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(Level D-Preliminary)

# 2014 年全国大学生英语竞赛初赛(D 级)

## 2014 National English Competition for College Students (Level D - Preliminary)

(Total: 150 marks      Time: 120 minutes)

### Part I Listening Comprehension (30 marks)

#### Section A (5 marks)

In this section, you will hear **five** short conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, there will be a **twenty-second** pause. During the pause, read the question and the **four** choices marked **A, B, C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

1. How long does the man study English in the morning?

A. For half an hour. ~~173~~

B. For an hour. ~~184~~

C. For two hours. ~~2~~

☒ D. For six hours. ~~6~~

2. Why does James want to go to France? He wants to visit \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ A.



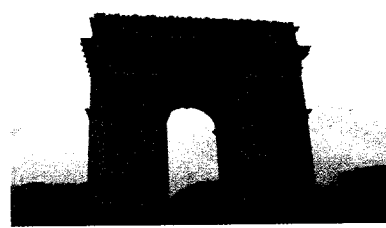
B.



C.



D.



3. Will they go ~~climbing~~ the mountain tomorrow?  
 A. Yes, they will if it stops raining. ~~B. Yes, they will even if it rains.~~  
 C. No, they won't even if it stops raining. D. The man will but the woman won't.
4. How will Amy's mom get the check-up results?  
 A. By express mail. B. By emails.  
~~C. By phone.~~ D. On the hospital website.
5. According to the conversation, which of the following statements is TRUE?  
 A. The name "Sanders" has something to do with sand.  
 B. Someone in Sanders' family lived near the ocean.  
~~C. People call Alexander "Alex" for short.~~  
 D. The name "Sanders" comes from Alexander.

### Section B (10 marks)

*In this section, you will hear two long conversations. Each conversation will be read only once. At the end of each conversation, there will be a **one-minute** pause. During the pause, read the questions and the four choices marked **A, B, C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.*

#### Conversation 1

6. What happened? There was \_\_\_\_\_.  
~~A. an accident~~ B. an explosion C. a parade D. a fight
7. Where was the car when it was hit by the van?  
~~A. On Maple Street.~~ B. On Wall Street.  
 C. On Oak Road. D. On Pine Avenue.
8. Are there many accidents at that place?  
~~A. Yes, there are.~~ B. No, there are few accidents.  
 C. No, there is no accident at all. D. Well, once in a while.
9. Was anyone injured?  
 A. Yes, one person was injured badly. B. Yes, many people were seriously injured.  
~~C. No, no one was seriously injured.~~ D. The driver was slightly injured.
10. What will they do to prevent the accidents?  
 A. Become volunteers to guide the traffic.  
 B. Put a traffic light there.  
 C. Sent more traffic police to direct the traffic.  
~~D. Put a stop sign there.~~

## Conversation 2

11. What does Saffron want to be in the future?  
A. A writer.      B. A pop star.      C. A doctor.      D. An engineer.
12. Has Saffron got a contract yet?  
A. Yes, she has got one.      B. Yes, she has got plenty of.  
C. No, she hasn't.      D. She didn't mention it.
13. Where is Saffron going when she leaves school?  
A. Paris.      B. Birmingham.      C. London.      D. New York.
14. What will they do if they are not able to live off their music in the beginning? They will \_\_\_\_  
A. get part-time jobs      B. give up their music career  
C. make a record      D. stay in posh hotels
15. According to Saffron, which of the following statements is **WRONG**? *wrong*  
A. When she takes the last exam, she will find a really good manager.  
B. As lead singer in a band, she still needs to get more training and make herself qualified to be a pop star.  
C. By this time next year, they will have had their own record in the charts.  
D. In five years' time, she will be staying in expensive hotels and be recognized by the passers-by on the street.

## Section C (5 marks)

In this section, you will hear **a monologue**. The monologue will be read **twice**. After the monologue, there will be a **one-minute** pause. During the pause, read the questions and the **four** choices marked **A, B, C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

16. Why does Sara hate travelling?  
A. Because she is unwilling to travel.  
B. Because she has three naughty children.  
C. Because she has unhappy childhood.  
D. Because her parents are seriously ill.
17. How old is Sara's oldest son?  
A. Three.      B. Five.  
C. Seven.      D. Eleven.



18. When the three children are all together, they are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. hard-working    B. a handful    C. a nightmare    D. a team
19. Sara went to visit her parents with all of the following things EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. a bagful of toys    B. a pocketful of sweets  
 C. a headful of games    D. A handful of ipads
20. Which of the following statements is WRONG?  
 A. With her careful preparations, the journey was easy and delightful for Sara.  
 B. Each of the three children wants Sara's whole attention at the same time.  
 C. The three children are irresistible when they are asleep.  
D. When Sara arrived, her parents were excited to tell her how disobedient she had been as a kid.

#### Section D (10 marks)

In this section, you will hear a short passage. There are 10 missing words or phrases. Fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases you hear. The passage will be read twice. Remember to write the answers on the answer sheet.

#### A Day in My Very Wealthy Life

The first thing I did just as I (21) am want by in my favorite house this morning was to (22) near the fabulous view from my bedroom window. Then I did an hour's exercise with my personal fitness trainer while my housekeeper prepared my breakfast. After a luxurious (23) experience, I spent some time with my secretary and told her to send cheques to all the (24) happent support. (25) before I was leaving the house a special delivery arrived. It was a present from my secret admirer.



I didn't get to the airport until midday, so I (26) exc the pilot to use our fastest plane and take me to my favorite city. During the (27) for fly I had a light lunch and looked at photographs of my last holiday. As soon as we landed, I (28) can't take a dear friend of mine who has just finished her latest film and arranged to meet her for dinner later. I spent the afternoon doing what I love doing most.

When I met my friend at the restaurant, I was (29) stroed, so I ordered all my favorite things on the menu. As we were leaving the restaurant, I (30) 'm somebody I'd always wanted to meet. It was the perfect end to a perfect day.

## Part II Vocabulary, Grammar and Culture (15 marks)

There are 15 incomplete sentences in this section. For each blank there are **four** choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

### Section A Vocabulary and Grammar (10 marks)

31. It ~~was not~~ until she got home \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer realized she had lost her keys.  
A. when      B. that      C. where      D. before
32. He was not brave. He \_\_\_\_\_ jump down from the roof.  
A. dare not      B. dared not      C. dares not      D. dare not to
33. It was a wonder that \_\_\_\_\_ little food saved \_\_\_\_\_ many lives during the war.  
A. so; such      B. such; so      C. so; so      D. such; such
34. I have already divided all my possession amongst my family, so please give whatever \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Robert.  
A. is leaving      B. leaves      C. has left      D. is left
35. Every man in this country has the right to live where he wants to \_\_\_\_\_ the color of his  
skin.  
A. regardless of      B. in view of      C. in spite of      D. in case of
36. I can't thank you \_\_\_\_\_ much for your kindness because without your help I \_\_\_\_\_  
have won the first prize in the speech contest.  
A. too; wouldn't      B. very; shouldn't      C. that; might not      D. so; couldn't
37. It is necessary for us to learn \_\_\_\_\_ second language \_\_\_\_\_ our mother tongue.  
A. the; besides      B. a; except      C. the; except      D. a; besides
38. When \_\_\_\_\_ different cultures, we often pay attention only to the differences without  
noticing the many similarities.  
A. compared      B. being compared      C. comparing      D. having compared
39. —I feel as if my head's going to explode!  
— \_\_\_\_\_  
—After I'd been playing computer games for about seven hours.  
—Oh well, you've only got yourself to blame, haven't you?  
—I know, I know. But I've taken aspirin, and it hasn't worked.  
A. Why are you walking like that?      B. Well, when did it start?  
C. So, what did you do?      D. Have you got any plans?

40. —I'm thinking of asking her to marry me.

—But you only met her last night!

—

—Yeah, right!

☒ A. It seems like I've known her all my life.

B. I used to have piano lessons, but I got bored.

C. How do you know her?

D. When was the last time you saw her?

### Section B Culture (5 marks)

41. The trouble is you're too good-natured and people take advantage of it. \_\_\_\_\_ You will have to learn to refuse people who ask too much.

A. Walls have ears.

B. Add fuel to the fire.

☒ C. All lay load on the willing horse.

D. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

42. The capital of Scotland is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Edinburgh

☒ B. Birmingham

☒ C. Glasgow

D. Manchester

43. "The Father of American Literature" is \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ A. Benjamin Franklin

B. Mark Twain

C. Washington Irving

D. Earnest Hemingway

44. Uncle Tom's Cabin is written by a woman writer whose name is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Kate Chopin

B. Emily Dickson

C. Alice Brown

☒ D. Harriet Beecher Stowe

45. The city of \_\_\_\_\_ is nicknamed "Space City of USA".

☒ A. Los Angeles

B. Houston

C. Boston

D. Honolulu

### Part III Cloze (10 marks)

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with **one** word. Choose the correct word in one of the following **three** ways: according to the context, by using the correct form of the given word, or by using the given letter(s) of the word. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

#### Jobs in the 21st Century

What will our world be like in 2050? Will families be smaller? Will people change jobs and careers frequently? Will there be more elderly people?

Around the world, people are living longer and staying (46) \_\_\_\_\_ (healthy). People in (47) \_\_\_\_\_ (economical) rich societies are having fewer children. For example, in the United States in 1980, people over age 65 made up only 11.3 percent of the total (48) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2050 they will make up over 22 percent. In the 1950s the (49) av \_\_\_\_\_ families had 4.8 children. Now the average family has less (50) t \_\_\_\_\_ one child.



The aging population in the U.S. is going to (51) af \_\_\_\_\_ the job market a great deal. Health and (52) \_\_\_\_\_ (entertain) industries will need many more workers to provide services for older Americans. Jobs in education, (53) es \_\_\_\_\_ adult education, will be increasing, too, as these older Americans are probably going to go back to school again and (54) \_\_\_\_\_.

With fewer children, who will fill the jobs of the future? Will job competition decrease, while competition for workers increases? That will depend a great deal (55) \_\_\_\_\_ immigration, especially if U.S. citizens have fewer children.

#### Part IV Reading Comprehension (35 marks)

Read the following passages. Each passage is followed by several questions. Respond to the questions using information from the passage. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

##### Section A (5 marks)

Questions 56—60 are based on the following passage.

#### Paparazzi

The term “paparazzi” comes from a character called Paparazzo in the film, *La Dolce Vita*, who rode around on a motorbike taking photographs of the rich and famous. Modern day paparazzi take photographs of famous people, hoping to get them in an unflattering (不讨好的) or compromising (有伤风化的) pose. The photograph is then sold for an enormous sum of money, sometimes close to a million dollars, to the press.

Some people say that celebrities are public property and that this invasion of privacy is to be expected—“that’s show business”, they say. I think that this ~~is true up to a point~~, but celebrities are being followed, chased, annoyed and spied on in their own homes. That’s not show business. That’s criminal.



### Unnecessary risks

- Tom Cruise has been pursued at high speed through the tunnel in Paris where Princess Diana was killed.

- When Madonna was promoting *Evita* in Rome, she had to drive away at 130 kph with her baby in the car because she was being chased. The paparazzi didn't even give her time to strap the baby into the car.



### Invasion of privacy

- Alec Baldwin gave a paparazzo a black eye when he filmed him and his wife, Kim Basinger, returning to their Hollywood home with their new baby. Baldwin was arrested and charged with assault, but he was soon set free.



- When Princess Diana's father died, a paparazzo was waiting outside her hotel—she tearfully begged him to leave her alone, but the pictures were printed in the national newspapers the next day.

### Annoy

- The paparazzi go out of their way to make people angry so that they can get a better picture. The American actor George Clooney was walking down the street with his girlfriend when a paparazzo shouted, "Who's the fat girl?" The picture of Clooney's angry face was splashed all over the newspapers the next day. However, the actor got his revenge on the paparazzi when one of the photographers was hiding in his garden to get pictures of him and his girlfriend at home—the photographer was chased away by Clooney's pet Vietnamese pot-bellied pig.

The paparazzi are out of control. Some papers have recognized what is happening and have refused to buy pictures when it's obvious that a person's privacy has been invaded. Other papers must follow their example.

✓ Read the passage, and then tell whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

56. The modern paparazzi take pictures of famous people in the hope of getting them in a positive situation and then making a great deal of money. (F)
57. Tom Cruise was pursued at high speed at the same place (where Princess Diana died). (T)
58. Alec Baldwin was charged with murder because of the paparazzi and was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. (F)
59. George Clooney did not get his revenge on the paparazzi who was chased away by his pig. (F)
60. Paparazzi's behaviors add many unnecessary dangers, invade others' privacy and annoy people. (T)

✓ Section B (10 marks)

Questions 61—65 are based on the following passage.

**Jellyfish**

(61) G They look like jelly, but of course they aren't. And they certainly aren't fish. So, what exactly are these strange creatures?

(62) DA Jellyfish consist of over 95% water. They have no head, brain, heart, eyes, ears or bones! They have a kind of body, called a "bell". The bell is the big round part that looks like jelly. Inside it are nerves, which are all jellyfish needs to move to sense light.



(63) DA When jellyfish find their food, these tentacles can shoot out poison to kill it. Underneath the bell is a mouth.

(64) E There are over 2,000 species, and new ones are still being found. They vary greatly in appearance and size, from ones as small as a coin to ones with bells over 2 meters across and tentacles 60 meters long.

(65) A The box jellyfish, which lives in the seas off Northern Australia and Indonesia, is so poisonous that it can kill a human being in just a few minutes. Not only

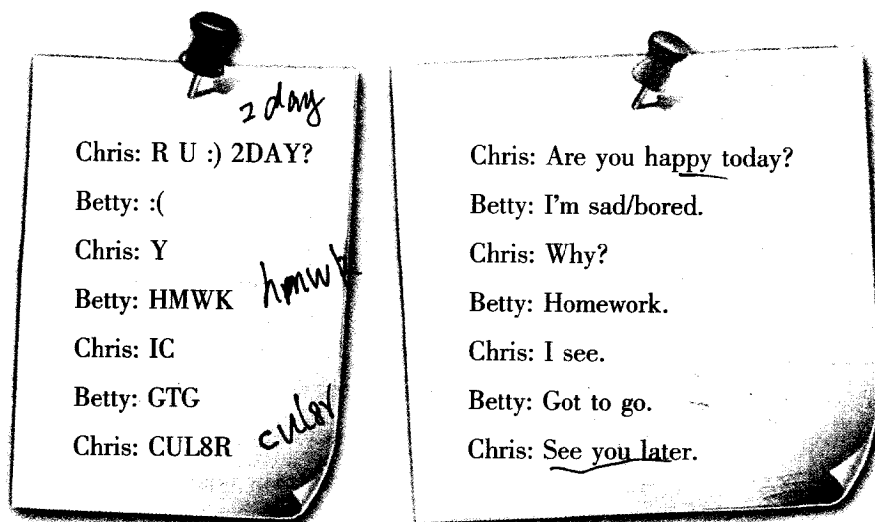
that, its poison is so painful that it usually causes people to drown before they can swim back to the shore. It's not surprising that it has the title of "the most dangerous creature in the world"! But don't worry. Most jellyfish are harmless. And the dangerous ones are usually found deep in the ocean, living their mysterious lives far away from humans.

Fill in each blank with one of the following statements, two of which are useless. Put the letters A, B, C, D, E, F or G in each blank according to the theme development.

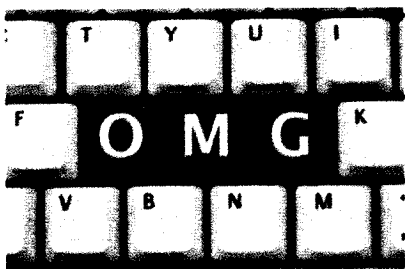
- A. Jellyfish also vary in how dangerous they are.
- ~~B. Jellyfish aren't named very well.~~
- C. Mammals are warm-blooded and breathe air through lungs.
- D. What do they have?
- E. Jellyfish, which have been in the Earth's oceans for over 600 million years (before dinosaurs), are not all the same.
- F. Another important part is the tentacles, the long strings hanging from the bell.
- G. Have you ever wondered what the largest fish in the sea is?

**Section C (10 marks)**

Questions 66—70 are based on the following passage.



If you understand this conversation, you probably like to chat on the Internet. Millions of Internet users around the world are using a language that they are developing by themselves. This new English, or Internet slang, is made up of new words such as "blog"; contractions such



as "HMWK" for "homework"; acronyms (words formed from first letters) such as "LOL" for "laughing out loud"; and finally, symbols that represent emotions, like ":").

Why do people use Internet slang? The main reason has to do with speed. Internet chatters are usually in a hurry. They want to send their messages quickly. By using contractions and symbols, writers can type more words per minute. Why take the time to type "For your information" when you could simply type "FYI"?



Some of the new words and contractions used by chatters eventually become a part of everyday speech. In this way, chatters are helping the English language to grow. They are inventing new terms that will probably soon appear in dictionaries. You can already find the words "blog" and "blogging" in most new dictionaries.



It's not difficult to find negative opinions about Internet slang. Using Internet slang almost every day, chatters are starting not to care about correct spellings or grammar. Many teachers complain that students who are used to online chatting are confusing Internet slang with proper English. They worry that chatters are contaminating the language with their invented words

and careless grammar. They say Internet chatters should pay attention to using English correctly online. What do you think?

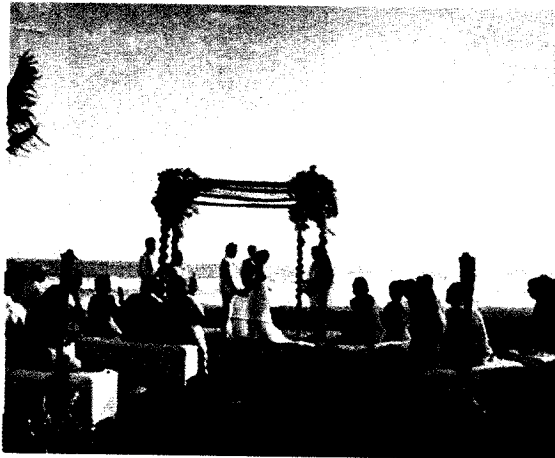
Answer the following questions according to the passage.

66. What is the best title for the passage? Internet slang
67. What are the types of Internet slang mentioned in the passage? three
68. Why do people use Internet slang? The main reason is speed.
69. What word in the last paragraph means "polluting"? Internet -- should pay --
70. How do Internet chatters increase the expression of the English language? chatters are

**Section D (10 marks)**

*Questions 71—75 are based on the following passage.*

In Britain, the traditional white wedding in a village church, with in-laws wearing silly hats, is going out of fashion. One in six couples now prefer to get married abroad, and the more exotic or eccentric the location, the better. But are they making a terrible mistake?



First and foremost, a wedding, with all its traditions and rituals, is a rite of passage to be shared with family and close friends. Understandably, there are those who want to avoid the stress and expense of a big wedding and choose a low-key affair instead. I have no problem with that—it's a matter of personal choice. But in my view, a couple who opt for a holiday instead of a wedding, are running away from reality.

Celebrities are known for their short-lived marriages, but not surprisingly, marriages that began in exotic locations appear to have even less chances of surviving. Britney Spears, for instance, married a childhood friend in the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas and their marriage was over after 55 hours. Photos of Renée Zellweger and her country singer groom exchanging vows on a Caribbean beach looked rather romantic, but they separated after four months. It is worth considering the list of top wedding destinations—Cyprus, Italy, Greek islands, Caribbean, Mauritius. What strikes me is that these are honeymoon destinations and personally, I think that the honeymoon has a completely different function from the wedding. Honeymoons are for the couple, a welcome escape from everyday life, a once-in-a-lifetime holiday.

A wedding, on the other hand, is all about family and friends. In my opinion, marriages for life need to be rooted in life, not in fantasy. However lavish or modest the wedding, it has no meaning if the people who are there for you every day of your life cannot afford the airfare to the chosen exotic location. My advice to a couple who are tempted to tie the knot on a Caribbean beach is this: don't do it unless you can afford to pay for your nearest and dearest to go with you.

*Read the passage carefully and then complete each blank in the summary in a maximum of three words from the passage.*

Now 1/6 British couples prefer to get married abroad, instead of holding the (71) \_\_\_\_\_ white wedding in a village church. But in the author's opinion, they are making a mistake. On the one hand, a wedding is a special ceremony to (72) \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends. A couple choosing a holiday instead of a wedding are (73) \_\_\_\_\_. Pop stars' (74) \_\_\_\_\_ marriages have proved marriages that began in exotic locations seem to have even less chances of surviving. On the other hand, weddings are totally different with honeymoons. Marriages for life need to be rooted not (75) \_\_\_\_\_, but in life. The author's advice is: no matter how extravagant or modest the wedding is, don't get married at an exotic location unless you can afford to pay for your family and friends to go with you.

## Part V Translation (15 marks)

### I (5 marks)

Translate the following paragraph into Chinese. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

How do you wish for good luck every December 31? <sup>128</sup> Check out these New Year's rituals from around the world. Brazilians celebrate by dressing in all white on New Year's Eve to symbolize peace and spend their evening partying on the beach. When the clock strikes midnight, they run to the ocean and serve various offerings upon the goddess of the sea, so that she may open up paths in their lives.

### II (10 marks)

Translate the following sentences into English by using the hints given in brackets. Remember to write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

76. 他们的友谊建立在多年相互开放沟通的基础上。(be based on)  
<sup>the</sup> <sup>→</sup> <sup>communicate</sup> <sup>each other</sup> <sup>many years</sup>
77. 我们应该积极参加社区服务,这可以丰富我们的生活。(enrich)
78. 即使这工作要花掉我六个星期的时间,我仍决心要完成。(even if; determined ~~to~~ finish it.)  
<sup>spend six weeks</sup>
79. 消防员没有多考虑个人的安危,像平常一样将困在大火中的人员援救出来。(think little of)  
<sup>safe; as if</sup> <sup>risk</sup>
80. 在毒奶粉丑闻曝光后,家长们为该给孩子吃什么而忧虑。(expose; be concerned about)

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## Part VI Error Correction (10 marks)

Proofread the passage as required. Each indicated line contains a maximum of one error. Correct the passage in the following way: for a right line, put the sign "✓" in the corresponding blank; for a wrong word, underline the wrong word and write the correct one in the blank; for a missing word, mark the position of the missing word with the sign "∧" and write the word you believe to be missing in the blank; for an unnecessary word, cross the unnecessary word with the sign "∖" and put the word with the sign in the blank. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

For example:

One of my favourite writers <u>are</u> Charlotte Brontë. She was born in the early	_____ is _____
nineteenth century when women had far fewer opportunities ∧ they have now.	_____ than _____
She lived in a small village in Yorkshire and she took great pleasure in walking	_____ ✓ _____
on the moors <del>where</del> near her home.	_____ <del>where</del> _____

### Taking Care of Herself

✓ Alicia Owens is eight years old. For the past two years, she has come home to a empty house. Her mother and her father work all day from 9 to 5. Alicia returns home from school by 3 o'clock. Her mother, Laurie, calls her from work at 3:15. Alicia has already made herself a cup of cocoa and sitting in front of the TV set when her mother call. She asks if everything is all right. Alicia always says, "Yes, Mom."

Alicia is not allow to invite her friends to her house when her parents are not home. Sometimes she receives invitations to play at a classmate's home after school. Therefore, she cannot accept them unless either her mother nor father knows where she is. As a result, Alicia has spent a lot of afternoons alone in her house, usually watch TV or playing on the computer. By the time when her parents arrive, she has also finished her homework, and has set the table for dinner. Sometimes she has even done laundry and started preparing dinner. All by herself.

When Alicia was born, her mother took maternity leave and stayed at home. But when Alicia was six months old, her mother brought her to the home of a child-care worker who take care of the very young. When Alicia

was two and a half, she began attending preschool. Although Alicia is just eight years old, she has attended school for nearly six years. In that time, she has learned to take care of herself. She can dress herself, make herself snacks, get in and out of her house, answer the phone, and take messages.

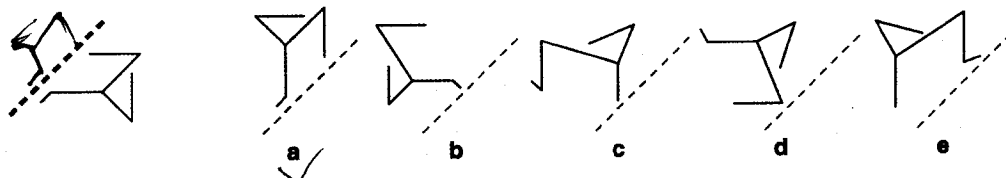
### Part VII IQ Test (5 marks)

There are five IQ Test questions in this part. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

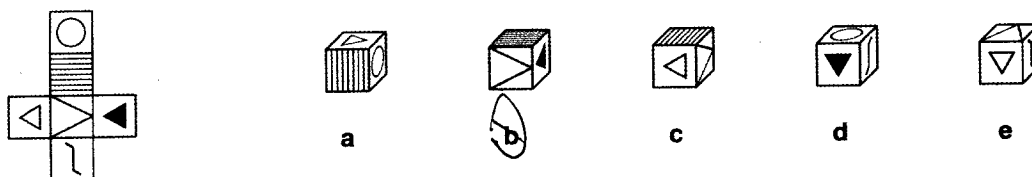
91. If the code for VEGETABLE is 938316253, the code 265531 stands for the word \_\_\_\_\_.

92. Craig's birthday is on 4th February. Toby's birthday is <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>15</sup> <sup>19-5</sup> one week before Craig's and three weeks before Frank's. When is Frank's birthday? On 14th.

93. Which shape on the right is the reflection of the shape given on the left? \_\_\_\_\_



94. Which cube cannot be made from the given net? b



95. "My father catches the train to London every day. Often the train is late." According to the two statements, which of the following options must be true? \_\_\_\_\_

- A. My father's train is often late.      B. My father is often late for the train.  
C. The train to London is late every day.      D. The train from London is often late.

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### Part VIII Writing (30 marks)

#### I (10 marks)

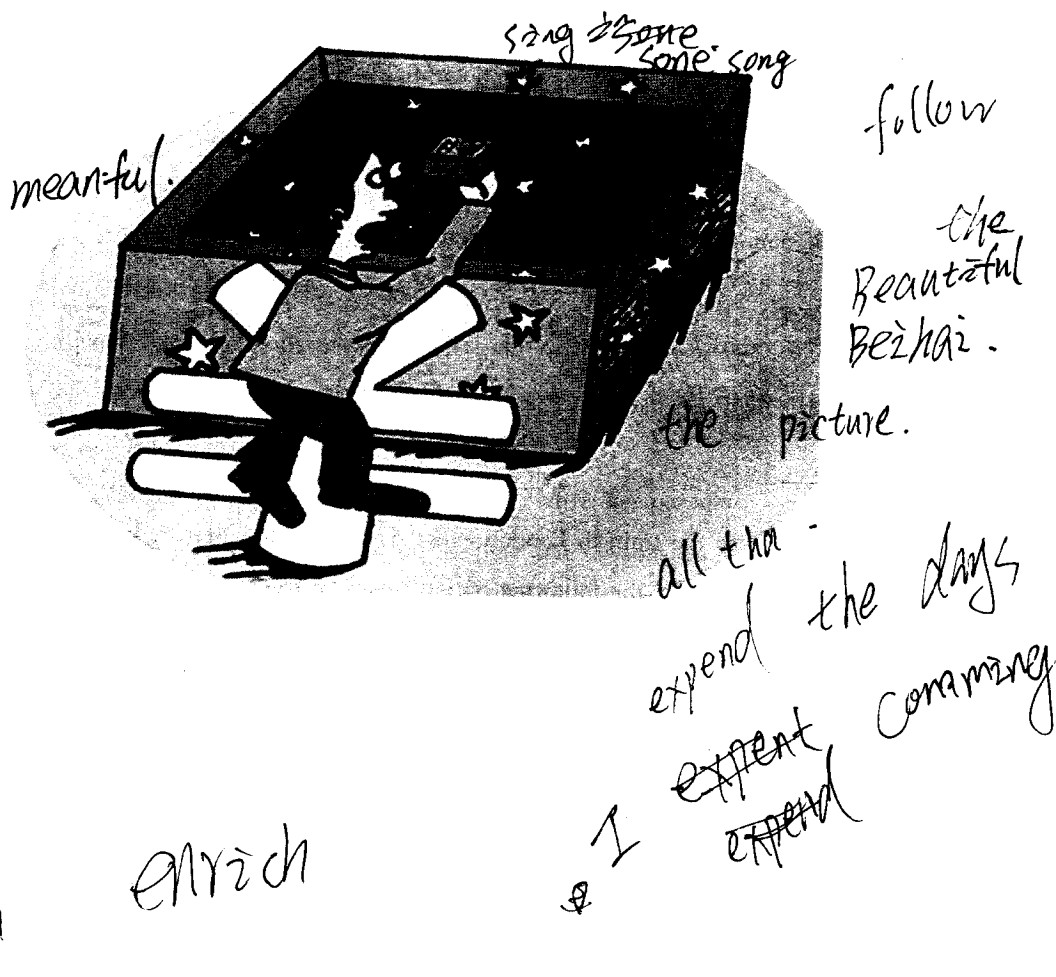
Please write a plan of **80—100** words for the next summer holiday on **the answer sheet**, including the following information:



- find a part-time job;
- do more music or sports practice;
- go on a trip with friends.

## II (20 marks)

With the improvement of living standards, the goods' packages have become more and more complicated and exaggerated. Thus, the phenomenon of excessive packaging is common around us, such as the Mid-Autumn mooncakes. What factors contribute to this phenomenon? What's your opinion on this phenomenon? Write an article of at least 120 words on the **answer sheet**.





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