

2021 年全国硕士研究生入学统一考试

英语(二)试题

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)

It's not difficult to set targets for staff. It is harder, 1 to understand their negative consequences. Most work-related behaviors have multiple components. 2 one and the others become distorted.

Travel on London bus and you'll 3 see how this works with drivers. Watch people get on and show their tickets. Are they carefully inspected? Never. Do people get on without paying? Of course! Are there inspectors to 4 that people have paid? Possibly, but very few. And people who run for the bus? They are 5. How about jumping lights? Buses do so almost as frequently as cyclist.

Why? Because the target is 6. People complained that buses were late and infrequent. 7, the number of buses and bus lanes were increased, and drivers were 8 or punished according to the time they took. And drivers hit these targets. But they 9 hit cyclists. If the target was changed to 10, you would have more inspectors and more sensitive pricing. If the criterion changed to safety, you would get more 11 drivers who obeyed traffic laws. But both these criteria would be at the expense of time.

There is another 12: people became immensely inventive in hitting targets. Have you 13 that you can leave on a flight an hour late but still arrive on time? Tailwinds? Of course not! Airlines have simply changed the time a 14 is meant to take. A one-hour flight is now billed as a two-hour flight.

The 15 of the story is simple. Most jobs are multidimensional, with multiple criteria. Choose one criterion and you may well 16 others. Everything can be done faster and made cheaper, but there is a 17. Setting targets can and does have unforeseen negative consequences.

This is not an argument against target-setting. But it is an argument for exploring consequences first. All good targets should have multiple criteria 18 factors such as time, money, quality and customer feedback. The trick is not only to 19 just one or even two dimensions of the objective, but also to understand how to help people better 20 the objective.

1. [A] therefore [B] however [C] again [D] moreover
2. [A] Emphasize [B] Identity [C] Access [D] Explain
3. [A] nearby [B] curiously [C] eagerly [D] quickly
4. [A] claim [B] prove [C] check [D] recall
5. [A] ignored [B]threatened [C] mock [D] blamed
6. [A] punctuality [B]hospitality [C] competition [D] innovation

7. [A] tolerant [B] formal [C] rigid [D] critical
8. [A] Yet [B] So [C] Besides [D] Still
9. [A] only [B] rather [C] once [D] also
10. [A] comfort [B] revenue [C] efficiency [D] security
11. [A] friendly [B] quiet [C] cautious [D] diligent
12. [A] purpose [B] problem [C] prejudice [D] policy
13. [A] reported [B] revealed [C] admitted [D] noticed
14. [A] break [B] trip [C] department [D] transfer
15. [A] moral [B] background [C] style [D] form
16. [A] interpret [B] criticize [C] sacrifice [D] tolerate
17. [A] task [B] secret [C] protect [D] cost
18. [A] leading to [B] calling for [C] relating to [D] accounting for
19. [A] specify [B] predict [C] restore [D] create
20. [A] modify [B] review [C] present [D] achieve

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-

“Reskilling” is something like a buzzword but is actually a requirement if we plan to have a future where a lot of would-be workers do not get left behind. We know we are moving into a period where the jobs in demand will change rapidly, as will the requirements of the jobs that remain. Research by the WEF, detailed in the Harvard Business Review, finds that on average 42 percent of the “core skills” within job roles will change by 2022. That is a very short timeline, so we can only imagine what the changes will be further in the future.

The question of who should pay for reskilling is a thorny one. For individual companies, the temptation is always to let go of workers whose skills are no longer in demand and replace them with those whose skills are. That does not always happen. AT&T is often given as the gold

standard of a company who decided to do a massive reskilling program rather than go with a fire-and-hire strategy, ultimately retraining 18,000 employees. Prepandemic, other companies including Amazon and Disney had also pledged to create their own plans. When the skills mismatch is in the broader economy though, the focus usually turns to government to handle. Efforts in Canada and elsewhere have been arguably languid at best, and have given us a situation where we frequently hear of employers begging for workers, even at times and in regions where unemployment is high.

With the pandemic, unemployment is very high indeed. In February, at 3.5 percent and 53 percent respectively, unemployment rates in Canada and the United States were at generational lows and worker shortages were everywhere. As of May, those rates had spiked up to 13.3 percent and 13.7 percent, and although many worker shortages had disappeared, not all had done so. In the medical field, to take an obvious example, the pandemic meant that there were still clear shortages of doctors, nurses and other medical personnel.

Of course, it is not like you can take an unemployed waiter and train him to be a doctor in a few weeks, no matter who pays for it. But even if you cannot close that gap, maybe you can close others, and doing so would be to the benefit of all concerned. That seems to be the case in Sweden: when forced to furlough 90 percent of their cabin staff, Scandinavian Airlines decided to start up a short retraining program that reskilled the laid off workers to support hospital staff. The effort was a collective one and involved other companies as well as a Swedish university.

21. Research by the World Economic Forum suggests_____.

- [A] a controversy about the "core skills"
- [B] an increase in full-time employment
- [C] an urgent demand for new jobs skills
- [D] a steady growth of job opportunities

22. AT&T is cited to show_____.

- [A] an immediate need for government support
- [B] an alternative to the fire-and-hire strategy
- [C] the characteristics of reskilling programs
- [D] the importance of staff appraisal standards.

23. Efforts to resolve the skills mismatch in Canada_____.

- [A] have appeared to be insufficient
- [B] have driven up labour costs
- [C] have proved to be inconsistent
- [D] have met with fierce opposition

24. We can learn from Paragraph 3 that there was_____.

[A] a sign of economic recovery

[B] a call for policy adjustment

[C] a change on hiring practices

[D] a lack of medical workers

25. Scandinavian Airlines decided to_____.

[A] create job vacancies for the unemployed

[B] retrain their cabin staff for better services

[C] prepare their laid-off workers for other jobs.

[D] finance their staff's college education

-Text 2-

With the global population predicted to hit close to 10 billion by 2050, and forecasts that agricultural production in some regions will need to nearly double to keep pace, food security is increasingly making headlines. In the UK, it has become a big talking point recently too, for a rather particular reason: Brexit.

Brexit is seen by some as an opportunity to reverse a recent trend towards the UK importing food. The country produces only about 60 percent of the food it eats, down from almost three-quarters in the late 1980s. A move back to self-sufficiency, the argument goes, would boost the farming industry, political sovereignty and even the nation's health. Sounds great — but how feasible is this vision?

According to a report on UK food production from the University of Leeds, UK, 85 percent of the country's total land area is associated with meat and dairy production. That supplies 80 percent of what is consumed, so even covering the whole country in livestock farms wouldn't allow us to cover all our meat and dairy needs.

There are many caveats to those figures, but they are still grave. To become much more self-sufficient, the UK would need to drastically reduce its consumption of animal foods, and probably also farm more intensively - meaning fewer green fields, and more factory-style production.

But switching to a mainly plant-based diet wouldn't help. There is a good reason why the UK is dominated by animal husbandry: most of its retrain doesn't have the right soil or climate to grow crops on a commercial basis. Just 25 percent of the country's land is suitable for crop-growing, most of which is already occupied by arable fields. Even if we converted all the suitable land to fields of fruit and veg-which would involve taking out all the nature reserves and removing thousands of people from their homes-we would achieve only a 30 percent boost in crop production.

Just 23 percent of the fruit and vegetables consumed in the UK are currently home-grown, so with the most extreme measures we could meet only 30 percent of our fresh produce needs. That is before we look for the space to grow the grains, sugars, seeds and oils that provide us with the vast bulk of our current calorie intake.

26. Some people argue that food self-sufficiency in the UK would_____.

- [A] be hindered by its population growth
- [B] contribute to the nation's well-being
- [C] become a priority of the government
- [D] pose a challenge to its farming industry

27. The report by the University of Leeds shows that in the UK_____.

- [A] farmland has been inefficiently utilized
- [B] factory-style production needs reforming
- [C] most land is used for meat and dairy production
- [D] more green fields will be converted for farming

28. Crop-growing in the UK is restricted due to_____.

- [A] its farming technology
- [B] its dietary tradition
- [C] its natural conditions
- [D] its commercial interests

29. It can be learned from the last paragraph that British people_____.

- [A] rely largely on imports for fresh produce
- [B] enjoy a steady rise in fruit consumption
- [C] are seeking effective ways to cut calorie intake
- [D] are trying to grow new varieties of grains

30. The author's attitude to food self-sufficiency in the UK is_____.

- [A] defensive
- [B] doubtful

[C] tolerant

[D] optimistic

-Text 3-

When Microsoft bought task management app Wunderlist and mobile calendar Sunrise in 2015, it picked up two newcomers that were attracting considerable buzz in Silicon Valley. Microsoft's own Office dominates the market for "productivity" software, but the start-ups represented a new wave of Technology designed from the ground up for the smartphone world.

Both apps , however, were later scrapped, after Microsoft said it had used their best features in its own products. Their teams of engineers stayed on, making them two of the many "acqui-hires" that the biggest companies have used to feed their insatiable hunger for tech talent.

To Microsoft's critics, the fates of Wunderlist and Sunrise are examples of a remorseless drive by Big Tech to chew up any innovative companies that lie in their path. "They bought the seedlings and closed them down," complained Paul Arnold, a partner at San Francisco-based Switch Ventures, putting paid to businesses that might one day turn into competitors. Microsoft declined to comment.

Like other start-up investors, Mr Arnold's own business often depends on selling start-ups to larger tech companies, though he admits to mixed feelings about the result: "I think these things are good for me, if I put my selfish hat on. But are they good for the American economy? I don't know."

The US Federal Trade Commission says it wants to find the answer to that question. This week, it asked the five most valuable US tech companies for information about their many small acquisitions over the past decade. Although only a research project at this stage, the request has raised the prospect of regulators wading into early-stage tech markets that until now have been beyond their reach.

Given their combined market value of more than \$5.5tn, rifling through such small deals —many of them much less prominent than Wunderlist and Sunrise — might seem beside the point. Between them, the five companies (Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon and Facebook) have spent an average of only \$3.4bn a year on sub-\$1bn acquisitions over the past five years—a drop in the ocean compared with their massive financial reserves, and the more than \$130bn of venture capital that was invested in the US last year.

However, critics say that the big companies use such deals to buy their most threatening potential competitors before their businesses have a chance to gain momentum, in some cases as part of a "buy and kill" tactic to simply close them down.

31. What is true about Wunderlist and Sunrise after their acquisitions?

- [A] Their market values declined.
- [B] Their engineers were retained.
- [C] Their tech features improved.
- [D] Their products were re-priced

32. Microsoft's critics believe that the big tech companies tend to

- [A] Exaggerate their product quality
- [B] Treat new tech talent unfairly

- [C] Eliminate their potential competitors
- [D] Ignore public opinions

33. Paul Amold is concerned that small acquisitions might_____.

- [A] Weaken big tech companies
- [B] Worse market competition
- [C] Discourage start-up investors
- [D] Harm the national economy

34. The US Federal Trade Commission intends to_____.

- [A] Surprise start-up's operations
- [B] Encourage research collaboration
- [C] Limit Big Tech's expansion
- [D] Examine small acquisitions

35. For the five biggest tech companies, their small acquisitions have_____.

- [A] Raised few management challenges
- [B] Brought little financial pressure
- [C] Set an example for future deals
- [D] Generated considerable profits

-Text 4-

We're fairly good at judging people based on first impressions, thin slices of experience ranging from a glimpse of a photo to a five-minute interaction, and deliberation can be not only extraneous but intrusive. In one study of the ability she dubbed "thin slicing," the late psychologist Nalini Ambady asked participants to watch silent 10-second video clips of professors and to rate the instructor's overall effectiveness. Their ratings correlated strongly with students' end-of-semester ratings. Another set of participants had to count backward from 1,000 by nines as they watched the clips, occupying their conscious working memory. Their ratings were just as accurate, demonstrating the intuitive nature of the social processing.

Critically, another group was asked to spend a minute writing down reasons for their judgment, before giving the rating. Accuracy dropped dramatically. Ambady suspected that deliberation focused them on vivid but misleading cues, such as certain gestures or utterances, rather than letting the complex interplay of subtle signals form a holistic impression. She found similar interference when participants watched 15-second clips of pairs of people and judged whether they were strangers, friends, or dating partners.

Other research shows we're better at detecting deception and sexual orientation from thin slices when we rely on intuition instead of reflection. "It's as if you're driving a stick shift," says Judith Hall, a psychologist at Northeastern University, "and if you start thinking about it too much, you can't remember what you're doing. But if you go on automatic pilot, you're fine. Much of our social life is like that."

Thinking too much can also harm our ability to form preferences. College students' ratings of strawberry jams and college courses aligned better with experts' opinions when the students weren't asked to analyze their rationale. And people made car-buying decisions that were both objectively better and more personally satisfying when asked to focus on their feelings rather than on details, but only if the decision was complex—when they had a lot of information to process.

Intuition's special powers are unleashed only in certain circumstances. In one study, participants completed a battery of eight tasks, including four that tapped reflective thinking (discerning rules, comprehending vocabulary) and four that tapped intuition and creativity (generating new products or figures of speech). Then they rated the degree to which they had used intuition ("gut feelings,"

“hunches,” “my heart”). Use of their gut hurt their performance on the first four tasks, as expected, and helped them on the rest. Sometimes the heart is smarter than the head.

36. Nalini Ambady's study deals with_____.
- A. instructor student interaction
 - B. the power of people's memory
 - C. the reliability of first impressions
 - D. people's ability to influence others
37. In Ambady's study, rating accuracy dropped when participants .
- A. gave the rating in limited time
 - B. focused on specific details
 - C. watched shorter video clips
 - D. discussed with on another
38. Judith Hall mentions driving to show that_____.
- A. memory can be selective
 - B. reflection can be distracting
 - C. social skills must be cultivated
 - D. deception is difficult to detect
39. When you are making complex decisions, it is advisable to_____.
- A. follow your feelings
 - B. list your preferences
 - C. seek expert advice
 - D. collect enough data
40. What can we learn from the last paragraph?
- A. Generating new products takes time.
 - B. Intuition may affect reflective tasks.
 - C. Vocabulary comprehension needs creativity.
 - D. Objective thinking may boost intuitiveness.

Part B

Directions:

Reading the following text and answer the questions by choosing the most suitable subheading from the list A-G for each numbered paragraphs (41-45) . There are two extra subheadings which you not need to use. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

- [A] Stay calm
- [B] Stay humble
- [C] Don't make judgments
- [D] Be realistic about the risks
- [E] Decide whether to wait
- [F] Ask permission to disagree

[G] Identify a shared goal

How to Disagree with Someone More Powerful than You

Your boss proposes a new initiative you think won't work. Your senior colleague outlines a project timeline you think is unrealistic. What do you say when you disagree with someone who has more power than you do? How do you decide whether it's worth speaking up? And if you do, what exactly should you say? Here's how to disagree with someone more powerful than you.

41. _____

You may decide it's best to hold off on voicing your opinion. Maybe you haven't finished thinking the problem through, the whole discussion was a surprise to you, or you want to get a clearer sense of what the group thinks. If you think other people are going to disagree too, you might want to gather your army first. People can contribute experience or information to your thinking—all the things that would make the disagreement stronger or more valid. It's also a good idea to delay the conversation if you're in a meeting or other public space. Discussing the issue in private will make the powerful person feel less threatened.

42. _____

Before you share your thoughts, think about what the powerful person cares about—it may be the credibility of their team or getting a project done on time. You're more likely to be heard if you can connect your disagreement to a higher purpose. When you do speak up, don't assume the link will be clear. You'll want to state it overtly, contextualizing your statements so that you're seen not as a disagreeable underling but as a colleague who's trying to advance a shared goal. The discussion will then become more like a chess game than a boxing match.

43. _____

This step may sound overly deferential, but it's a smart way to give the powerful person psychological safety and control. You can say something like, "I know we seem to be moving toward a first-quarter commitment here. I have reasons to think that won't work. I'd like to lay out my reasoning. Would that be OK?" This gives the person a choice, allowing them to verbally opt in. And, assuming they say yes, it will make you feel more confident about voicing your disagreement.

44. _____

You might feel your heart racing or your face turning red, but do whatever you can to remain neutral in both your words and actions. When your body language communicates reluctance or anxiety, it undercuts the message. It sends a mixed message, and your counterpart gets to choose what to read. Deep breaths can help, as can speaking more slowly and deliberately. When we feel panicky we tend to talk louder and faster. Simply slowing the pace and talking in an even tone helps the other person calm down and does the same for you. It also makes you seem confident, even if you aren't.

45. _____

Emphasize that you're offering your opinion, not gospel truth. It may be a well-informed, well-researched opinion, but it's still an opinion, so talk tentatively and slightly understate your confidence. Instead of saying something like, "If we set an end-of-quarter deadline, we'll never make it," say, "This is just my opinion, but I don't see how we will make that deadline." Having asserted your position (as a position, not as a fact) demonstrates equal curiosity about other views. Remind the person that this is your point of view, and then invite critique. Be open to hearing other opinions.

Section III Translation

46. Directions:

Translate the following text into Chinese. Write your translation on the ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)

We tend to think that friends and family members are our biggest sources of connection, laughter and warmth. While that may well be true, researchers have also recently found that interacting with strangers actually brings a boost in mood and feelings of belonging that we didn't expect.

In one series of studies, researchers instructed Chicago-area commuters using public transportation to strike up a conversation with someone near them. On average, participants who followed this instruction felt better than those who had been told to stand or sit in silence. The researchers also argued that when we shy away from casual interactions with strangers, it is often due to a misplaced anxiety that they might not want to talk to us. Much of the time, however, this belief is false. As it turns out, many people are actually perfectly willing to talk—and may even be flattered to receive your attention.

Section IV Writing

Part A

47. Directions:

Suppose you are organizing an online meeting. Write an email to Jack, an international student, to

- 1) invite him to participate, and
- 2) tell him about the details.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not use your own name. Use "Li Ming" instead. (10 points)

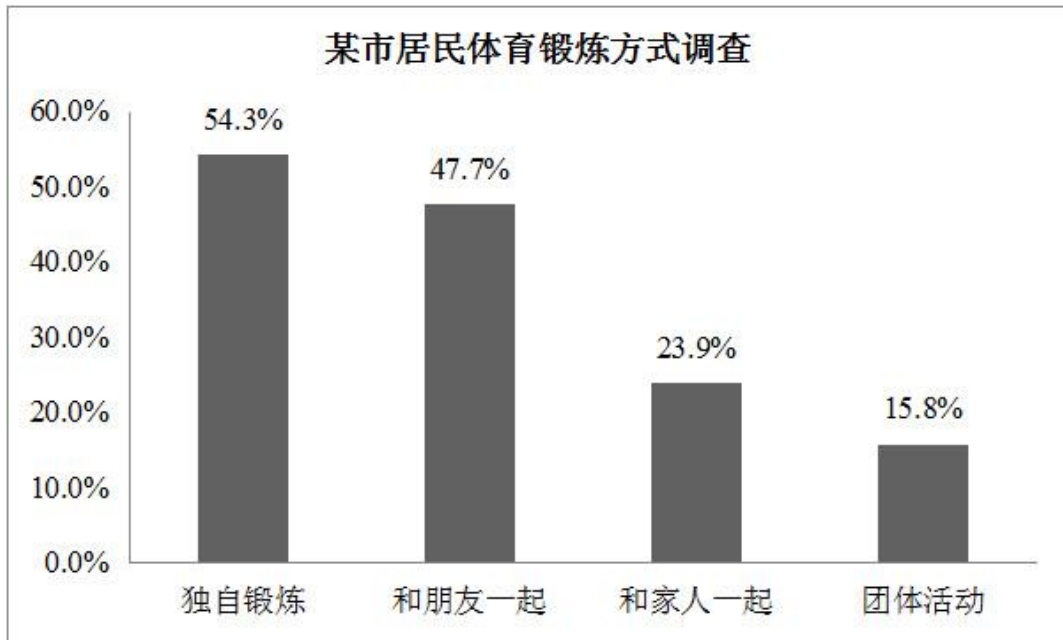
Part B

48. Directions:

Write an essay based on the chart below. In your writing, you should

- 1) interpret the chart, and
- 2) give your comments.

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



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1-5	BADCB	6-10	ABCDB	11-15	CBDBA
16-20	CDCAD	21-25	CBADC	26-30	BCCAB
31-35	BCDDB	36-40	CBBAB	41-45	EGFAB

46.参考译文:

我们往往认为,朋友和家人是我们人际关系、快乐和温暖的^{最大}源泉。尽管这一点也许十分正确,但研究人员最近也发现,与陌生人交流实际上可带来意想不到的情绪改善和归属感。

在一项系列研究中,研究人员让芝加哥乘坐公共交通工具的通勤者与坐在旁边的人搭讪。平均而言,遵循指示的乘客比那些被告知静默站着或坐着的人感觉要好。研究人员还称,当我们躲避与陌生人的随机互动时,往往是因为我们产生了一种不适当的焦虑——以为别人可能不想和我们说话。然而,大多数时候,这种看法是错误的。事实证明,许多人其实非常愿意交流,甚至可能因为你的关注倍感荣幸。

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2021 年全国硕士研究生入学统一考试英语(二)解析

Section I 完型填空

1. 【答案】B (however)

【解析】逻辑关系题。观察选项可知，本题考查逻辑关系。比较前后两句语义，即 *It's not difficult to...* (做.....不难) 和 *it is much harder to...* (做.....难得多)，由 *not difficult* 和 *much harder* 可知，前后两句语义相反，B 项 *however* (提示转折关系) 符合原文逻辑关系。本题答案为 B 项。

干扰选项：A 项 *therefore* (因此) 提示因果关系，C 项 *again* (又、再) 提示并列关系，D 项 *moreover* (而且) 提示递进关系，均不符合原文逻辑关系。

2. 【答案】A (Emphasize)

【解析】逻辑关系题。句中 *one* 和 *the other* 提示对比关系，*and* 前后语义相反。由 *and* 后的 *the others become distorted* (其余的就被扭曲了) 可知，A 项 *Emphasize* (强调) 符合原文逻辑关系，即，强调一个，其余则被忽略扭曲。本题答案为 A 项。

干扰选项：B 项 *Identify* (识别)，C 项 *Assess* (评估)，D 项 *Explain* (解释) 均不符合原文逻辑关系。

3. 【答案】D (quickly)

【解析】语境题。代词 *this* 指代前一句的观点，即，设定目标会带来负面后果：只强调一点，其余则被忽略扭曲。本句是对该观点的举例论述。对比各项语义：A 项 *nearly* (几乎)，B 项 *curiously* (好奇地)，C 项 *eagerly* (渴望地) 和 D 项 *quickly* (快速地)。其中 D 项符合原文语义，即：坐上伦敦公交车，你很快就会看到这点是如何体现在司机身上的 (*Travel on a London bus and you'll quickly see how this works with drivers*)。本题答案为 D 项。

4. 【答案】C (check)

【解析】语境题。观察本段句式特点，可知，本段首句 (*Watch people get on and show their tickets*) 与下文为总分关系。作者随后以自问自答的形式，引出在公交车上乘车买票这一场景中几个群体的表现。由前文 *Do people get on without paying? Of course!* (人们会逃票上车吗？当然！) 对乘客表现的提问可知，本句要对检票员 (*inspectors*) 是否尽到检票责任提问。因此 C 项 *check* (检查) 符合原文语义。本题答案为 C 项。

干扰选项：A 项 *claim* (宣称)，B 项 *prove* (证明) 和 D 项 *recall* (记起) 均不符合原文语义。

5. 【答案】B (ignored)

【解析】干扰选项：A 项 *threatened* (被威胁)，C 项 *mocked* (被嘲弄) 和 D 项 *blamed* (被责备) 均不符合原文语义。

6. 【答案】A (punctuality)

【解析】逻辑关系题。本句为段首句，本段下文与段首句为总分关系，语义一致。借助下文中 *drivers were 8 or punished according to the time they took* (司机根据所用的时长获得 8 或惩

罚)，以及 **And drivers hit these targets**（司机们达到这些目标），可知，本句的 **target**（目标）与时间有关。A 项 **punctuality**（准时）符合原文逻辑关系。

干扰选项：B 项 **hospitality**（好客），C 项 **competition**（竞争）和 D 项 **innovation**（创新）均不符合原文逻辑关系。

7. 【答案】B (So)

【解析】逻辑关系题。观察选项可知，本题考查句间逻辑关系。比较前后两句语义，即 **People complained that buses were late and infrequent**（人们抱怨公交车晚点且班次较少）和 **the number of buses and bus lanes were increased**（公交车和公交车道的数量增加），可知二者为因果关系，即，人们抱怨为因，增加公交车数量为果。B 项 **So**（所以）符合原文逻辑关系。本题答案为 B 项。

干扰选项：A 项 **Yes**（确实如此），C 项 **Besides**（此外）和 D 项 **Still**（仍然）均不符合原文逻辑关系。

8. 【答案】C (rewarded)

【解析】逻辑关系题。**or**（或者）提示选择关系，由 **or** 后面的 **punished**（惩罚）可知，C 项 **rewarded**（奖励）符合原文逻辑，即，根据所花时长，司机们或接受奖励或遭受惩罚。本题答案为 C 项。

干扰选项：A 项 **hired**（被雇佣），B 项 **trained**（被培训）和 D 项 **grouped**（被分组）均不符合原文逻辑关系。

9. 【答案】D (also)

【解析】逻辑关系题。观察选项可知，本题考查句间逻辑关系。比较上句 **drivers hit these targets** 与本句 **they 9 hit cyclists**，可发现，**hit** 为原词复现，提示两句为平行结构，D 项 **also**（也）符合原文逻辑，即，两个 **hit** 两个目标：前者 **hit** 到的是真正目标；后者 **hit** 到的是 **cyclists**，意为误撞。由此引出设定目标带来的负面后果。本题答案为 D 项。

干扰选项：A 项 **only**（只有），B 项 **rather**（宁可）和 C 项 **once**（一旦）均不符合原文语义。

10. 【答案】B (revenue)

【解析】语境题。根据后半句 **you would have more inspectors and more sensitive pricing**（你将会看到更多检票员和更敏感的价格）可知，本题与金钱有关。B 项 **revenue**（收益）符合原文语义。本题答案为 B 项。

干扰选项：A 项 **comfort**（舒适），C 项 **efficiency**（效率）和 D 项 **security**（安全）均不符合原文语义。

11. 【答案】C (cautious)

【解析】语境题。本句选项均为修饰 **drivers**（司机）的形容词，根据本句 **If the criterion changed to safety**（如果把标准改为安全性）可知，修饰司机的形容词需要体现司机安全驾驶的能力。因此 D 项 **cautious**（谨慎的）符合原文语义，即，你将会看到更加谨慎且遵守交通规则司机。本题答案为 C 项。

干扰选项：A 项 friendly（友好的），B 项 quiet（安静的）和 D 项 diligent（勤勉的）均不符合原文语义。

12. 【答案】B（problem）

【解析】逻辑关系题。another 提示本句与前文语义一致。根据上句 But both these criterion would be at the expense of time（此处 criterion 可理解为 target，意为：但这两个标准都将以牺牲时间为代价），可知，前文在说设立目标所致的负面影响。B 项 problem（问题）可与前文的负面影响进行呼应，符合原文逻辑关系。本题答案为 B 项。

干扰选项：A 项 purpose（目的），C 项 prejudice（偏见）和 D 项 policy（政策）均不符合原文逻辑关系。

13. 【答案】D（noticed）

【解析】语境题。比较各项语义，A 项 reported（报道），B 项 revealed（揭露），C 项 admitted（承认）和 D 项 noticed（注意到），可知，D 项符合原文语义，即：你是否注意到，飞机起飞迟了一小时，却仍然准时到达？本题答案为 D 项。

14. 【答案】B（trip）

【解析】语境题。根据 13 题所在句语义“飞机起飞迟了一小时，却仍然准时到达”，及下句 A one-hour flight is now ballad as a two-hour flight（一小时的航程变成两个小时）可知，此处，航空公司改变的是 trip（旅程、航程）应花的时长。本题答案为 B 项。

干扰选项：A 项 break（休息），C 项 departure（离开）和 D 项 transfer（转移）均不符合原文语义。

15. 【答案】A（moral）

【解析】语境题。the story 指代前文航空公司为准时到达而修改航班实际时长，本句是对该故事的总结。A 项 moral（寓意）与 story 组成“the moral of the story”，意为“该故事的寓意”，符合原文语义。本题答案为 A。

干扰选项：B 项 background（背景），C 项 style（风格）和 D 项 form（形式）均不符合原文语义。

16. 【答案】C（sacrifice）

【解析】逻辑关系题。one 和 others 提示对比，and 前后内容语义相反。而且，本句与前一句所组成的结构“Most jobs are multidimensional, with multiple criteria. Choose one criterion and you may well 16 others”与首段最后两句的结构 Most work-related behaviors have multiple components. 2 one and the others become distorted 相似，语义也相近。借助首段对应部分的 the others become distorted 可知，C 项符合原文逻辑关系，即：选择一个标准，你可能就要牺牲另一个。本题答案为 C 项。

干扰选项：A 项 interpret（诠释），B 项 criticize（批评）和 D 项 tolerate（容忍），均不符合原文逻辑关系。

17. 【答案】D（cost）

【解析】逻辑关系题。本句中的 **but** 提示前后语义相反。由前半句 **Everything can be done faster and made cheaper**（每件事都可以完成得很快，成本很低）可知，D 项 **cost**（代价）符合原文逻辑关系，即：但这是有代价的。本题答案为 D 项。

干扰选项：A 项 **task**（任务），B 项 **secret**（秘密）和 C 项 **product**（产品）均不符合原文逻辑关系。

18. 【答案】C（relating to）

【解析】语境题。本题考查连接 **multiple criteria** 和 **critical factors** 的形容词短语语义。比较各选项语义，A 项 **leading to**（导致），B 项 **calling for**（要求），C 项 **relating to**（关于）和 D 项 **accounting for**（对……作出解释），可知，C 项符合原文语义，即，所有好的目标都应具有与关键因素（如时间、金钱、质量和用户反馈）相关的多个标准。本题答案为 C 项。

19. 【答案】A（specify）

【解析】逻辑关系题。**not only ... but also** 提示递进关系，借助 **understand** 可知，先确定目标才能进一步理解目标，所以 A 项 **specify**（明确规定）符合原文逻辑关系，即，诀窍是不仅要确定目标的一个甚至两个方面，而且要理解……。本题答案为 A 项。

干扰选项：B 项 **predict**（预言），C 项 **restore**（恢复）和 D 项 **create**（创造）均不符合原文逻辑关系。

20. 【答案】D（achieve）

【解析】语境题。比较各项语义，A 项 **modify**（修改），B 项 **review**（复习）和 C 项 **present**（展示）和 D 项 **achieve**（实现），可知 D 项最符合原文语义，即，实现目标（**achieve the objective**）。本题答案为 D。

Section II 阅读

Part A

【Text 1 答案解析】

21. 【答案】C (an urgent demand for new job skills)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 **Research by the World Economic Forum** 定位到第一段③句，由 **42 per cent of the “core skills” within job roles will change** 可知大量工作“核心技能”将发生变化。C 项 **an urgent demand for new job skills**（对新工作技能的迫切需求）符合题意。所以本题选 C。

22. 【答案】B (an alternative to the fire-and-hire strategy)

【解析】本题为例证题。根据题干关键词 AT&T 定位到第二段④句：AT&T is often given as the gold standard of a company that decided to do a massive reskilling program rather than go with a fire-and-hire strategy。B 项 an alternative to the fire-and-hire strategy(解雇和雇佣策略的替代方案)是对 rather than go with a fire-and-hire strategy(而不是推行解雇和雇佣策略)的同义替换。所以本题选 B。

23. 【答案】A (have appeared to be insufficient)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 skills mismatch、Canada 定位到第二段⑦句：Efforts in Canada and elsewhere have been arguably languid at best, and have given us a situation where we frequently hear of employers begging for workers, even at times and in regions where unemployment is high。A 项 have appeared to be insufficient(似乎不够)是对⑦句中 languid(虚弱无力的)，以及“employers begging for workers VS unemployment is high(雇主缺人 VS 失业率高)”这一困境的合理概括。所以本题选 A。

24. 【答案】D (a lack of medical workers)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干 Paragraph 3 定位到第三段。本段①句是论点“疫情期间失业率很高”。②③句是数据论据；④句是事例论据，以医疗领域为例，证明人员的紧缺。D 项 a lack of medical workers(医疗工作者短缺)对应④句 there were still clear shortages of doctors, nurses and other medical personnel。所以本题选 D。

25. 【答案】C (prepare their laid-off workers for other jobs)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 Scandinavian Airlines decided to 定位到第四段③句 Scandinavian Airlines decided to start up a short retraining program that reskilled the laid-off workers to support hospital staff。C 项 prepare their laid-off workers for other jobs(帮助他们的失业员工为其它工作做准备)对应③句 reskilled the laid-off workers to support hospital staff。所以本题选 C。

【Text 2 答案解析】

26. 【答案】B (contribute to the nation's well-being)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 food self-sufficiency 定位到第二段③句：A move back to self-sufficiency, the argument goes, would boost the farming industry, political sovereignty and even the nation's health. contribute to 是对 boost 的同义替换, well-being 是对 health 的同义替换。所以本题选 B。

27. 【答案】C (most land is used for meat and dairy production)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 The report by the University of Leeds 定位到第三段①句：According to a report on UK food production from the University of Leeds, UK, 85 per cent of the country's total land area is associated with meat and dairy production. most land is used for meat and dairy production 对应 85 per cent of the country's total land area is associated with meat and dairy production。所以本题选 C。

28. 【答案】C (its natural conditions)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 Crop-growing is restricted 先定位到第五段③句：Just 25 per cent of the country's land is suitable for crop-growing, most of which is already occupied by arable fields, 但该句并没有解释英国农作物种植受限的原因。②句指出，“英国以畜牧业为主是有充分理由的：其大部分地区的土壤或气候不适合农作物商业化种植”(There is a good reason why the UK is dominated by animal husbandry: most of its terrain doesn't have the right soil or climate to grow crops on a commercial basis), 由此可得知，英国农作物种植受限是因为其缺少适合的土壤和气候，属于自然环境因素。natural conditions 是对 soil or climate 的概括。所以本题选 C。

29. 【答案】A (rely largely on imports for fresh produce)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干中的 the last paragraph 模糊定位到最后一段，①句指出，“目前，英国人食用的果蔬中只有 23%是本土产出的，因此，尽管我们用尽所有的方法，也只能满足 30%的新鲜农产品需求”(Just 23 per cent of the fruit and vegetables consumed in the UK are currently home-grown, so even with the most extreme measures we could meet only 30 per cent of our fresh produce needs.), 由此可得知，英国人对新鲜农产品的需求不能仅仅依靠国内提供，大部分要依赖于进口。所以本题选 A。

30. 【答案】B (doubtful)

【解析】本题为态度题。题干中的关键词 **food self-sufficiency** 为本文话题词，首次出现在第二段③句，然后④句对此提出问题：听起来不错——但这种(自给自足的)愿景可行吗?(**Sounds great—but how feasible is this vision?**)。随后，作者从第三段到最后一段一直在论证自给自足的困难，由此可得知，作者的态度更倾向于怀疑。所以本题选 **B**。

【Text 3 答案解析】

文章题源：金融时报-大科技公司收购行为
Big Tech's 'buy and kill' tactics come under scrutiny
<https://www.ft.com/content/39b5c3a8-4e1a-11ea-95a0-43d18ec715f5>

31. 【答案】 **B** (Their engineers were retained.)

【解析】 本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 **Wunderlist and Sunrise** 定位到第一段①句和第三段①句。这两句无法解题，需结合上下文。文章第一段引出事件：Microsoft 收购 Wunderlist 和 Sunrise，第二段介绍这两家初创企业被收购后所发生的事情，第三段介绍批评者对 Microsoft 此行为的评价。B 项 **Their engineers were retained**(他们的工程师被保留了下来)是对第二段②句中的 **Their teams of engineers stayed on**(他们的工程师团队留了下来)的同义替换。所以本题选 **B**。

32. 【答案】 **C** (eliminate their potential competitors)

【解析】 本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 **Microsofts' critics** 定位到第三段①句：**To Microsoft's critics, the fates of Wunderlist and Sunrise are examples of a remorseless drive by Big Tech to chew up any innovative companies that lie in their path.** C 项 **eliminate their potential competitors**(消灭他们潜在的竞争对手)是对 **chew up innovative companies that lie in their path**(毁掉挡他们路的创新公司)的同义替换。所以本题选 **C**。

33. 【答案】 **D** (harm the national economy)

【解析】 本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 **Paul Arnold** 定位到第三段②句和第四段。第三段②句指出 **Arnold** 对科技巨头将本可以发展成为其竞争对手的初创公司扼杀在萌芽阶段这一做法的不满，第四段进一步介绍 **Arnold** 作为初创公司投资人对科技巨头收购行为的看法。D 项 **harm the national economy**(损害国家经济)是对第四段中的 **I think these things are good for me ... But are they good for the American economy? I don't know**(我觉得这些对我有好处……但它们对美国经济有好处吗?)

我不知道)的合理推断。所以本题选 C。

34. 【答案】 D (examine small acquisitions)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 The US Federal Trade Commission 定位到第五段①句,该句无法解题,继续看下文。②句紧接着介绍 US Federal Trade Commission 的做法: This week, it asked the five most valuable US tech companies for information about their many small acquisitions over the past decade. D 项 examine small acquisitions(调查小规模收购)是对 asked ... for information about their many small acquisitions(向.....询问他们许多小规模收购的相关信息)的概括总结。所以本题选 D。

35. 【答案】 B (brought little financial pressure)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 the five biggest tech companies 定位到第六段②句: Between them, the five companies (Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon and Facebook) have spent an average of only \$3.4bn a year on sub-\$1bn acquisitions over the past five years—a drop in the ocean compared with their massive financial reserves, and the more than \$130bn of venture capital that was invested in the US last year. B 项 brought little financial pressure(几乎没有带来资金压力)是对 a drop in the ocean compared with their massive financial reserves(与他们庞大的资金储备相比,这只是沧海一粟)的合理推断。所以本题选 B。

【Text 4 答案解析】

36. 【答案】 C (the reliability of first impressions)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 Nalini Ambady 可定位到第一段②句,②句 In one study of the ability she dubbed “thin slicing,” the late psychologist Nalini Ambady asked participants to watch silent 10-second video clips of professors ... (已故心理学家纳利尼·安巴迪(Nalini Ambady)在 一项名为“薄片撷取”(thin slicing)的能力研究中,要求参与者观看教授们 10 秒钟的无声视频片段.....) 介绍了该研究的内容。根据“薄片撷取”(thin slicing)和“10 秒视频”(10-second video clips)可以得出, ②句作为一个科学实验,针对的是第一段①句 We're fairly good at judging people based on first impressions, thin slices of experience ... (我们很擅长根据第一印象、薄片式经验来判断一个人.....)。

C 项 the reliability of first impressions(第一印象的可靠程度)是对该实验目的准确概括。所以本题选 C。

37. 【答案】B (focused on specific details)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 accuracy dropped 和 Ambaby 可定位到第二段②③句，③句是②句现象出现的原因。根据③句中 deliberation focused them on vivid but misleading cues ... rather than letting the complex interplay of subtle signals form a holistic impression(深思熟虑使他们专注于生动但具有误导性的线索，……而不是让微妙信号的复杂相互作用形成整体印象)，B 项 focused on specific details(关注于具体的细节)是对③句的总结概括。所以本题选 B。

38. 【答案】B (reflection can be distracting)

【解析】本题为例证题。根据题干关键词 Judith Hall 定位到第三段②句。例证题的解题思路是首先考虑在例子上文寻找观点，找到第三段①句 Other research shows we're better at detecting deception and sexual orientation from thin slices when we rely on intuition instead of reflection(另一项研究表明，当我们依靠直觉而不是反思时，更能从薄片式信息中检测出欺骗和性取向)，②句的例子本身是“如果你在开手动挡，当你开始想太多时，你就不记得自己在做什么了”，B 项 reflection can be distracting(反思会分散注意力)是对①句观点的提炼总结。所以本题选 B。

39. 【答案】A (follow your feelings)

【解析】本题为细节题。根据题干关键词 complex decisions 可定位到第四段③句，其中 And people made car-buying decisions that were both objectively better and more personally satisfying when asked to focus on their feelings rather than on details(当人们被要求把注意力集中在他们的感觉而不是细节上时，他们做出的买车决定在客观上更好也更能满足个人需求……)，focus on their feelings 的同义表达是 A 项 follow your feelings。所以本题选 A。

40. 【答案】B (Intuition may affect reflective tasks.)

【解析】本题为推断题。根据题干关键词 the last paragraph 定位到第五段，该段指出直觉的特殊力量只有在特定的情况下才会释放，如预期那样，仅凭直觉会影响他们在前四项任务中的表现，而在其他任务中则会有所帮助(Use of their gut hurt their performance on the first four tasks, as expected, and helped them on the rest), “gut”指代“intuition”，“the first four tasks”指代利用反思性思维(reflective thinking)的任务，即参与者在完成利用反思性思维(reflective thinking)的任务时会受到直觉的影响。因此，B 项 Intuition may affect reflective tasks(直觉或许会影响利用反思性思维的任务)总结概括了本段观点。所以本题选 B。

Part B

【新题型答案解析】

41. 【答案】E (Decide whether to wait)

【解析】该段首句为中心句，提到“hold off on voicing your opinion”意为“别急着发表自己的意见”，该段倒数第二句也指出“delay the conversation”意为“延迟对话”，均与 E 项线索词“wait”对应，所以本题选 E。

42. 【答案】G (Identify a shared goal)

【解析】该段首句设置提建议的情境，指出分享观点前需要“think about what the powerful person cares about”(想想那些有权利的人关心什么)，第二句也提到“higher purpose”(更高的目标)。

同时倒数第二句中的“shared goal”(共同目标)是 G 项实词在原文中的复现, 所以本题选 G。

43. 【答案】F (Ask permission to disagree)

【解析】该段倒数第二句话提出作者本段所提建议能产生的效果。“This gives”前后连接建议内容和潜在结果。作者将具体建议内容举例为“You can say ...‘Would that be OK?’”, 效果部分提到“choice”和“they say yes”, 由此看出, 建议是与“请求许可”相关, 与 F 项“Ask permission”对应, 所以本题选 F。

44. 【答案】A (Stay calm)

【解析】本题通过段首和倒数第二句解题。段首描述情境, 提出建议。前半句“heart racing”和“face turning red”表明紧张的状态, “But”用转折结构说明需要遏制前面提到的状态, 故建议应意为“使不紧张”。倒数第二句总结评论作者本段所提的建议, 其中“help the other person calm down”与 A 项中关键词“calm”对应, 所以本题选 A。

45. 【答案】B (Stay humble)

【解析】该段所提建议的中心句为段末句, “Be open to hearing other opinions”意为“对他人观点保持开放态度”, 与 B 项线索词最为接近。且段内“invite critique”(请别人评判)也与 B 项“humble”谦逊和虚心的含义对应, 所以本题选 B。

Section III 翻译

【翻译答案及解析】

<p>We tend to think that friends and family members are our biggest sources of connection, laughter and warmth. <u>While that may well be true, researchers have also recently found that interacting with strangers actually brings a boost in mood and feelings of belonging that we didn't expect.</u></p>	<p>我们往往认为, 朋友和家人是我们人际关系、快乐和温暖的最大源泉。尽管这一点也许十分正确, 但研究人员最近也发现, 与陌生人交流实际上可带来意想不到的情绪改善和归属感。</p>
<p>In one series of studies, researchers instructed Chicago-area commuters using public transportation to strike up a conversation with someone near them participants who followed this instruction felt better than those who had been told to stand or sit in silence. The researchers also argued that when we <u>shy away from</u> casual interactions with strangers, it is often due to a misplaced anxiety that they might not want to talk to us. Much of the time, however, this belief is false. <u>As it turns out, many people are actually perfectly willing to talk—and may even be flattered to receive your attention.</u></p>	<p>在一项系列研究中, 研究人员让芝加哥乘坐公共交通工具的通勤者与坐在旁边的人搭讪。平均而言, 遵循指示的乘客比那些被告知静默站着或坐着的人感觉要好。研究人员还称, 当我们躲避与陌生人的随机互动时, 往往是因为我们产生了一种不适当的焦虑——以为别人可能不想和我们说话。然而, 大多数时候, 这种看法是错误的。事实证明, 许多人其实非常愿意交流, 甚至可能因为你的关注倍感荣幸。</p>

Section IV 写作

Part A

47. 范文及解析

【审题】

应用文类型	邀请信，由 invite 可判断。
收信人	Jack
写作背景	Suppose you are organizing an online meeting
内容要点	1) invite him to participate 2) tell him about the details
署名	Li Ming

参考范文

Dear Jack,

On behalf of the Students' Union of our university, I have the honor to invite you to participate in an online meeting organized on the New Year Festival in 2021.

We organize this meeting to provide a platform for the representatives of international students from various countries to share their local ways to celebrate the new year. It will be wonderful if you could give a 10-minute talk on the new year culture and customs of your motherland. The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12 a.m. on January 1st, 2021.

If you are interested in this meeting, please inform me at your earliest convenience. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Li Ming

参考译文

亲爱的杰克，

我很荣幸地代表我校学生会邀请你参加 2021 年元旦网上会议。

我们组织这场会议是为了给各国留学生代表提供一个平台，让他们分享当地庆祝新年的方式。如果你能围绕自己祖国的新年文化和风俗作 10 分钟的讲话，那就太好了。会议将于 2021 年 1 月 1 日上午 10:00 至 12:00 举行。

如果你对这场会议感兴趣，请尽早通知我。我们期待着你的回复。

你真诚的，
李明

Part B

48. 参考范文

The chart clearly depicts the way of physical exercise of the residents in a certain city. Over a

half of the residents do exercise alone, while 47.7% of the residents choose to exercise with their friends' company. 23.9% of the overall dwellers do sports with their family, and 15.8% of them exercise during group activities.

There are several possible factors that may differ people's exercising habits. For physical activity lovers, they may simply love sports, regarding physical exercise as an indispensable part of their lives, and they are willing to do exercises regardless of occasions. Meanwhile, there are sole exercisers who enjoy uninterrupted training. They may prefer doing exercises with full concentration. There may also be some exercisers who cannot bear loneliness during exercises or stick to exercising, seeking companions to either enjoy exercising or supervise them. Last but not least, some exercisers use sports as a way to socialize. Throughout the process, people's relationship can become closer.

To sum up, people exercise for a variety of reasons. To encourage all of them to enhance physical exercises, more facilities should be built to satisfy different people. Only by advocating a nationwide preference of fitness can more people be willing to take more exercises.

参考译文

该图表清楚地描述了某城市居民体育锻炼的方式。超过一半的居民选择独自锻炼,47.7%的居民选择与朋友结伴锻炼, 23.9%的居民与家人一起进行运动, 15.8%的居民在参加集体运动。

人们锻炼方式的不同可能存在几种原因。对于体育爱好者来说,他们可能只是单纯地喜欢运动,把体育锻炼作为生活中不可缺少的一部分,愿意在任何场合进行锻炼。与此同时,也有一些人喜欢不受干扰地锻炼。他们可能更喜欢全神贯注地做运动。也可能有一些锻炼者在锻炼的过程中不想一个人锻炼或不能坚持锻炼,所以他们需要同伴来陪伴或监督他们。最后,一些锻炼者把运动作为一种社交方式。在整个运动过程中,人们的关系会变得更亲密。

总而言之,人们锻炼的原因有很多。为了鼓励他们都加强体育锻炼,应该建立更多的设施来满足不同的人。只有提倡全民健身,才会有更多的人愿意进行更多的锻炼。