

2017 年考研英语二真题及答案解析

Section I Use of English

Directions:

Read the following text. Choose the best word (s) for each numbered blank and mark A, B, C or D on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

People have speculated for centuries about a future without work. Today is no different, with academics, writers, and activists once again 1 that technology is replacing human workers. Some imagine that the coming work-free world will be defined by 2. A few wealthy people will own all the capital, and the masses will struggle in an impoverished wasteland.

A different and not mutually exclusive 3 holds that the future will be a wasteland of a different sort, one 4 by purposelessness: Without jobs to give their lives 5, people will simply become lazy and depressed. 6 today's unemployed don't seem to be having a great time. One Gallup poll found that 20 percent of Americans who have been unemployed for at least a year report having depression, double the rate for 7 Americans. Also, some research suggests that the 8 for rising rates of mortality, mental-health problems, and addicting 9 poorly-educated middle-aged people is shortage of well-paid jobs. Perhaps this is why many 10 the agonizing dullness of a jobless future.

But it doesn't 11 follow from findings like these that a world without work would be filled with unease. Such visions are based on the 12 of being unemployed in a society built on the concept of employment. In the 13 of work, a society designed with other ends in mind could 14 strikingly different circumstances for the future of labor and leisure. Today, the 15 of work may be a bit overblown. "Many jobs are boring, degrading, unhealthy, and a waste of human potential," says John Danaher, a lecturer at the National University of Ireland in Galway.

These days, because leisure time is relatively 16 for most workers, people use their free time to counterbalance the intellectual and emotional 17 of their jobs. "When I come home from a hard day's work, I often feel 18," Danaher says, adding, "In a world in which I don't have to work, I might feel rather different"—perhaps different enough to throw himself 19 a hobby or a passion project with the intensity usually reserved for 20 matters.

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| 1. [A] boasting | [B] denying | [C] warning | [D] ensuring |
| [答案][C] warning | | | |
| 2. [A] inequality | [B] instability | [C] unreliability | [D] uncertainty |
| [答案][A] inequality | | | |
| 3. [A] policy | [B] guideline | [C] resolution | [D] prediction |
| [答案][D] prediction | | | |
| 4. [A] characterized | [B] divided | [C] balanced | [D] measured |
| [答案][A] characterized | | | |
| 5. [A] wisdom | [B] meaning | [C] glory | [D] freedom |
| [答案][B] meaning | | | |
| 6. [A] Instead | [B] Indeed | [C] Thus | [D] Nevertheless |
| [答案][B] Indeed | | | |
| 7. [A] rich | [B] urban | [C] working | [D] educated |

- [答案][C] working
8. [A] explanation [B] requirement [C] compensation [D] substitute
[答案][A] explanation
9. [A] under [B] beyond [C] alongside [D] among
[答案][D] among
10. [A] leave behind [B] make up [C] worry about [D] set aside
[答案][C] worry about
11. [A] statistically [B] occasionally [C] necessarily [D] economically
[答案][C] necessarily
12. [A] chances [B] downsides [C] benefits [D] principles
[答案][B] downsides
13. [A] absence [B] height [C] face [D] course
[答案][A] absence
14. [A] disturb [B] restore [C] exclude [D] yield
[答案][D] yield
15. [A] model [B] practice [C] virtue [D] hardship
[答案][C] virtue
16. [A] tricky [B] lengthy [C] mysterious [D] scarce
[答案][D] scarce
17. [A] demands [B] standards [C] qualities [D] threats
[答案][A] demands
18. [A] ignored [B] tired [C] confused [D] starved
[答案][B] tired
19. [A] off [B] against [C] behind [D] into
[答案][D] into
20. [A] technological [B] professional [C] educational [D] interpersonal
[答案][B] professional

试题精析

[答案][C] warning

考点：上下文语义理解

解析：空格之后的宾语从句部分“technology is replacing human workers.”结合选项，应该选择 warning。其他三项[A] boasting [B] denying [D]

ensuring

均不符合此处的语境要求，故均排除。

[答案][A] inequality

考点：上下文语义理解

空格单词后面的句意看到了贫富对比，故作为上文对其进行概括关键应选择 inequality。

[答案][D] prediction

考点：时态判断

空格之后的内容 “holds that the future will be a wasteland of a different sort,”该定语从句是对空格词汇的修饰与说明，既然文中用到了 will 这一个表示将来时态的助动词，故答案为 prediction。

[答案][A] characterized

考点：后置定语 + 固定搭配

one 4 by purposelessness。其他三项均不符合，故排除。

5.[答案][B] meaning

考点：句间语义理解

Without jobs to give their lives 5 , people will simply become lazy and depressed. 空格所在句后面的表述与空格前的内容属于并列关系，由逗号连接。答案选择 meaning。[A] wisdom [C] glory [D] freedom 这些选项都表示褒义色彩和后面 lazy、depressed 矛盾。

6. [答案][B] Indeed

考点：上下文逻辑关系

分析下四个选项可以看出并无体现因果关系 故[A] Thus 排除，另外 instead, nevertheless 表示转折语意，但是上下文逻辑并无体现。故[A]Instead [C] Thus [D] Nevertheless 均排除。

7.[答案][C] working

考点：上下文语义理解

One Gallup poll found that 20 percent of Americans who have been unemployed for at least a year report having depression, double the rate for 7 Americans.根据上下文对比的语意对照应该选择 working。前面提到 unemployed 。此处在进行对比，故选择表示反义呼应的词 working。

8.[答案][A] explanation

考点：句内语意理解+固定搭配

some research suggests that the 8 for rising rates of mortality , mental-health problems , and addicting 9 poorly-educated middle-aged people is shortage of well-paid jobs.

[答案][D] among

考点：句内语义理解、介词辨析

很明显应该指前者的发生范围。浏览四个选项，among“在....中”表示范围，符合此处语义需要，故为答案。

[答案][C] worry about

考点：上下文语义理解+句内语义理解

Perhaps this is why many 10 the agonizing dullness of a jobless future.

[答案][C] necessarily

考点：上下文逻辑关系+句内语义理解

But it doesn't 11 follow from findings like these that a world without work would be filled with unease.But 表示转折语意。doesn't necessarily 不一定。符合此处语义需要，故为答案。

12.[答案][B] downsides

考点：上下文语义理解 后置定语

Such visions are based on the 12 of being unemployed in a society built on the concept of employment.

答案的线索在于空格后面的介词短语，后面提到 being unemployed。这是贬义。

其他选项均不符合条件。

[答案][A] absence

考点：词汇复现

In the 13 of work, a society designed with other ends in mind could 14 strikingly different circumstances for the future of labor and leisure.

[答案][D] yield

考点：词汇的一词多义与搭配

In the 13 of work, a society designed with other ends in mind could 14 strikingly different circumstances for the future of labor and leisure. 该空格所选词汇的主语是 a society 宾语是 different circumstances. 根据主谓一致的原则应该选择 yield。语义为：产生。

15. [答案][C] virtue

考点：上下文语义理解

overblown. 一词为解题线索。含义：吹散 吹倒 表贬义。后面的内容 Many jobs are boring, degrading, unhealthy, and a waste of human potential, ” says John Danaher, a lecturer at the National University of Ireland in Galway. 是对这句话的进一步解释，结合前后的上下文语义理解，应选择 virtue，其他选项均排除。

16. [答案][D] scarce

考点：上下文语义理解

because leisure time is relatively 16 for most workers, people use their free time to counterbalance the intellectual and emotional 17 of their jobs. 结合常识认知及上下文理解应该选择 scarce。

17. [答案][A] demands

考点：上下文语义理解

根据语义的要求，浏览选项，只有 demands 符合语义要求。

18. [答案][B] tired

考点：上下文语义理解+常识

“When I come home from a hard day’s work, I often feel 18 , ” Danaher says, adding, “In a world in which I don’t have to work, I might feel rather different”.

19. [答案][D] into

考点：固定搭配+句内语义理解

perhaps different enough to throw himself 19 a hobby or a passion project with the intensity usually reserved for 20 matters.

“Throw oneself into”意思是：一头扎进；投身于，积极从事

20. [答案][B] professional

考点：复现+呼应

perhaps different enough to throw himself into a hobby or a passion project with the intensity usually reserved for 20 matters. 此处空格处答案和前面的 intensity 形成呼应与关联。故此处 professional 符合语义需要，入选。

Section II Reading Comprehension

Part A

Directions:

Read the following four texts. Answer the questions below each text by choosing A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (40 points)

Text 1

Every Saturday morning, at 9 am, more than 50,000 runners set off to run 5km around their local park. The Parkrun phenomenon began with a dozen friends and has inspired 400 events in the UK and more abroad. Events are free, staffed by thousands of volunteers. Runners range from four years old to grandparents; their times range from Andrew Baddeley's world record 13 minutes 48 seconds up to an hour.

Parkrun is succeeding where London's Olympic "legacy" is failing. Ten years ago on Monday, it was announced that the Games of the 30th Olympiad would be in London. Planning documents pledged that the great legacy of the Games would be to level a nation of sport lovers away from their couches. The population would be fitter, healthier and produce more winners. It has not happened. The number of adults doing weekly sport did rise, by nearly 2 million in the run — up to 2012 — but the general population was growing faster. Worse, the numbers are now falling at an accelerating rate. The opposition claims primary school pupils doing at least two hours of sport a week have nearly halved. Obesity has risen among adults and children. Official retrospections continue as to why London 2012 failed to "inspire a generation." The success of Parkrun offers answers.

Parkrun is not a race but a time trial: Your only competitor is the clock. The ethos welcomes anybody. There is as much joy over a puffed-out first-timer being clapped over the line as there is about top talent shining. The Olympic bidders, by contrast, wanted to get more people doing sports and to produce more elite athletes. The dual aim was mixed up: The stress on success over taking part was intimidating for newcomers.

Indeed, there is something a little absurd in the state getting involved in the planning of such a fundamentally "grassroots", concept as community sports associations. If there is a role for government, it should really be getting involved in providing common goods — making sure there is space for playing fields and the money to pave tennis and netball courts, and encouraging the provision of all these activities in schools. But successive governments have presided over selling green spaces, squeezing money from local authorities and declining attention on sport in education. Instead of wordy, worthy strategies, future governments need to do more to provide the conditions for sport to thrive. Or at least not make them worse.

21. 【题干】 According to Paragraph1, Parkrun has _____.

【选项】

- A. gained great popularity
- B. created many jobs
- C. strengthened community ties
- D. become an official festival

【答案】 A

【解析】 由题干中的关键词 According to Paragraph 1, 可以快速的定位到文中的第一段, 第一段讲了每周六大约有五万多人都会在他们当地的公园里跑步, 跑步

的年龄跨度之大：从4岁的小朋友到祖父母年纪的人都有；跑步所用的时间跨度也很大：从世界纪录的13分48秒到一个小时。由此可见，这是一个全民运动，与A选项的 great popularity 相互对应，所以选A。其他选项，B创造了很多就业机会；C增强了社会的凝聚力；D成为一个官方的节日；这几个选项原文中都没有涉及，所以排除。

22.【题干】The author believes that London's Olympic "legacy" has failed to _____.

【选项】

- A. boost population growth
- B. promote sport participation
- C. improve the city's image
- D. increase sport hours in schools

【答案】B

【解析】可以发现原文中第二段第一句话 Parkrun is succeeding where London's Olympic "legacy" is failing 与题干中的关键词 London's Olympic "legacy" has failed to...对应，所以可以锁定文章的第二段，从而找出解题的关键。第二段前半部分讲了在最初的时候 Olympic 的目标，然而，事实却事与愿违，...but the general population was growing faster. Worse, the numbers are now falling at an accelerating rate. 由这句话可以看出，Olympic 并没有推动大众的参与性，与预期的目标不符，所以选择B。

23.【题干】Parkrun is different from Olympic games in that it _____.

【选项】

- A. aims at discovering talents
- B. focuses on mass competition
- C. does not emphasize elitism
- D. does not attract first-timers

【答案】C

【解析】由题干中的关键词 Parkrun is different from Olympic games in that...可以知道这是想考察 Parkrun 和 Olympic 的区别。追溯到原文，可以看到文中的第三段第一句话：Parkrun is not a race but a time trial.从这句话可以排除A和B，因为A和B都和竞争有关，D选项可以从这一段的这一句话：there is much joy over a puffed-out first-timer being clapped over the line as there is ...可知，Parkrun 有很多第一次参加的人，所以排除D。最后可以知道，答案选C，因为 parkrun 不是比赛，所以就不重视精英主义。

24.【题干】With regard to mass sport, the author holds that governments should _____.

【选项】

- A. organize "grassroots" sports events
- B. supervise local sports associations
- C. increase funds for sports clubs
- D. invest in public sports facilities

【答案】D

【解析】由题干中的关键词 the governments should...,可以知道，命题人想要考察

的是对于 Parkrun 这一项大众运动，政府应该做点什么。所以，考生要快速的定位到原文中有关政府的段落，即第四段，If there is a role for government, it should really be getting involved in providing common goods—making sure there is space for playing fields and the money to pave tennis and netball courts, and encouraging the provision of all these activities in schools. 从这里可以知道，作者希望政府能够为 Parkrun 提供场所和钱，并针对学校制定相关条例以鼓励全民运动。由此可以排除 A, B, C. 最终选择 D。

25. 【题干】 The author's attitude to what UK governments have done for sports is _____.

【选项】

- A. tolerant
- B. critical
- C. uncertain
- D. sympathetic

【答案】 B

【解析】 由题干中的关键词 the author's attitude to what UK government have done for sport 可以再次锁定原文中关于政府的部分，可见这一题与 24 题是有一定联系的。第四段一开始作者提出了自己对政府的期许，但是事实上，政府却没有达到这一期许。But successive government have presided over selling green spaces, squeezing money from local authorities and declining attention on sport in education. 政府负责卖地，从地方政府压榨金钱，不重视学校的体育运动。可见，此处作者指责政府的一系列行为，由此可以得出答案 B. tolerant: 宽容的，容忍的；uncertain: 含糊的，不确定的；sympathetic: 同情的，赞同的。

Text 2

With so much focus on children's use of screens, it's easy for parents to forget about their own screen use. "Tech is designed to really suck on you in," says Jenny Radesky in her study of digital play, "and digital products are there to promote maximal engagement. It makes it hard to disengage, and leads to a lot of bleed-over into the family routine."

Radesky has studied the use of mobile phones and tablets at mealtimes by giving mother-child pairs a food-testing exercise. She found that mothers who sued devices during the exercise started 20 percent fewer verbal and 39 percent fewer nonverbal interactions with their children. During a separate observation, she saw that phones became a source of tension in the family. Parents would be looking at their emails while the children would be making excited bids for their attention.

Infants are wired to look at parents' faces to try to understand their world, and if those faces are blank and unresponsive—as they often are when absorbed in a device — it can be extremely disconcerting for the children. Radesky cites the "still face experiment" devised by developmental psychologist Ed Tronick in the 1970s. In it, a mother is asked to interact with her child in a normal way before putting on a blank expression and not giving them any visual social feedback; The child becomes increasingly distressed as she tries to capture her mother's attention. "Parents don't

have to be exquisitely parents at all times, but there needs to be a balance and parents need to be responsive and sensitive to a child's verbal or nonverbal expressions of an emotional need," says Radesky.

On the other hand, Tronick himself is concerned that the worries about kids' use of screens are born out of an "oppressive ideology that demands that parents should always be interacting" with their children: "It's based on a somewhat fantasized, very white, very upper-middle-class ideology that says if you're failing to expose your child to 30,000 words you are neglecting them." Tronick believes that just because a child isn't learning from the screen doesn't mean there's no value to it—particularly if it gives parents time to have a shower, do housework or simply have a break from their child. Parents, he says, can get a lot out of using their devices to speak to a friend or get some work out of the way. This can make them feel happier, which lets them be more available to their child the rest of the time.

26. 【题干】 According to Jenny Radesky, digital products are designed to _____.

【选项】

- A. simplify routine matters
- B. absorb user attention
- C. better interpersonal relations
- D. increase work efficiency

【答案】 B

【解析】由题干中的关键词 Jenny Radesky, 可以快速的定位到文中提到此人物的第一段第二行, 接着题干中说 digital products are designed to..可以知道, 考查的是数码产品的目的, 回归到文中第一段第二行, 可知 Jenny Radesky 说了这样一句话: Tech is designed to really suck on you in, and digital products are there to promote maximal engagement....电子产品就是为了促进最大程度的参与性, 由此可以得出答案 B 为了吸引用户的注意力。其余选项在 Jenny Radesky 的话中都没有体现。

27. 【题干】 Radesky's food-testing exercise shows that mothers' use of devices _____.

【选项】

- A. takes away babies' appetite
- B. distracts children's attention
- C. slows down babies' verbal development
- D. reduces mother-child communication

【答案】 D

【解析】由题干中的关键词 food-testing exercise, mother's use of devices. 可以快速的定位到第二段第二行: She found that mothers who used devices during the exercise started 20 percent fewer verbal and 39 percent fewer nonverbal interactions with their children. 从这里可以知道, 母亲使用手机会减少 20%的语言交流机会, 39%的非语言交流。由此可以得出答案为 D.减少了母亲和孩子之间的交流。

28. 【题干】 Radesky's cites the "still face experiment" to show that _____.

【选项】

- A. it is easy for children to get used to blank expressions
- B. verbal expressions are unnecessary for emotional exchange
- C. children are insensitive to changes in their parents' mood
- D. parents need to respond to children's emotional needs

【答案】D

【解析】本题目是具体细节题。题干中的关键词 Radesky 和 still face experiment 定位到倒数第三段大写 R 处，题目问实验一定要找实验结论，结论在本段最后一句的 but 之后，这里提到了 parents need be to responsive ...to...emotional need，父母需要对情感需求做出回应。正确答案 D 是原文的原词复现。干扰项 A 的 blank expressions 是原文实验里面的具体内容，非实验表明；选项 B 是最后一句的个别词干扰；选项 C 偷换概念，不是 children are insensitive，而是 parents。

29.【题干】The oppressive ideology mentioned by Tronick requires parents to_____.

【选项】

- A. protect kids from exposure to wild fantasies
- B. teach their kids at least 30,000 words a year
- C. ensure constant interaction with their children
- D. remain concerned about kid's use of screens

【答案】C

【解析】本题目为具体细节题。根据题干的关键词 oppressive ideology 和大写字母 Tronick 定位到最后一段的第一句话 that 之后。本句 that 后的 demands 对应题干的 requires，说道“父母应该总是要交流”。正确选项 C 的 constant interaction 对应原文的 always interacting。干扰项 A 的 fantasies 是定位句下一句中的个别词干扰；选项 B 的 30000words 同样是定位句之后的句子中提到的，而且是 if 的一个条件句；选项 D 的 concerned 是末段首句的 concerned，但是偷换概念。

30.【题干】According to Tronick, kid's use of screens may_____.

【选项】

- A. give their parents some free time
- B. make their parents more creative
- C. help them with their homework
- D. help them become more attentive

【答案】A

【解析】本题目为文中人物观点的细节题。根据题干中的大写字母 Tronick 及关键词 kid 定位到最后一段的倒数第三句，破折号后面解释了 kid's use of screens 的具体目的。“it gives parents time to...”与正确选项 A 完全一致，属于原文的原词复现。干扰项 B 的 creative 并未提及；选项 C 的 homework 根据原文的 housework 进行干扰，原文是父母有时间做家务，而选项是帮助孩子做作业；选项 D 的 attentive 并未提及。

Text 3

Today, widespread social pressure to immediately go to college in conjunction with increasingly high expectations in a fast-moving world often causes students to completely overlook the possibility of taking a gap year. After all, if everyone you

know is going to college in the fall, it seems silly to stay back a year, doesn't it? And after going to school for 12 years, it doesn't feel natural to spend a year doing something that isn't academic.

But while this may be true, it's not a good enough reason to condemn gap years. There's always a constant fear of falling behind everyone else on the socially perpetuated "race to the finish line," whether that be toward graduate school, medical school or lucrative career. But despite common misconceptions, a gap year does not hinder the success of academic pursuits—in fact, it probably enhances it.

Studies from the United States and Australia show that students who take a gap year are generally better prepared for and perform better in college than those who do not. Rather than pulling students back, a gap year pushes them ahead by preparing them for independence, new responsibilities and environmental changes—all things that first-year students often struggle with the most. Gap year experiences can lessen the blow when it comes to adjusting to college and being thrown into a brand new environment, making it easier to focus on academics and activities rather than acclimation blunders.

If you're not convinced of the inherent value in taking a year off to explore interests, then consider its financial impact on future academic choices. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly 80 percent of college students end up changing their majors at least once. This isn't surprising, considering the basic mandatory high school curriculum leaves students with a poor understanding of themselves listing one major on their college applications, but switching to another after taking college classes. It's not necessarily a bad thing, but depending on the school, it can be costly to make up credits after switching too late in the game. At Boston College, for example, you would have to complete an extra year were you to switch to the nursing school from another department. Taking a gap year to figure things out initially can help prevent stress and save money later on.

31. 【题干】 One of the reasons for high-school graduates not taking a gap year is that_____.

【选项】

- A. they think it academically misleading
- B. they have a lot of fun to expect in college
- C. it feels strange to do differently from others
- D. it seems worthless to take off-campus courses

【答案】 C

【解析】 题目问的是高中毕业生不选择间隔年原因之一是什么。根据题目中的 high-school 和 gap year 和定位到第一段第一句话。这句话后面一句的 after all 可以知道后面应该是解释理由了，After all, if everyone you know is going to college in the fall, it seems silly to stay back a year, doesn't it?这句话是说如果大家秋天都上大学去了，你要是晚了一年看起来有点傻。这个句子等同于 C 选项中的 feel strange to do differently from others，因此选 C。

32.【题干】 Studies from the US and Australia imply that taking a gap year helps_____.

【选项】

- A. keep students from being unrealistic
- B. lower risks in choosing careers
- C. ease freshmen's financial burdens
- D. relieve freshmen of pressures

【答案】D

【解析】根据题目中的 study from the Australia and US 可以定位到第三段第一句话 Studies from the United States and Australia show that students who take a gap year are generally better prepared for and perform better in college than those who do not。这句话明确说了有间隔年的学生比没有的要好，好在准备和表现上。所以 A: unrealistic 和 B: choosing career 不对。第二句在表现好的更细致地方面进行了描述: preparing them for independence 独立性, new responsibilities 责任感 and environmental changes 环境变化。紧随的破折号后总结说了这是 first-year students 一年级学生 often struggle with the most 常常有苦恼的。说明最受益的是大学一年级学生，而整段都没提过 financial burdens，所以 C 不对。而 D 中的 pressure 是对前面内容的概括性描述，因此答案是 D。

33. 【题干】The word “acclimation” (Line 8, Para. 3) is closest in meaning to _____.

【选项】

- A. adaptation
- B. application
- C. motivation
- D. competition

【答案】A

【解析】这题根据题干中给的信息，到第三段最后一句中去找答案，Gap year experiences can...when it comes to adjusting to college..., making it easier to...rather than acclimation blunders.这个句子分两部分，逗号+making 分词作状语，从功能上是解释补充说明前面半句，所以间隔年的好处是能帮助新生调节适应大学，而不用担心 acclimation 问题，所以 acclimation 当然就是适应的意思了。因此 A 为正确答案。

34. 【题干】A gap year may save money for students by helping them _____.

【选项】

- A. avoid academic failures
- B. establish long-term goals
- C. switch to another college
- D. decide on the right major

【答案】D

【解析】文章最后一段第一句提到了 consider its financial impact on future academic choices. Financial 对应题干中的 save money，而 academic choices 学术选择可以排除 A 和 B。根据最后一段第三句...students...listing one major on their college applications, but switching to another after taking college classes.所以第一句中的 academic choices 指的就是转专业的事儿，因此选 D。

35. 【题干】The most suitable title for this text would be _____.

【选项】

- A. In Favor of the Gap Year
- B. The ABCs of the Gap Year
- C. The Gap Year Comes Back
- D. The Gap Year: A Dilemma

【答案】 A

【解析】第二段第一句话 But while this may be true, it's not a good enough reason to condemn gap years. 就用 but 句说明了全文就是想说明间隔年你值得拥有。而选项中只有 A 选项 in favor of 是持正面积极态度的，因此选 A。

Text 4

Though often viewed as a problem for western states, the growing frequency of wildfires is a national concern because of its impact on federal tax dollars, says Professor Max Moritz, a specialist in fire ecology and management.

In 2015, the US Forest Service for the first time spent more than half of its \$5.5 billion annual budget fighting fires — nearly double the percentage it spent on such efforts 20 years ago. In effect, fewer federal funds today are going towards the agency's other work — such as forest conservation, watershed and cultural resources management, and infrastructure upkeep — that affect the lives of all Americans.

Another nationwide concern is whether public funds from other agencies are going into construction in fire-prone districts. As Moritz puts it, how often are federal dollars building homes that are likely to be lost to a wildfire?

“It’s already a huge problem from a public expenditure perspective for the whole country,” he says. We need to take a magnifying glass to that. Like, “Wait a minute, is this OK?” “Do we want instead to redirect those funds to concentrate on lower-hazard parts of the landscape?”

Such a view would require a corresponding shift in the way US society today views fire, researchers say.

For one thing, conversations about wildfires need to be more inclusive. Over the past decade, the focus has been on climate change — how the warming of the Earth from greenhouse gases is leading to conditions that worsen fires.

While climate is a key element, Moritz says, it shouldn’t come at the expense of the rest of the equation.

“The human systems and the landscapes we live on are linked, and the interactions go both ways,” he says. Failing to recognize that, he notes, leads to “an overly simplified view of what the solutions might be. Our perception of the problem and of what the solution is becomes very limited.”

At the same time, people continue to treat fire as an event that needs to be wholly controlled and unleashed only out of necessity, says Professor Balch at the University of Colorado. But acknowledging fire's inevitable presence in human life is an attitude crucial to developing the laws, policies, and practices that make it as safe as possible, she says.

“We’ve disconnected ourselves from living with fire,” Balch says. “It is really important to understand and try and tease out what is the human connection with fire

today.”

36. 【题干】 More frequent wildfires have become a national concern because in 2015 they _____.

【选项】

- A. exhausted unprecedented management efforts
- B. consumed a record-high percentage of budget
- C. severely damaged the ecology of western states
- D. caused a huge rise of infrastructure expenditure

【答案】 B

【解析】 本题是原因细节题。根据题干的关键词 wildfires 和 national concern, 以及时间词 2015, 定位到第二段首句。本句提到 US 花费了大量的 budget, 与选项 B 中的 budget 原词复现, high 是原文 more than 的同义转化, consume 同义替换原文 spent。干扰项 A 的 management 是首段末句的人物 Max Moritz 的职位; 选项 C 的 western states 是首段首句的 though 从句内容, 和题干无关, 属于答非所问; 选项 D 的 infrastructure 是原文末尾的破折号里 such as 的内容, 两个破折号里面一定不选。

37. 【题干】 Moritz calls for the use of "a magnifying glass" to _____.

【选项】

- A. raise more funds for fire-prone areas
- B. avoid the redirection of federal money
- C. find wildfire-free parts of the landscape
- D. guarantee safer spending of public funds

【答案】 D

【解析】 本题为具体细节题。根据题干的关键词 a magnifying glass 和大写字母 Moritz 定位到第四段第二句, 目的就是最后一句。本句提到 “to redirect those funds”, 基金重新引导, 本段首句也提及 a huge problem from...public expenditure。正确答案 D 的 guarantee safer spending 是对这两句的完全概括, 讨论公共基金更好的花费问题。干扰项 A 提到 fund, 但未说 raise more, 添加无关内容; 选项 B 与原文刚好相反, 不是 avoid 避免; 选项 C 是对原文 lower-hazard parts of the landscape 的偷换概念。

38. 【题干】 While admitting that climate is a key element, Moritz notes that _____.

【选项】

- A. public debates have not settled yet
- B. fire-fighting conditions are improving
- C. other factors should not be overlooked
- D. a shift in the view of fire has taken place

【答案】 C

【解析】 本题是文中人物观点的细节题。根据题干的关键词 climate is a key element 及大写字母 Moritz 定位到第 7 段的内容。本句中 Moritz 提到 “should not come at the expense of the equation”, 不以平等的代价而来。正确答案 A 中的不应该忽视其他因素是对本句的同义转化与概括。干扰项 A 的 public debates 来自第 6 段的 the focus 但未提及 settle 的话题, 也非本题定位句; 干扰项 B 的 conditions

是第 6 段的最后一句 conditions that worsen fires, 偷换动词 worsen 与 improving; 选项 D 的 a shift in the view of 是出现在第五段, 时态错误, 原文是 would require, 选项是 has taken place。

39. 【题干】The overly simplified view Moritz mentions is a result of failing to _____.

【选项】

- A. discover the fundamental makeup of nature
- B. explore the mechanism of the human systems
- C. maximize the role of landscape in human life
- D. understand the interrelations of man and nature

【答案】D

【解析】本题目为原因细节题。根据题干关键词 simplified view Moritz 定位到第 8 段的首句, “the human systems and the landscapes... are linked and the interactions go both ways”, 人类与环境是相联系的, 并且是相互作用的。正确答案 D 的 interactions 是原文的原词复现, man and nature 同义替换原文的 human... and landscapes。干扰项 A 原文未提及; 选项 B 的 human systems 是原词, 但是并无 mechanism 偷换概念; 选项 C 的 landscape 和 human 是原词出现, 但添加无关信息 maximize。

40. 【题干】Professor Balch points out that fire is something man should _____.

【选项】

- A. do away with
- B. come to terms with
- C. pay a price for
- D. keep away from

【答案】B

【解析】本题目为文中人物观点的细节题。根据题干的大写字母 Professor Balch 和 fire, man 定位到最后一段的最后一句, “important to understand...human connection with fire”, 人与火之间的联系。正确答案 B 的意思是达成协议, 符合原文。干扰项 A 的 do away with 是废除; 选项 C 的 pay a price for 是付出代价; 选项 D 的 keep away from 远离。

Part B

Directions:

Read the following text and match each of the numbered items in the left column to its corresponding information in the right column. There are two extra choices in the right column. Mark your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

The decline in American manufacturing is a common refrain, particularly from Donald Trump. "We don't make anything anymore," he told Fox News, while defending his own made-in-Mexico clothing line.

Without question, manufacturing has taken a significant hit during recent decades, and further trade deals raise questions about whether new shocks could hit manufacturing.

But there is also a different way to look at the data.

Across the country, factory owners are now grappling with a new challenge: instead of having too many workers, they may end up with too few. Despite trade competition and outsourcing, American manufacturing still needs to replace tens of thousands of retiring boomers every year. Millennials may not be that interested in taking their place, other industries are recruiting them with similar or better pay.

For factory owners, it all adds up to stiff competition for workers — and upward pressure on wages. "They're harder to find and they have job offers," says Jay Dunwell, president of Wolverine Coil Spring, a family-owned firm, "They may be coming [into the workforce], but they've been plucked by other industries that are also doing an well as manufacturing," Mr. Dunwell has begun bringing high school juniors to the factory so they can get exposed to its culture.

At RoMan Manufacturing, a maker of electrical transformers and welding equipment that his father cofounded in 1980, Robert Roth keep a close eye on the age of his nearly 200 workers, five are retiring this year. Mr. Roth has three community-college students enrolled in a work-placement program, with a starting wage of \$13 an hour that rises to \$17 after two years.

At a worktable inside the transformer plant, young Jason Stenquist looks flustered by the copper coils he's trying to assemble and the arrival of two visitors. It's his first week on the job. Asked about his choice of career, he says at high school he considered medical school before switching to electrical engineering. "I love working with tools. I love creating," he says.

But to win over these young workers, manufacturers have to clear another major hurdle: parents, who lived through the worst US economic downturn since the Great Depression, telling them to avoid the factory. Millennials "remember their father and mother both were laid off. They blame it on the manufacturing recession," says Birgit Klohs, chief executive of The Right Place, a business development agency for western Michigan.

These concerns aren't misplaced: Employment in manufacturing has fallen from 17 million in 1970 to 12 million in 2013. When the recovery began, worker shortages first appeared in the high-skilled trades. Now shortages are appearing at the mid-skill levels.

"The gap is between the jobs that take to skills and those that require a lot of skill," says Rob Spohr, a business professor at Montcalm Community College. "There're enough people to fill the jobs at McDonalds and other places where you don't need to have much skill. It's that gap in between, and that's where the problem is."

Julie Parks of Grand Rapids Community points to another key to luring Millennials into manufacturing: a work/life balance. While their parents were content to work long hours, young people value flexibility. "Overtime is not attractive to this generation. They really want to live their lives," she says.

[A] says that he switched to electrical engineering because he loves working with

tools.	
41. Jay Deuwell	[B] points out that there are enough people to fill the jobs that don't need much skill.
42. Jason Stenquist	[C] points out that the US doesn't manufacture anything anymore.
43. Birgit Klohs	[D] believes that it is important to keep a close eye on the age of his workers.
44. Rob Spohr	[E] says that for factory owners, workers are harder to find because of stiff competition.
45. Julie Parks	[F] points out that a work/life balance can attract young people into manufacturing.
	[G] says that the manufacturing recession is to blame for the lay-off the young people's parents.

41. 根据题干人名 Jay 定位文中“‘They’re harder to find and they have job offers,’”他们很难发现他们有工作邀请。harder 对应选项 stiff(艰难地)

42. 根据题干人名 Jason Stenquist 对应文中“‘I love working with tools. I love creating,’” he says. 我爱与工具打交道，我喜欢创新，tool 对应选项 tool

43. 根据题干人名 Birgit Klohs，定位文中“‘remember their father and mother both were laid off. They blame it on the manufacturing recession,’”记住他们的爸爸妈妈都下岗了，他们归因于生产萧条。文中 blame 对应选项 blame

44.根据人名 Rob Spohr,对应文中 The gap is between the jobs that take no skills and those that require a lot of skill,” says Rob Spohr, 工作之间的差距是那个不需要技能,而那些需要很多技能。文中 skill 对应选项 skill (技能)

45.题干问 Julie 的观点,对应文中“ We’ve never had so much attention from manufacturers.”我从没有得到过这么多来自制造商的注意, attraction 对应选项 attract (吸引)

Section III Translation

Directions:

Read the following text carefully and then translate the underlined segments into Chinese. Your translation should be written neatly on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

46. 【题干】 My Dream

My dream has always been to work somewhere in an area between fashion and publishing. Two years before graduating from secondary school, I took a sewing and design course thinking that I would move on to a fashion design course. However, during that course I realised that I was not good enough in this area to compete with other creative personalities in the future, so I decided that it was not the right path for me. Before applying for university I told everyone that I would study journalism, because writing was, and still is, one of my favourite activities. But, to be absolutely honest, I said it, because I thought that fashion and me together was just a dream - I knew that no one, apart from myself, could imagine me in the fashion industry at all!

2017 年英语二的翻译题是一篇关于梦想的小短文,全文共 5 句话,前两句话比较简短且简单,后三句较长,但难度也都不大。第一句话是个简单句,“我的梦想一直是在时装设计和出版领域找寻一份职业”。第二句话中, secondary school 是“中学”短语 move on to 是“继续做某事,转移到”,全句的意思是“在我中学毕业的两年前,我曾选修了一门“缝纫和设计”的课程, thinking that 做了非谓语动词的结构并且起到伴随状语的作用,翻译为“并以为我能再继续去修一门”时装设计“的课程”第三句话中,前半句是主语,谓语加宾语从句,后面是 so 引导的结果状语从句, during that course 是时间状语, I 是主语, realised 是谓语动词, that 引导宾语从句,其中 personalities 不能理解为个性,品格,在文中应该指名人,精英,人才, so 引导的结果状语从句中也是主语,谓语加宾语从句的结构,全句的

意思是“然而，就在整个学习过程中，我意识到，我将来在这个领域是无法与那些富于创新精神的精英人才相比的。于是，我断定这条路行不通”。第四句话中，Before applying for university 是时间状语，that 引导宾语从句，because 引导原因状语从句，本句的难点在于 writing was, and still is, one of my favorite activities 这一部分中 was 和 is 的翻译方法，表示过去和将来的状态，apply for 是申请的意思，journalism 要翻译成“新闻学”不能直译为“新闻业，新闻工作”，本句的意思是“在申请上大学之前，我对所有人讲：我想学新闻学，因为，写作曾经是并且现在也一直是我最喜欢的事情之一。”最后一句主句是主谓宾结构 I said it，后面是 because 引导原因状语从句，从句中是 I thought that 主谓加宾从结构，此句难点在于 fashion and me together was just a dream 的译法，不能直译，要意译为“我认为从事时装设计不过是一个梦想”，apart from 是“除了”的意思，结合上文 fashion industry 也可意译为“时装设计”，所以全句的意思是“但是，说实话，我之所以这样说，是因为我认为从事时装设计不过是我的一个梦想，我也知道，除了我之外，没有人能想象出我会从事时装设计的工作。”

我的梦想

我的梦想一直是在时装设计和出版领域找寻一份工作。在我中学毕业的两年前，我选修了一门“缝纫和设计”课程，并且以为我能再继续学习一个时装设计的课程。然而，就在这个课程的学习过程中，我意识到，将来在这个领域，我是无法与那些富于创新精神的精英们相比的。于是，我断定这条路行不通。在申请上大学之前，我对所有人都讲，我想学新闻学，因为，写作曾经是并且现在也一直是我最喜欢的事情之一。但是，说实话，我之所以这样说，是因为我认为从事时装设计不过是我的一个梦想，我也知道，除了我之外，没有人能想象出我会从事时装设计的工作。

Section IV Writing

Part A

51 Directions:

Suppose you are invited by Professor Williams to give a presentation about Chinese culture to a group of international students. Write a reply to

- 1) Accept the invitation, and
- 2) Introduce the key points of your presentation.

You should write neatly on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter, use “Li Ming” instead.

Do not write the address. (10 points)

范文：

Dear Professor Williams,

I feel really delighted and honored to be invited by you to give a presentation to the foreign students, and I will certainly be careful to prepare for the making of it.

To let the overseas students know much about our Chinese culture, I think that my presentation is supposed to include at least two key points. On the one hand, I will put much stress on the history of China. You must know that our China is an ancient country with a pretty long history. On the other hand, my second strong point should be put on the main diet in China. The reason is that Chinese people in different regions have totally different inclination to choose food and Chinese food everywhere is quite delicious.

Those two points are what I would like to emphasize, and I would like to know of your opinions on this and I wish you could give me some further ideas on it. I am looking forward to your reply. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Li Ming

真题解析

今年的小作文可谓既特别又不特别。特别之处在于历史上真题从来没有提及过 presentation 写法相关的话题被提到且并非直接考察邀请，而是考察对于邀请的回复；而并不特别的地方在于考察形式非常稳定，依然是书信，这个类别是平时考生除了拿出 10% 的精力在告示类题目上之外依然需要 90% 的精力去复习的内容。

此书信从内容上看与 2012 年英语一真题小作文的写法如出一辙，2012 年的真题是要求给留学生提出一些校园生活的建议。而 2017 年的这一篇非常技巧性地拐了两个小弯，一个是邀请信不直接考而考察回复的句型，另一个是表面上是做 presentation 的准备而实质上在表达上完全是建议信的套路。

从该书信的称呼来看，属于知道对方姓名且知其职业或身份，那么如果写成 Dear Sir or Madam, 或者 To Whom It May Concern, 是不合理的，而且直呼其名不加头衔也同样不合适，因此要使用 Dear Professor Williams. 注意这几个单词全部都需要大写开头字母。尤其大家直接用笔来写的时候，一定要尽量突出首字母。该书信首段需要表达对于威廉姆斯教授的邀请的接受，由于考纲明文规定除关键词外任何字词都最好不要照抄，因此如果为了避免照抄 accept 这个词，可以首先表达高兴和荣幸的心情，然后直接说自己一定会好好准备。

第二自然段实际上就是建议信，一般大家都会写对别人的建议，而这封信相当于给自己写建议，分条列款写出 presentation 的内容，但是千万不要忘记分别解释原因，因为如果单纯写内容会是什么而不写原因，会让内容显得非常没有逻辑，且更加现实的一个理由是，不解释原因很可能导致文章的字数会不够。而考生在思考具体内容落脚点的时候，应该尽量选取比较简单的词汇和比较好扩展原因的方面，比如中国的历史文化、饮食文化等等，这样一来我们的文章会更加有话可说。

而第三段则可以作一个小总结。最后期待一下对方的建议和回复即可。

落款：Yours sincerely, 特别提醒 sincerely 后面逗号不能丢；

签名：Li Ming 特别注意 Ming 后面一定不能出现句点。落款和前面左、右对齐都可以。

52. Directions:

Write your essay on ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)

You should

1) interpret the chart, and

2) give your comments.

You should write about 150 words on the ANSWER SHEET. (15points)



The chart shows great changes in the number of museums and their visitors during the period from 2013 to 2015. According to the data given, what we cannot fail to see is that there is a sharp growth in the amounts of museums from 4165 to 4697 over the period from 2013 to 2015, while it is also pronounced that the number of their visitors increased sharply from 637.8 million to 781.1 million during this period.

At least two fundamental factors could be identified to contribute to this phenomenon. To begin with, it is widely admitted that with the rapid economic development in the whole social climate has been the dramatically upgraded living standard, which results in the common phenomenon that people in growing numbers can afford the once-deemed-expensive experience. In addition, there is no denying that the authorities concerned have issued a series of preferential policies to protect and promote the development of cultural industry, which encourages a widespread extension of visitors.

From what has been discussed above, we may safely draw the conclusion that this trend will certainly maintain for quite a while in the near future, which will be of great benefits to our country and individual as well.

解析:

今年的大作文备考方向和我们压的方向完全相同, 具体体现在以下几方面。

第一、出题形式。2015年和2016年连续两年考到的是饼状图, 所以预测中我们已经讲到今年第一备选题型为柱状图和折线图(这两种图形属于同一种描述方式), 而今年考得是折线图, 正中押题中心。

第二、考试内容:英语二的考试内容一般为社会正向风气的拓展和人数的增加而今年又正中下怀。此外今年的话题方向其实和真题的出题方向也是一致的,如2010年发展中-发达国家手机订阅量发展、2011年2008,2009年国内轿车市场品牌市场份额以及2015年我国某市居民春节假期花销比例的出题方向完全相同。

第三、下面我们来解析今年的大作文这一部分

首先,拿到图表,我们应该观察其主要特征。在以往课堂中我们讲到柱状图和折线图主要描写事物变化趋势。所以,第一段第一句话总写图表是关于什么的,第二三句分写细节。

其次,第二段我们一般进行分析原因论述,为什么会有上图现象。一般会包含两到三点。

最后一段一般是三种情况,包括总结,解决措施和预测趋势。其中预测趋势最为简单明了。

具体范文如上,大家可以参考。