

2023 National English Competition for College Students

(Type A – Preliminary)

参考答案及作文评分标准

Part I Listening Comprehension (30 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

1—5 BBDC A

Section B (10 marks)

Conversation One

6—10 CADBA

Conversation Two

11. whole 12. confused 13. leaflets 14. six/6 15. studying

Section C (5 marks)

16—20 ADCBC

Section D (10 marks)

21. He read a newspaper article.

22. The growing traffic.

23. In two years.

24. It's not a good solution./It'll be a temporary solution./It'll be temporary at best.

25. A new light rail system.

Part II Vocabulary & Grammar (15 marks)

26—30 BCBA A 31—35 BDCBD 36—40 BDBCD

Part III Cloze (10 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

41. happily 42. in danger of 43. destroying 44. insects 45. with

Section B (5 marks)

46. childless 47. when 48. attitudes 49. less 50. typical

Part IV Reading Comprehension (30 marks)

Section A (10 marks)

51—55 BDGAE

Section B (10 marks)

56. Because too many marble factories in the town have used up the water in the two lakes./Because cutting and polishing the marble uses much water and there are many marble factories in the town.

57. Because it uses a lot of water and makes the fields dry.

58. About 20 cubic kilometres.

59. 2,000 litres of water.

60. Man-made ponds for collecting and storing rainwater, which the Indians called “tanka”.

Section C (10 marks)

61. volunteer work 62. independent 63. read or write 64. middle-aged 65. safety

Part V Translation (15 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

66. 努力学习、锻炼、参加课外活动或工作的学生可能没有太多的时间看电视剧或连续几个小时地看视频。在高中阶段,你的安排非常有条理——每天早上都在同一时间醒来,每天都在相同时间上课,放学后回家或参加课外活动。在大学阶段,情况可大不一样。如果你想合理平衡学习和生活,时间管理是非常关键的。

Section B (10 marks)

67. Tea is, without doubt, welcomed all over the world. It has become the most consumed beverage in the world—after water, of course. In order to celebrate the popular drink, the United Nations General Assembly has designated May 21st as International Tea Day. According to the UN, tea is much more than just a hot drink. It's a big part of many cultures around the world. You probably know that people in China use top-grade tea to show respect when receiving important guests. Meanwhile, the British tradition of afternoon tea is an important part of that country's identity. Hot or cold, tea is more than a drink—it's a social custom, a link to the past and a way of life.

Part VI IQ Test (10 marks)

68. In every year, of course!

69. I am CHAIR.

70. The word is "fish".

71. E. (In each segment there are two circles that are a mirror image of each other and two that have black/white reversal.)

72. B. (1 is added to 2 to equal 3, 4 is added to 5 to equal 6, but similar symbols disappear.)

Part VII Error Correction (10 marks)

So now let us consider the changes that is likely to occur in the next 50 years. Unfortunately, I believe that not all changes will be ~~like~~ for the better. For example, in the future more and more people are predicted to work from home and yet they are going to feel more isolated from their colleagues. On the other hand, they will certainly have greater free to choose their working hours. A further possible change is that handwriting is likely to become obsolete. We are already so used to use a keyboard that today's children are lost the ability to spell without the aid of a word processor. Without doubt, even greater changes are going to happen in technology used in the workplace. Computers will undoubted continue to grow even more power and this will probably result in an even faster pace of life than we have now. Let us hope that our employer will find a way to reduce the stress on workers this fast pace can bring. I also think these improvements in technology are likely to lead \wedge even more globalisation than now and companies will develop very strong international links.

73. are

74. ~~like~~

75. so

76. freedom

77. using

78. losing

79. undoubtedly

80. powerful

81. employers

82. to

Part VIII Writing (30 marks)

参考范文略

作文评分标准:

一、评分原则

1. 本题满分为 A 10 分;B 20 分,按四个档次给分。
2. 评分时,先根据文章的内容和语言初步确定其所属档次,然后以该档次的要求来衡量,确定或调整本档次,最后给分。
3. A 词数少于 100 词或多于 130 词的,B 词数少于 160 词或多于 200 词的,从总分中减去 2 分。
4. 如书写较差,以致影响阅卷,将分数降低一档。

二、各档次给分范围和要求

第四档(很好):A 9-10 分;B 16-20 分

完全符合写作格式的要求,覆盖多个内容要点,表达思想清楚,文字通顺,连贯性很好,基本上无词汇和语法错误。

第三档(好):A 6-8 分;B 11-15 分

基本符合写作格式的要求,有个别地方表达思想不够清楚,文字基本通顺、连贯,有少量词汇和语法错误。

第二档(一般):A 3-5 分;B 6-10 分

未恰当完成写作格式的要求,漏掉内容要点,表达思想不清楚,文字多处出现词汇和语法错误,影响了对写作内容的理解。

第一档(差):A 1-2 分;B 1-5 分

未完成写作格式的要求,明显遗漏主要内容,表达思想混乱,有较多词汇和语法的重大错误,未能将信息传达给读者。

0 分

白卷;作文与题目毫不相关;内容太少,无法评判;所写内容无法看清。

2023 National English Competition for College Students

(Type A – Preliminary)

听力录音原文

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

*In this section, you will hear **five** short conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, one question will be asked, and you have **fifteen seconds** to read 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. **M:** We have three swimming pools: an Olympic size 50 metre pool and a 25 metre pool, which are both outdoors, and a heated indoor pool, which is just 15 metres long but is very popular with our members in the winter!

W: I bet it is! Do members have to pay to use the pools?

M: Well, members don't pay for the pools if they just want to swim laps on their own.

Question: How long is the heated pool?

2. **M:** How do I get to the library?

W: It's just around the corner.

M: I hope it's still open.

Question: What does the woman tell the man?

3. **M:** Add one spoonful of coffee for each cup of water.

W: I always add more. I like my coffee strong.

M: OK, but don't make it too strong.

Question: What are the speakers discussing?

4. **M:** You must be sad, what with your best friend taking a job in Texas. It's so far away.

W: Yeah, I'm really going to miss her, but at least I have a good reason to visit a new part of the country now.

Question: What does the woman imply?

5. **W:** Oh, Jack, I'm glad I caught you. I have to skip the history study group session tonight.

M: Really? That's too bad. Aren't you feeling well?

W: Oh, it's not that. There's going to be a public meeting down at the town hall. The state senator from this area is going to be there. She has this meeting three or four times a year to speak to her constituency.

Question: Why does the man assume the woman is not feeling well?

Section B

*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.*

Conversation One

*Listen to the conversation. Then read the four choices marked **A, B, C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer according to what you hear. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.*

W: Dr. Smith. I need to ask you about something in Chapter 12. It talks about erosion and the deposit of sediments on the deep sea floor, but I'm confused, because, well, for that to happen, there would have to be some kind of force down there moving the mud or sand or whatever, right? I thought there weren't any waves or currents that deep in the ocean.

M: That's not exactly correct. It's true that deep down on the ocean floor we don't have the same kinds of currents we find in shallower areas, but we do find what we call turbidity currents. That wasn't in the book but the term came up in class. Do you remember what it means?

W: Um, turbidity currents? Oh, yes! Doesn't that happen when sediments like sand or mud get stirred up and mix with water and then this mixture kind of flows through the water around it?

M: Good!

W: I thought that only happened in rivers.

M: Well, yes. This does occur in rivers, but we see turbidity currents deep in the ocean as well.

W: How do they get started there?

M: By earthquakes mostly. When an earthquake occurs under water, it throws up tremendous amounts of mud and sand that become suspended in a layer of water near the bottom of the ocean. This layer is so much denser and heavier than the ocean water that it flows right down the slopes of the ocean floor and gains more and more speed as it moves along. Then it's just like the winds blowing across the desert picking up sand from one place and moving it along and finally dropping it somewhere else.

Conversation Two

*Listen to the conversation. Then complete the following sentences with **one word or one number** according to what you hear. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.*

W: Carl, I find the best approach is to read only the sections that you need in order to answer the question. You don't usually have to read the whole book. I've collected plenty of information for the assignment that way.

M: That's good advice, Sue. I've been trying to read the whole of each book, and the more I read, the more confused I get. I probably wasted a lot of time last week.

W: Oh, I'll tell you what other things I found really helpful. When I was in the library last week, I read those leaflets called "How to get the best out of the library" and "How to write assignments". They really

helped. Have you read them?

M: No, I haven't even seen them. I'll have to get hold of a copy; they sound very useful. I really need some directions. I find I'm so tired at the moment. I've read six articles this week but I can barely remember what they said! In fact, I've been feeling tired since I started this course!

W: Hmm, I know what you mean, I felt like that as well at the start until one of my tutors told me it was far more important to get enough rest than to stay up late studying. I've gone to bed early every night since then and I manage to concentrate for longer during the day, so in the end I do actually get more done. I went to bed at ten thirty last night and I feel great.

M: Well, I've just got up and I'm already tired. I must try going to bed earlier—at least till I've done this assignment.

W: Yeah, it should help.

Section C

*In this section, you will hear **five** short news items. Each item will be read only **once**. After each item, there will be a **fifteen-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.*

16. This evening's Flight 334 to Chicago is delayed due to dangerous weather conditions. Flight 334 is expected to depart tomorrow morning at 5:30 A.M. with a 7:45 A.M. arrival time in Chicago. Our gate agents will be glad to assist you with making hotel arrangements for this evening. The airline is not responsible for the hotel expenses. Any passengers wishing to make arrangements for a hotel room should speak with the gate on Concourse 2.
17. The president met with world leaders in the capital city this afternoon to discuss the current economic situation. He will speak about the issues discussed at the meeting when he addresses the nation on TV tonight. Tomorrow he flies to Tokyo, where he will begin his three-week tour of Asia and Australia to promote his international economic programme. After his return home, he will prepare for the International Conference on the Environment, to take place next month.
18. A new study suggests that secretaries may be more efficient than their managers. Evidence comes from the fact that secretaries have to keep track of the schedules of several managers, control the department record keeping, type letters, and coordinate events such as meetings and conferences. Even managers admit that work is easier with their secretaries' help. This study was carried out over a period of six months at 75 different businesses around the country with the cooperation of 250 secretaries and 100 managers.
19. Does chicken soup cure a cold? Scientific studies have not been able to show that this is true. Nevertheless, many people use it to treat their colds. Why is this? "Because it works," says Patty Wilson of New York. "My patients always say they feel better after treating their colds with a bowl of hot chicken soup. Scientific research may not show it, but my patients understand their own experience. And they know that chicken soup makes them feel better." Whether or not chicken soup really cures colds, it does have health benefits, especially when prepared with lots of vegetables. It is nourishing and it isn't

fattening. It's also easy and inexpensive to make. Sick or healthy, chicken soup makes a delicious and healthful meal for anyone.

20. Last night government officials announced an increase in fares on train service between all major cities in the country. "More and more people are riding the trains these days," said one official. "Trains are a popular form of transportation, but the cost of running them is going up. We need to increase the fares to cover these costs." No changes in train service were announced. Some government officials believe that the increase in train fares could cause more people to travel by bus. The new train fares go into effect at the end of next month.

Section D

*In this section, you will hear **one** monologue. The monologue will be read **twice**. After listening, answer the questions using **no more than five** words. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.*

Dear Editor, this is David Spaulding. I read with great interest the article in your paper yesterday about the growing traffic problems in our region and how the planned construction work on a new Millers River Bridge will exacerbate the problem over the coming months. Proponents of building a new bridge, which is scheduled to begin next month and be completed within two years, claim that it will greatly alleviate the traffic problem in that part of the city once it is completed. In my opinion, that solution will be temporary at best. Allow me to propose another idea. For the past four years, a group of city planners, transportation experts, and others have been hard at work on a plan for a light rail system to serve our region. Of course, construction of a region-wide light rail train system would require a far greater investment than construction of a bridge, but it would serve a far larger percentage of our population and the effects on our traffic problems would be far-reaching and permanent. As discussed in yesterday's article, the new, bigger Miller River Bridge will carry more traffic than the old one, serving one small part of the city. The bridge has been artistically designed and will add beauty to our city landscape. These are small returns, in my opinion, for the expense city taxpayers will incur for the bridge construction. Clearly, investment in a regional light rail system is a better idea for our future.

This is the end of the listening part. Please transfer your answers to the answer sheet.