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中央广播电视大学 2008—2009 学年度第一学期“开放本科”期末考试

高级英语写作 试题

2009 年 1 月

注 意 事 项

一、将你的学号、姓名及分校(工作站)名称填写在答题纸的规定栏内。考试结束后,把试卷和答题纸放在桌上。试卷和答题纸均不得带出考场。

二、仔细阅读题目的说明,并按题目要求答题。答案一定要写在答题纸指定的位置上,写在试卷上的答案无效。

三、用蓝、黑圆珠笔或钢笔答题,使用铅笔答题无效。

Information for the Examinees:

This examination consists of three parts. These are:

Part 1: Reading and Summary (35 points)

Part 2: Writing a Letter (25 points)

Part 3: Writing (40 points)

The total marks for this examination are 100 points. Time allowed for completing this examination is 90 minutes.

Part 1, Reading and Summary (35 points)

Questions 1—5 are based on the following task. (10 points)

Sequencing:

The following sentences go together to form a paragraph, but they are in the wrong order. Read the sentences carefully and put them in the right order. Write the correct letter of your choice (A—E) in the proper box and then transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.

A. Unfortunately my present position offers me little opportunity to further develop my understanding of English literature.

B. I wonder if you would be so kind as to let me know details of any scholarships for which I might be eligible to apply.

C. Currently I am working as an English teacher at a middle school, having graduated from Chengdu Normal University with a BA in English Literature in 1994.

D. I feel keenly the need for further training in this field and am greatly attracted by the courses offered by your university and the reputation it enjoys.

E. In addition to my teaching duties I have been given special responsibility for curriculum development and course management.

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| Question | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sentence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Correct Order | | | | | |

Questions 6—9 are based on the following task. (10 points)

Identifying the topic sentences:

Read the following description of culture and customs of western countries. The topic sentence for each paragraph is omitted. Choose the correct topic sentence for each paragraph from the list of A—E provided. Put your answer in the proper box and then transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.

6 The Frenchwoman sees herself as the equal of man. Given an opportunity to play the same role as a man in public life, she has often avoided accepting it in fear of losing her femininity, and men have cheered her for it. So it is not surprising that the modern "Women's Lib" movement in its radical form has never been popular here.

7 French girls today desire for equality of rights and career prospects, equal personal freedom, and equality in marriage; they no longer expect their husbands to take all the decisions and do none of the chores. She demands equal control over shared finance; and she insists that her own leisure interests, her own cultural or other needs be taken seriously as her husband's.

8 As late as in the 1960s, French unmarried girls as a whole were still among the most virginal in Europe, outside Italy and Spain. However, sexual freedom finally began to

spread in France. Young people got more leisure and money for going out together. The 1970s and 1980s saw a further big change, essentially among the very young and in parental attitudes to them. In general, sexual freedom in France has now reached the same level as in Britain, Germany or Sweden.

9 In the post-war years, marriage was the great ideal and people were marrying young. But now they are turning against it. Around 60 percent of people between 21 and 34 do not think it worth going through any marriage ceremony. The girls, above all, are now the ones refusing to marry. They are afraid of being caught up in the traditional role of the housewife.

A. However, in the past decades a milder and different kind of feminism has now taken root among the new generation.

B. People have got a more tolerant attitude towards teenage girls.

C. The number of marriages fell sharply.

D. The sexual attitudes and behaviors of French girls have also been changing dramatically.

E. Socially, women in France have rarely been treated as inferior, as in some southern countries.

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| Paragraph | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Correct Answer | | | | |

Question 10: Writing a Summary (15 points)

Summarize the above passage (i.e., the passage in Questions 6—9) in your own words. Your summary should be 70 to 80 words. Write your summary on the Answer Sheet.

Part 2: Writing a Letter (25 points)

Question 11: Writing a Letter of Congratulation

Suppose you are Thomas Robbins from Robbins Steel Corporation. You are also President of the "Twenty-Five-Year Club". Write a letter congratulating a colleague of yours, Mr. Herb Smith, on his becoming a member of the Twenty-Five-Year Club upon the completion of 25 years at Robbins Steel Corporation. Base your letter on the following notes:

- (1) to celebrate Mr. Smith
- (2) to invite him to join the Club
- (3) to sing high praise of the Club
- (4) to express thanks to Mr. Smith's loyalty and faith
- (5) to inform Mr. Smith:

- to receive a letter of invitation to the annual Club Dinner very soon
- to become a formally-inducted member at the annual Club Dinner
- to hope to see him at the Dinner
- to congratulate him in person

Note:

(1) Write a correctly laid out letter, which might include the letterhead, date, name and address of recipient, salutation, body of the letter, complementary close, signature, and sender's printed name as well as job title. 5 points will be deducted for failing to follow the letter format properly.

(2) You should write about 120 words.

(3) Write the answer on your Answer Sheet.

Part 3: Writing an Argument (40 points)

Question 12:

Write an argumentative essay on the following topic: Life will be better in the future. You should write four paragraphs;

- (1) an introduction to the topic
- (2) arguments FOR
- (3) arguments AGAINST
- (4) conclusion (your own opinion)

Here are some points that you can use in your essay, but you are free to use your own ideas. You should write about 150—200 words. Write the answer on your Answer Sheet.

| For | Against |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The rate of population increase is falling. Food supplies are increasing because of new varieties and fertilizers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World population will reach 8,000 million by the end of the century. The amount of cultivable land is steadily being reduced. Food supplies will not keep up with rising population. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Machines will do the dirty, unpleasant or monotonous work. Everyone will have more time to enjoy life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unemployment will increase because machines can replace machine operators, clerks, shop assistants and many others. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Air and water pollution is decreasing in the west. New laws help limit pollution. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Industrial pollution is becoming serious in the developing countries. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Life expectancy is increasing. Cures are being found for some of the major killer diseases. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New illness caused by strains of modern living will appear. |

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Part 1: Reading and Summary [35 points]

Questions 1—5: 10 points, 2 points each.

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Questions 6—9: 10 points, 2.5 points each.

6. 7. 8. 9.

Question 10: 15 points.

- Check that the main points of the original passage are included. (10 points)
- Check that the information is organized logically. (2 points)
- Check that the language used is appropriate and accurate. (3 points)

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Part 2: Writing a Letter [25 points]

Question 11:

- Check that the content of the letter is relevant and appropriate. (10 points)
- Check that the language used is appropriate and accurate. (10 points)
- Check that the layout of the letter is appropriate; the use of paragraphs, space, position of opening and closing expressions, etc. (5 points)
- Both British and American spellings are acceptable. Special attention should be paid to the formality of the language.

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Part 3: Writing an Argument [40 points]

Question 12:

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| Life will be better in the future |
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(供参考)

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Part 1: Reading and Summary (35 points)

Questions 1—5: 10 points, 2 points each.

1. C 2. E 3. A 4. D 5. B

Questions 6—9: 10 points, 2.5 points each.

6. E 7. A 8. D 9. C

Question 10: 15 points.

- Check that the main points of the original passage are included. (10 points)
- Check that the information is organized logically. (2 points)
- Check that the language used is appropriate and accurate. (3 points)

An example:

Summary

Although Frenchwoman sees herself as the equal of man, she would not like to lose her femininity. So the modern “Woman’s lib” movement in its radical form has never gained popularity in France. However, French girls desire for the same rights and career as well as equality in marriage. The sexual attitudes and behavior have been changing owing to the spread of sexual freedom. Many girls do not want to marry since they are afraid of becoming a housewife.

Part 2: Writing a Letter (25 points)

Question 11:

- Check that the content of the letter is relevant and appropriate. (10 points)
- Check that the language used is appropriate and accurate. (10 points)
- Check that the layout of the letter is appropriate; the use of paragraphs, space, position of opening and closing expressions, etc. (5 points)
- Both British and American spellings are acceptable. Special attention should be paid to the formality of the language.

An example:

Dear Mr. Smith,

I consider it a distinct privilege to congratulate you on the completion of 25 years at Robbins Steel Corporation and to invite you to become a member of the Twenty-Five-Year Club.

As far as I am concerned, there is no group as important, for it is they who have contributed the most to our growth and our good name. I hope you look back on those years with great satisfaction and pride. It's a grand achievement, and I want you to know how much I personally appreciate your loyalty and confidence.

Shortly you will receive an invitation to the annual Twenty-Five-Year Club Dinner at which you will be formally inducted. I look forward to seeing you there and congratulating you in person on becoming a member of this very exclusive group.

Sincerely yours,
 Thomas Robbins
 President
 Twenty-Five-Year Club

Part 3: Writing an Argument (40 points)

Question 12:

Marking Guidelines

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| 36—40 | Excellent | Reasonably free from errors, substantial length, well-constructed, relevant ideas, all the main arguments presented with adequate examples, good use of complex sentence forms, appropriate choice of words and structures. |
| 32—35 | Very good | A few errors, but not too intrusive to reader's understanding, reasonable length, relevant ideas, main arguments covered, but possibly some examples or information missing, few errors in complex sentence forms, few errors in control of structure and words. |
| 25—31 | Good | Reader can follow the argument, but a little interference from errors of structure and choice of words, few errors in subject/verb agreement, most of main arguments presented, a little irrelevant information or lack of relevant examples, control of simple sentence structure, but errors in complex sentences. |
| 24 | Pass | Ideas can be followed without too much difficulty on the part of the reader, argument lacks some coherence, a few errors of structure and choice of words are intrusive, control only of simple sentence forms, errors in subject/verb agreement. |
| 16—23 | Weak | Difficult to follow ideas, argument weakly presented, some errors even in simple sentence formation, errors in structure and vocabulary are many and are somewhat intrusive. |
| 0—15 | Very poor | Errors in structure and vocabulary prevent much understanding of the message, serious errors in sentence formation, arguments not well presented. |

Here is a sample essay:

Life will be better in the future

Nowadays many people are worried that life will be getting worse in the future. In my view, they don't have to worry so much because I believe future life of human being will become much better than now.

The first reason is the rate of population increase is falling. Countries like China have adopted an effective birth control policy to decrease the growth of population. In many western countries, the rate of population increase has been below 0 for a few years. At the same time, food supplies are increasing because of new varieties and fertilizers. People can easily get what they like in the local supermarket.

Another reason is the impact of technology. Machines will do the dirty, unpleasant or monotonous work. Road cleaners don't have to get up early in the morning because robots will do the job. Shop assistants will find that their work will get easy with the help of modern machines to put the goods on the shelves. Everyone will have more time to enjoy life.

In the future, with the development of technology and economy, we will be living in a cleaner, wealthier and more peaceful world. Life of human being will be getting better and better.

说明:当总分出现 0.5 分时,在总分上加 1 分取整。