of those with high levels of worry died during the study period. Only 20 percent of the optimists died before the study were completed, while 34 percent of the extremely anxious men died of some type of cancer. Instead of stressing about the past or future, focus on the present and relax!

**4. Take Selenium（硒）**

Selenium is well known for its cancer-fighting properties. In a study of almost 1,000 men, researchers from the Journal of the National Cancer Institute found that when men with the lowest initial levels of selenium in their bodies received a daily supplement over a 4 year period, they cut their prostate（前列腺） cancer risk by a remarkable 92 percent. However, it is possible to get too much of a good thing, so monitor your intake of selenium-containing supplements, Brazil nuts, tuna, meats and grains carefully.

**5. Eat Sushi（寿司）**

Seaweed may not be your idea of a great snack, but it is high in fiber, calcium and iron, and dry, roasted seaweed sheets used in sushi provide the additional benefits of vitamins A and C. Sushi rolls are also high in protein— a typical spicy tuna roll has only 290 calories but packs 24 grams of protein. So don’t skimp（节省）on the Sushi!

**6. Enjoy the Outdoors**

Vitamin D causes early death of cancer cells. A study published in the American Journey of Clinical Nutrition reported that women who supplemented their diets with 1,000 international. Units of vitamin D every day had a 60 percent to 77 percent lower incidence of cancer ever a four-year period that did women taking a placebo(无效对照剂). Experts recommend supplementing your fun in the sun with 1,100 to 2,000IU of vitamin D each day.

**7. Breathe Clean Air**

There’s no question that secondhand smoke kills. A recent American Journal of Public Health study showed that nonsmokers working in smoky places had three times the amount of carcinogen（致癌物质） in their urine（尿） than nonsmokers working in smoke-free locations. What’s worse, their levels of the carcinogen rose 6 percent for every hour worked. Nine states have banned smoking in all workplaces, bars and restaurants. The message is clear: Do whatever you can to avoid the cloud of smoke.

**8. Break a Sweat**

Even a small amount of exercise can offer major cancer-fighting benefits. In a study of 29,110 men published in the International Journal of Cancer, men who exercised just once a week had a percent lower risk of metastasis(转移性) prostate cancer than men who didn’t work out at all. The better the frequency, duration and intensity of the exercise, the bigger the reduction in risk, according to the study.

69. To prevent yourself from catching colon cancer, you should eat \_\_\_\_ as often as possible.

A. sushi B. blueberries C. pomegranates D. Vitamin D

70. A person is very likely to catch some type of cancer if \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. he is very fond of exercise every day. B. he is addicted to smoking

C. he is always feeling extremely stressed or worried D. he likes to have meals in restaurants

71. \_\_\_\_\_ will remarkably reduce the risk of men’s prostate cancer.

A. Having a daily supplement of selenium B. Drinking a cup of pomegranate juice every day

C. Breathing fresh air now and then D. Taking exercise at least once a week

C

 About this time every year, I get very nostalgic (怀旧的). Walking through my neighborhood on a fall afternoon reminds me of a time not too long ago when sounds of children filled the air, children playing games on a hill, and throwing leaves around in the street below. I was one of those children, carefree and happy. I live on a street that is only one block long. I have lived on the same street for sixteen years. I love my street. One side has six houses on it, and the other has only two houses, with a small hill in the middle and a huge cottonwood tree on one end. When I think of home, I think of my street. Only I see it as it was before. Unfortunately things change. One day, not long ago, I looked around and saw how different everything has become. Life on my street will never be the same because neighbors are quickly grown old, friends are growing up and leaving, and the city is planning to destroy my precious hill and sell the property to contractors.

 It is hard for me to accept that many of my wonderful neighbors are growing old and won’t be around much longer. I have fond memories of the couple across the street, who sat together on their porch swing almost every evening, the widow next door who yelled at my brother and me for being too loud, and the crazy old man in a black suit who drove an old car. In contrast to those people, the people I see today are very old neighbors who have seen better days. The man in the black suit says he wants to die, and another neighbor just sold his house and moved into a nursing home. The lady who used to yell at us is too tired to bother any more, and the couple across the street rarely go out to their front porch these days. It is difficult to watch these precious people as they near the end of their lives because at once I thought they would live forever.

 The “comings and goings” of the younger generation of my street are now mostly “goings” as friends and peers move on. Once upon a time, my life and the lives of my peers revolved around home. The boundary of our world was the gutter at the end of the street. We got pleasure from playing night games or from a breathtaking ride on a tricycle. Things are different now, as my friends become adults and move on. Children who rode tricycles now drive cars. The kids who once played with me now have new interests and values as they go their separate ways. Some have gone away to college like me, a few got married, two went into the army, and one went to prison. Watching all these people grow up and go away makes me long for the good old days.

 Perhaps the biggest change on my street is the fact that the city is going to turn my precious hill into several lots for new homes. For sixteen years, the view out of my kitchen window has been a view of that hill. The hill was a fundamental part of my childhood life; it was the hub of social activity for the children of my street. We spent hours there building forts, sledding, and playing tag. The view out of my kitchen window now is very different; it is one of tractors and dump trucks tearing up the hill. When the hill goes, the neighborhood will not be the same. It is a piece of my childhood. It is a visual reminder of being a kid. Without the hill, my street will be just another pea in the pod.

There was a time when my street was my world, and I thought my world would never change. But something happened. People grow up, and people grow old. Places changes, and with the change comes the heartache of knowing I can never go back to the times I loved. In a year or so, I will be gone just like many of my neighbors. I will always look back to my years as a child, but the place I remember will not be the silent street whose peace is interrupted by the sounds of construction. It will be the happy, noisy, somewhat strange, but wonderful street I knew as a child.

72. The writer finds it hard to accept the fact that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 A. many of his good neighbors are growing old

 B. the lady next door who used to yell at him and his brother is now a widow

 C. the life of his neighbors has become very boring

 D. the man in his black suit even wanted to end his own life

73. The writer thinks of the past all the more when he sees those who had grown up with him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 A. continue to consider home to be the center of their lives

 B. leave the neighborhood they grew up in

 C. still enjoy playing card games in the evenings

 D. develop new interests and have new dreams

74. What does the writer mean by saying “my street will be another pea in the pod”?

 A. his street will be very noisy and dirty

 B. his street will soon be crowded with people

 C. his street will have some new attractions

 D. his street will be no different from any other street

75. Which could be a good title for the passage?

 A. The Past of My Street will Live Forever

 B. Unforgettable People and Things of My Street

 C. My Old Street In My Minds Isn’t What It Used to Be

 D. The Big Changes of My Street

**Section C**

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| A. Manufacturing industry in information economyB. News in the age of informationC. Argument about individual accounts and their reliabilityD. Be your own investigative journalistE. Don’t believe everything you read in the newspapersF. Information is presented in an entertaining way |

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 With the arrival of the age of “information economy”, intellectual work is becoming a more important source of wealth than manufacturing. Organizations in all walks of life are doing more to spread their information. So people of the Public Relations are hired to speak for them. A lot of our news is actually collected from press releases and reports of events intentionally staged for journalists. In the information age, journalists spend their time, not investigating, but passing on the words of a spokesperson.

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 There is a joke in the novel *Scoop* about the newspaper’s owner, Lord Copper. The editors can never disagree with him. When he’s right about something they answer “definitely”, and when he’s wrong they say “to some extent, Lord Copper.” It seems reasonable to suppose that, in the real world, the opinions of such powerful people still influence the journalists and editors who work for them.

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 In countries where the news is not officially controlled, it is likely to be provided by commercial organizations who depend on advertising. The news has to attract viewers and maintain its audience ratings. I suspect that some stories get air-time just because there happen to be exciting pictures to show. In Britain, we have the tabloid newspapers which millions of people read simply for entertainment. There is progressively less room for historical background, or statistics, which are harder to present as a sensational story.

1.

There is an argument that with spreading access to the internet and cheap technology for recording sound and images we will all be able to find exactly the information we want. People around the world will be able to publish their own eye-witness accounts and compete with the widely-accepted news-gatherers on equal terms. But what it will mean also is that we’ll be subjected to a still greater amount of nonsense and lies. Any web log may contain the latest information of the year, or equally, a made-up story that you will never be able to check.

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 Maybe the time has come to do something about it, and I don’t just mean changing your choice of TV channel or newspaper. In a world where everyone wants you to listen to their version, you only have two choices: switch off altogether or start looking for sources you can trust. The investigative journalist of the future is everyone who wants to know the truth.

**Section D**

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions or complete the statements

in ***No More Than 10 Words****:*

The iPhone, the iPad, each of Apple’s products sounds cool and has become a fad (一时的风尚). Apple has cleverly taken advantage of the power of the letter “i” – and many other brands are following suit. The BBC’s iPlayer – which allows Web users to watch TV programs on the Internet –adopted the title in 2008. A lovely bear – popular in the US and UK – that plays music and video is called “iTeddy”. A slimmed-down version of London’s Independent newspaper was launched last week under the name “i”.

In general, single-letter prefixes (前缀) have been popular since the 1990s, when terms such as e-mail and e-commerce first came into use.

Most “i” products are targeted at young people and considering the major readers of Independent’s “i”, it’s no surprise that they’ve selected this fashionable name.

But it’s hard to see what’s so special about the letter “i”. Why not use “a”, “b”, or “c” instead? According to Tony Thorne, head of the Language Center at King’s College, London, “i” works because its meaning has become ***ambiguous***. When Apple uses “i”, no one knows whether it means Internet, information, individual or interactive, Thorne told BBC Magazines. “Even when Apple created the iPod, it seems it didn’t have one clear definition,” he says.

“However, thanks to Apple, the term is now associated with portability.”adds Thorne.

Clearly the letter “i” also agrees with the idea that the Western World is centered on the individual. Each person believes they have their own needs, and we love personalized products for this reason.

Along with “Google” and “blog”, readers of BBC Magazines voted “i” as one of the top 20 words that have come to define the last decade.

But as history shows, people grow tired of fads. From the 1900s to 1990s, products with “2000” in their names became fashionable as the year was associated with all things advanced and modern. However, as we entered the new century, the trend inevitably disappeared.

81. We can infer that the Independent’s “i” is aimed at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

82. What does the word “ambiguous” in paragraph 4 means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

83. Nowadays, the “i” term often reminds people of the products which are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

84. What is the suggestion the writer made in the last paragraph?

**第二部分：**

**I．Translation:**

85．我们只有不懈努力才能跟上现代科学的进步。(Only…)

86．一位红十字会发言人承认他们现在很难募集到资金。(difficulty)

87．要是你能在网上事先帮他们订一张返程票，他会非常感激你的。(appreciate)

88．多接触英语，比如看看英语报刊杂志，证明是有效提高英语水平的方法之一。(prove)

89．得知自己被那所梦寐以求的大学录取时，她非常激动，彻夜未眠。(So… that…)

**赞同**

**II. Guided writing:**

**Directions:** Write an English composition in 120 - 150 words according to the instructions given below in Chinese.

请根据下图用英语写一篇短文。你的短文应包括下列要点：

1. 简要描写图画内容；
2. 这一现象产生的原因；
3. 发表你对解决问题的看法。

**The Key to the test:**

1.B 2.D 3.A 4.C 5.B 6.A 7.C 8.D 9.A 10.D 11.C 12.B 13.A 14.C 15.A 16.B

17. flower 18. miss 19. 9 20. attractions

 21.worried a bit 22. look down upon 23. Dialect 24. Cultural shock

25—29 BBDAB 30—34 DBBAA 35—40 CACCAD

41. A 42. CD 43. AB 44. D 45. C 46. BD 47. AC 48. AD 49. B

50—54 BAABC 55—59 CBDAA 60—64 BCADB

65– 68 B B AA 69—71 BCA 72—75 ABDC 76—80 BEFCD

81. young people/readers

82. uncertain

83. portable

84. The popularity of “i” products may not last long

85. Only by working hard / keeping working hard /through hard work can we keep up with the advancement / development of modern science and technology.

86. A spokesman for/of the Red Cross (has) admitted that they now have difficulty in raising / collecting funds / money.

87. He’d appreciate it if you could book/reserve a return ticket online for him in advance / beforehand / ahead of time.

88. Being exposed to English more, such as reading English newspapers and magazines, proves to be one of the effective ways to improve English (level) / one’s command of English.

89. So excited was she that she failed to fall asleep that whole night when she learned she had been admitted to the university she had been dreaming of for a long time.

***One possible version***

 The over exploitation of World Heritage sites has raised public concern. As is shown in the picture, the World Heritage sites are overcrowded with large groups of tourists pushing, taking photos, or even spitting, smoking and scribbling everywhere, which has caused great damage to these historic buildings.

One of the contributing factors of this phenomenon is that the local government is pushing too hard for the development of tourism, ignoring damage prevention and educational function of the sites. Moreover, some self-centered tourists are uncivilized in public places, ignorant of the historical and cultural value of the sites.

From my point of view, the original purpose of setting up World Heritage sites is to help preserve history so that people will be able to enjoy them for generations to come. I suggest both the government and the public should be aware that the best form of conservation is the prevention of damage and related protection committees should be established to undertake important educational work.