

Part II Language Knowledge (45 marks)

Section A (15 marks)

Directions: For each of the following unfinished sentences there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence.

- Example:  
The wild flowers looked like a soft orange blanket \_\_\_\_\_ the desert.  
A. covering B. covered C. cover D. to cover  
The answer is A.
21. The ability \_\_\_\_\_ an idea is as important as the idea itself.  
A. expressing B. expressed C. to express D. to be expressed [ C ]
22. — Joan, what \_\_\_\_\_ in your hand?  
— Look! It's a birthday gift for my grandma.  
A. had you held B. are you holding  
C. do you hold D. will you hold [ B ]
23. The players \_\_\_\_\_ from the whole country are expected to bring us honor in this summer game.  
A. selecting B. to select C. selected D. having selected [ C ]
24. I knew that \_\_\_\_\_ would ever discourage him; he would never give up wanting to be a director.  
A. something B. anything C. everything D. nothing [ D ]
25. Julie was good at German, French and Russian, all of \_\_\_\_\_ she spoke fluently.  
A. who B. whom C. which D. that [ C ]
26. One-third of the country \_\_\_\_\_ covered with trees and the majority of the citizens \_\_\_\_\_ black people.  
A. is; are B. is; is C. are; are D. are; is [ A ]
27. In 1492, Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ on one of the Bahama Islands, but he mistook it for an island off India.  
A. lands B. landed C. has landed D. had landed [ B ]
28. — No one \_\_\_\_\_ be compared with Yao Ming in playing basketball.  
— Oh, you are really his big fan.  
A. can B. need C. must D. might [ A ]
29. Do you wake up every morning \_\_\_\_\_ energetic and ready to start a new day?  
A. feel B. to feel C. feeling D. felt [ C ]

30. It is the most instructive lecture that I \_\_\_\_\_ since I came to this school.  
A. attended B. had attended C. am attending D. have attended [ D ]
31. Before a problem can be solved, it must be obvious \_\_\_\_\_ the problem itself is.  
A. what B. that C. which D. why [ A ]
32. Only after they had discussed the matter for several hours \_\_\_\_\_ a decision.  
A. they reached B. did they reach C. they reach D. do they reach [ B ]
33. Jack wasn't saying anything, but the teacher smiled at him \_\_\_\_\_ he had done something very clever.  
A. as if B. in case C. while D. though [ A ]
34. In the near future, more advances in the robot technology \_\_\_\_\_ by scientists.  
A. are making B. are made C. will make D. will be made [ D ]
35. It's not what we do once in a while \_\_\_\_\_ shapes our lives, but what we do consistently.  
A. which B. that C. how D. when [ B ]

Section B (18 marks)

Directions: For each blank in the following passage there are four words or phrases marked A, B, C and D. Fill in each blank with the word or phrase that best fits the context.

People in communities have slowly been pushed apart through the years, mostly because people simply aren't taking the time to say a simple "hello." After considering this phenomenon, I decided I was going to 36 the way I was doing things.

My 37 came one morning when I was in the community library. I passed by a girl who 38 her books out of her locker. Thinking like most that someone else would help her pick them up, I continued my way. However, when I had to 39 because I stupidly forgot my book, I noticed she had just finished picking them up by herself. No one had stopped to 40 her.

"OK," I thought to myself, "this is where I should have changed."

My best opportunity came a few days later when I saw a man 41 by himself waiting for the library to open, so I sat down next to him and began a 42. It was difficult to get started, and even when I had to say goodbye, almost every 43 from my new friend had a tone (语气) of doubt in it. And who could blame him?

People aren't used to making an 44 chat with a stranger. But a change, no matter how 45 it is needed, doesn't just happen. It takes people like us to make it possible. I 46 you to take a small step out of your comfort zone and try to make someone's day a little brighter. Together, we can really make society come 47 as a whole.

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36. A. change B. explain C. learn D. show [ A ]  
37. A. trouble B. doubt C. wish D. opportunity [ D ]  
38. A. took B. dropped C. got D. pulled [ B ]  
39. A. come out B. stand by C. go back D. turn up [ C ]  
40. A. please B. greet C. help D. praise [ C ]  
41. A. sitting B. walking C. riding D. running [ A ]  
42. A. discussion B. lesson C. report D. conversation [ D ]  
43. A. joke B. response C. cry D. story [ B ]  
44. A. unchangeable B. unprepared C. unforgettable D. unfinished [ B ]  
45. A. desperately B. frequently C. simply D. widely [ A ]  
46. A. allow B. warn C. order D. advise [ D ]  
47. A. later B. straighter C. closer D. slower [ C ]

Section C (12 marks)

Directions: Complete the following passage by filling in each blank with one word that best fits the context.

Does going to college really pay off? Certainly!  
I remember taking 48 an English class in college on the short story. Our first assignment was to read 49 two short stories and then discuss which one was better. After reading both, I wasn't sure. Over the 50 next several months, my professor taught me 51 why one story was so much better than the other. 52 One was rich in metaphor (隐喻) and character development, while the other was humorous 53 but too shallow. I couldn't see this at first. Yet, in a few months, my brain got reeducated and 54 I could see the difference between good and bad writing and could appreciate literature at a whole new level.

Going to college helps build a strong mind, which leads 55 to greater success in one's life.

Part III Reading Comprehension (30 marks)

Directions: Read the following three passages. Each passage is followed by several questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that fits best according to the information given in the passage.

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When first entered, Vanak Restaurant does not look like much of a restaurant, but once the pleasant smells of kabob (烤肉串) hit the senses, you are incapable of calling it anything less.

Owned by a local couple, this Persian restaurant has an inviting, homelike atmosphere

that many restaurants lack.

The space is small with only a few dining tables and nearly no decoration, but the environment is truly charming.

Lying in a hardly noticeable street corner, the restaurant still attracts all customers, especially those experienced in the delights of Middle Eastern cooking.

A common sight is that of old Persian men sitting in the corner talking loudly about world topics, watching news events on TV, drinking a black tea known as Persian chai, and reading local Persian newspapers all the while trying to finish off their plates piled with food.

The variety of food at the restaurant is limited, but the amount of each dish is fairly large. Most of the meals can serve two people and are under \$10, so not only is it affordable but practical as well.

The food especially appeals to health-conscious eaters because each dish is very healthy, made with limited fat and oil and served straight off the grill (烤肉架).

The main dish that the restaurant is popular for is its kabobs, which are different styles of grilled meat.

One delicious and extremely healthy dish is the Joojeh Kabob, which is made of grilled chicken pieces served with either rice or bread. Another great kabob is the Chelo Kabob, a kabob consisting of grilled beef.

Although the restaurant is small, the atmosphere and the food is delicious. It is a place that should not be overlooked.

56. When first entering the restaurant, one can find that it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. is splendidly decorated  
B. has pleasant smells of kabobs  
C. is crowded with dining tables  
D. looks like a common restaurant [ B ]
57. What activity is also mentioned apart from dining in the restaurant?  
A. Watching news events on TV.  
B. Drinking a kind of black coffee.  
C. Reading local English newspapers.  
D. Discussing world topics in low voices. [ A ]
58. The food of the restaurant \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. is served in small amounts  
B. is rather expensive  
C. is rich in variety  
D. is very healthy [ D ]