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2011年12月英语四级真题及答案

Part I Writing (30 minutes)

注意: 此部分试题在答题卡1上.

For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay entitled Nothing Succeeds Without a Strong Will by commenting on the humorous saying, "Quitting smoking is the easiest thing in the world. I've done it hundreds of times." You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

Part II Reading Comprehension (Skimming and Scanning)

Why Integrity Matters

What is Integrity?

The key to integrity is consistency--not only setting high personal standards for oneself (honesty, responsibility, respect for others, fairness) but also living up to those standards each day. One who has integrity is bound by and follows moral and ethical standards even when making life's hard choices, choices which may be clouded by stress, pressure to succeed, or temptation.

What happens if we lie, cheat, steal, or violate other ethical standards? We feel disappointed in ourselves and ashamed. But a lapse of integrity also affects our relationships with others. Trust is essential in any important relationship, whether personal or professional. Who can trust someone who is dishonest or unfair? Thus, integrity must be one of our most important goals.

Risky Business

We are each responsible for our own decisions, even if the decision-making process has been undermined by stress or peer pressure. The real test of character is whether we can learn from our mistake, by understanding why we acted as we did, and then exploring ways to avoid similar problems in the future.

Making ethical decisions is a critical part of avoiding future problems. We must learn to recognize risks, because if we can't see the risks we're taking, we can't make responsible choices. To identify risks, we need to know the rules and be aware of the facts. For example, one who doesn't know the rules about plagiarism may accidentally use words or ideas without giving proper credit, or one who fails to keep careful research notes may unintentionally fail to quote and cite sources as required. But the fact that such a violation is "unintentional" does not excuse the misconduct. Ignorance is not a defense.

"But Everybody Does It"

Most people who get in trouble do know the rules and facts, but manage to fool themselves about the risks they're taking by using excuses: "Everyone else does it," "I'm not hurting anyone," or "I really need this grade." Excuses can get very elaborate: "I know I'm looking at another's

exam, even though I'm supposed to keep my eyes on my own paper, but that's not cheating because I'm just checking my answers, not copying." We must be honest about our actions, and avoid excuses. If we fool ourselves into believing we're not doing anything wrong, we can't see the real choice we're making--and that leads to bad decisions.

To avoid fooling yourself, watch out for excuses and try this test: Ask how you would feel if your actions were public, and anyone could be watching over your shoulder. Would you feel proud or ashamed of your actions? If you'd rather hide your actions, that's a good indication that you're taking a risk and rationalizing it to yourself.

Evaluating Risks

To decide whether a risk is worth taking, you must examine the consequences, in the future as well as right now, negative as well as positive, and to others as well as to yourself. Those who take risks they later regret usually focus on immediate benefits ("what's in it for me"), and simply haven't considered what might go wrong. The consequences of getting caught are serious, and may include a "0" on a test or assignment; an "F" in the class; suspension or dismissal from school; transcript notation; and a tarnished reputation. In fact, when you break a rule or law, you lose control over your life, and give others the power to impose punishment: you have no control over what that punishment might be. This is an extremely precarious and vulnerable position. There may be some matters of life and death, or highest principle, which might justify such a risk, but there aren't many things that fall in this category.

Getting Away With It--Or Not

Those who don't get caught pay an even higher price. A cheater doesn't learn from the test, depriving him/herself of an education. Cheating undermines confidence and independence: the cheater is a fraud, and knows that without dishonesty, he/she would have failed. Cheating destroys self-esteem and integrity, leaving the cheater ashamed, guilty, and afraid of getting caught. Worst of all, a cheater who doesn't get caught the first time usually cheats again, not only because he/she is farther behind, but also because it seems "easier." This slippery slope of eroding ethics and bigger risks leads only to disaster. Eventually, the cheater gets caught, and the later he/she gets caught, the worse the consequences. Students have been dismissed from school because they didn't get this simple message: Honesty is the ONLY policy that works.

Cheating Hurts Others, Too

Cheaters often feel invisible, as if their actions "don't count" and don't really hurt anyone. But individual choices have a profound cumulative effect. Cheating can spread like a disease, and a cheater can encourage others just by being seen from across the room. Recent statistics suggest 30% or more of college students cheat. If a class is graded on a curve, cheating hurts others' grades. Even if there is no curve, cheating "poisons" the classroom, and others may feel pressured to join in. ("If I don't cheat, I can't compete with those who do.") Cheating also has a destructive impact on teachers. The real reward of good teaching is seeing students learn, but (a). a cheater says, "I'm not interested in what you're trying to teach; all I care about is stealing a grade, regardless of the effect on others." The end result is a blatant and destructive attack on the quality of your education. Finally, cheating can hurt the reputation of the University, and harm those who worked hard for their degree.

Why Integrity Matters

 medicine from others, drive across a bridge, get on a plane, go to the dentist--the list is endless. There are many examples of the vast harm that is caused when individuals forget or ignore the effect their dishonesty can have. The savings and loan scandal, the stock market and junk bond swindles, and, of course, (11). Watergate, have undermined the faith of many Americans in the integrity of political and economic leaders and society as a whole. Such incidents take a tremendous toll on our nation's economy and our individual well-being. For example, but for the savings and loan debacle, there might be funds available to reduce the national debt and pay for education.

In sum, we all have a common stake in our school, our community, and our society. Our actions do matter. It is essential that we act with integrity in order to build the kind of world in which we want to live

which we want to live.	
1. A person of integrity not only sets high	moral and ethical standards but also
A) sticks to them in their daily life	B) makes them known to others
C) understands their true values	D) sees that others also follow them
2. What role does integrity play in person	al and professional relationships?
A) It helps to create team spirit	B) It facilitates communication
C) It is the basis of mutual trust	D) It inspires mutual respect
3. Why must we learn to identify the risks	s we are going to take?
A. To ensure we make responsible cho	ices B. To avoid being overwhelmed by stress
C. so that we don't break any rules	D. so that we don't run into trouble
4. Violation of a rule is misconduct even	if
A. it has caused no harm	B. it is claimed to be unintentional
C. it has gone unnoticed	D. it is committed with good intentions
5. What should one do if he doesn't wish	to fool himself?
A. Avoid making excuses	B. Listen to other people's advice
C. Make his intensions public	D. Have others watch over his shoulder
6. Those who take risks they regret later of	on。
A. will often become more cautious	B. are usually very aggressive
C. value immediate benefits most	D. may lose everything in the end
7. According to the author, a cheater who	doesn't get caught right away will
A. pay more dearly	B. become more confident
C. be widely admired	D. feel somewhat lucky
8. Cheaters at exam don't care about their	education, all they care about is how to
9. Integrity matters in that all social activi	ties rely on people's
10. Many Americans lost faith in the integ	grity of their political leaders as a result of
Part III Listening Comprehension	
Section A	
11. A. Read the notice on the window	B. Get a new bus schedule
C. Go and ask the staff	D. Board the bus to Cleveland
12. A. He was looking forward to seeing	the giraffes.
B. He enjoyed watching the animal p	performance.
C. He got home too late to see the T	V special
D. He fell asleep in the middle of the	e TV program.

B. She may be late for the football game. C. She is worried about missing her flight. D. She is currently caught in a traffic jam. 14. A. At a restaurant B. In a fish shop C. At a clinic D. On a fishing boat 15. A. He is an experienced sales manager. B. He is being interviewed for a job. C. He is a close friend of the woman. D. He is good at answering tricky questions. 16. A. The man should consider his privacy first. B. The man will choose a low-rent apartment. C. The man is not certain if he can find a quieter place D. The man is unlikely to move out of the dormitory. 17. A. The woman is going to make her topic more focused. B. The man and woman are working on a joint project. C. One should choose a broad topic for a research paper. D. It tool a lot of time to get the man on the right track. 18. A. They went camping this time last year. B. They didn't quite enjoy their last picnic. C. They learned to cooperate under harsh conditions. D. They weren't experienced in organizing picnics. Questions 19 to 22 are based on the conversation you have just heard. 19. A. He likes Sweden better than England. B. He prefers hot weather to cold weather. C. He is an Englishman living in Sweden. D. He visits London nearly every winter. 20. A. The bad weather B. The gloomy winter C. The cold houses D. The long night 21. A. Delightful B. Painful C. Depressing D. Refreshing 22. A. They often stay up late reading B. They work hard and play hard C. They like to go camping in summer D. They try to earn more and spend more Questions 23 to 25 are based on the conversation you have just heard. 23. A. English Literature B. Management D. Public Administration C. French B. Staff training 24. A. English teaching C. Careers guidance D. Psychological counseling 25. A. Its generous scholarships B. Its worldwide fame C. Its well-designed courses D. Its pleasant environment Section B Passage One 26. A. Characteristics of Japanese artists B. Some features of Japanese culture C. The art of Japanese brush painting D. The uniqueness of Japanese art 27. A. To calm themselves down B. To enhance concentration C. To show their impatience D. To signal lack of interest 28. A. How listeners in different cultures show respect B. How speakers can win approval from the audience

13. A. She wants to take the most direct way.

	C. How speakers can misunderstand the audience			
	D. How different Western and Eastern art forms are			
Pass	sage Two			
	A. Directing personnel evaluation B. Buying and maintaining equipment			
	C. Drawing up plans for in-service training D. Interviewing and recruiting employees			
30.	A. Some of his equipment was damaged in a fire			
	B. The training program he ran was a failure			
	C. Two of his workers were injured at work D. Two of his employees committed theft			
31.				
J1.	C. A better-paying job in another company D. Improvement in the company's management			
32.	A. She has more self-confidence than Chris			
	B. She works with Chris in the same division			
	C. She has more management experience than Chris			
	D. She is competing with Chris for the new job			
Pass	sage Three			
	A. They help us see the important values of a culture			
	B. They guide us in handling human relationships			
	C. They help us express ourselves more effectively			
	D. They are an infinite source of human knowledge			
34.	A. Their wording may become different B. The values they reflect may change			
	C. Their origins can no longer be traced D. They may be misinterpreted occasionally			
35.	A. Certain values are shared by a large number of cultures			
	B. Some proverbs are assuming more and more importance			
	C. Old proverbs are constantly replaced by new ones			
	D. Certain values have always been central to a culture			
Sec	tion C			
Dic	tation			
	Our lives are woven together. As much as I enjoy my own 36 I no longer imagine			
can	get through a 37 day, much less all my life, 38 on my own. Even if I am			
on .	in the mountains, I am eating food someone else has grown, living in a house			
som	he else has built, wearing clothes someone else has 40 from cloth woven by others			
usin	g 41 someone else is distributing to my house. 42 of interdependence is			
	rywhere. We are on this 43 together.			
	As I was growing up, 44			
"Ma	ake your own way", "stand on your own two feet", or my mother's favorite remark when I was			
face	e-to-face with consequences of some action: "Now that you've made your bed, lie on it!" Tota			
inde	ependence is a dominant theme in our culture, I imagine that 45			
	. But the teaching was shaped by our cultural images, and			
	ead I grew up believing that I was supposed to be totally "independent" and consequently			
	ame very reluctant to ask for help.			
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Section A

With the world's population estimated to grow from six to nine billion by 2050, researchers, businesses and governments are already dealing with the impact this increase will have on everything from food and water to infrastructure an jobs. Underlying all this 47______ will be the demand for energy, which is expected to double over the next 40 years.

Finding the resources to meet this demand in a 48______, sustainable way is the cornerstone of our nation's energy security, and will be one of the major 49______ of the 21st century. Alternative forms of energy --- bio-fuels, wind and solar, to name a few --- are 50______ being funded and developed, and will play a growing 51_____ in the world's energy supply. But experts say that, even when 52_____, alternative energy sources will likely meet only about 30% of the world's energy needs by 2050.

For example, even with 53_____ investments, such as the \$93 million for wind energy development 54____ in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, important alternative energy sources such as wind and bio-fuels 55_____ only about 1% of the market today.

Energy and sustainability experts say the answer to our future energy needs will likely come from a lot of 56_____ --- both traditional and alternative.

Passage One

K comprise

A stable

B solutions

L competitions

F marvelous G included

Boys' schools are the perfect place to teach young men to express their emotions and are more likely to get involved in activities such as art, dance and music, according to research released today.

D role

I exactly

E progress

J consist

N challenges O certainly

C significant

M combined

H growth

Far from the traditional image of a culture of aggressive masculinity in which students either sink or swim, the absence of girls gives boys the chance to develop without pressure to conform to a stereotype, the US study says.

Boys at single sex schools were said to be more likely to get involved in cultural and artistic activities that helped develop their emotional expressiveness, rather than feeling they had to conform to the "boy code" of hiding their emotions to be a "real man".

The findings of the study go against received wisdom that boys do better when taught alongside girls.

Tony Little, headmaster of Eton, warned that boys were being failed by the British education system because it had become too focused on girls. He criticized teachers for failing to recognize that boys are actually more emotional than girls.

The research argued that boys often perform badly in mixed schools because they become discouraged when their female peers do better earlier in speaking and reading skills.

But in single-sex schools teachers can tailor lessons to boys' learning style, letting them move around the classroom and getting them to compete in teams to prevent boredom, wrote the study's author, Abigail James, of the University of Virginia.

Teachers could encourage boys to enjoy reading and writing with specifically "boy-focused"

approaches such as themes and characters that appeal to them. Because boys generally have more acute vision, learn best through touch, and are physically more active, they need to be given "hands-on" lessons where they are allowed to walk around. "Boys in mixed schools view classical music as feminine and prefer the modern genre in which violence and sexism are major themes," James wrote.

Single-sex education also made it less likely that boys would feel they had to conform to a stereotype that men should be "masterful and in charge" in relationships. "In mixed schools, boys feel compelled to act like men before they understand themselves well enough to know what that means," the study reported.

57. The author believes that a single-se	x school would		
A force boys to hide their emotion	s to be "real man"		
B help to cultivate masculine aggr	essiveness in boys		
C encourage boys to express their	emotions more freely		
D naturally reinforce in boys that	traditional image of a man		
58. It is commonly believed that in a m	ixed schools boys		
A perform relatively better	B grow up more healthily		
C behave more responsibly	D receive a better education		
59. What does Tony Little say about the	e British education system?		
A It fails more boys than girls acad	demically B It focuses more on mixed school education		
C It fails to give boys the attention	they need		
D It places more pressure on boys	than on girls		
60. According to Abigail James, one of	the advantages of single-sex schools is		
A teaching can be tailored to suit t	he characteristics of boys		
B boys can focus on their lessons	without being distracted		
C boys can choose to learn whatev	C boys can choose to learn whatever they are interested in		
D teaching can be designed to pro-	mote boys' team spirit		
61. Which of the following is character	istic of boys according to Abigail James' report?		
A They enjoy being in charge	B They conform to stereotypes		
C They have sharper vision	D They are violent and sexist		
Passage Two			

It's an annual argument. Do we or do we not go on holiday? My partner says no because the boiler could go, or the roof fall off, and we have no savings to save us. I say that you only live once and we work hard and what's the point if you can't go on holiday. The joy of a recession means no argument next year – we just won't go.

Since money is known to be one of the things most likely to bring a relationship to its knees, we should be grateful. For many families the recession means more than not booking a holiday. A YouGov poll of 2,000 people found 22% said they were arguing more with their partners because of concerns about money. What's less clear is whether divorce and separation rates rise in a recession – financial pressures mean couples argue more but make splitting up less affordable. A recent research shows arguments about money were especially damaging to couples. Disputes were characterized by intense verbal aggression, tended to be repeated and not resolved, and made men, more than women, extremely angry.

Kim Stephenson, an occupational psychologist, believes money is such a big deal because of

what it symbolizes, which may be different things to men and women. "People can say the same things about money but have different conceptions of what it is for," he explains. "They will say it's to save, to spend, for security, for freedom, to show someone you love them" He says men are more likely to see money as a way of buying status and of showing their parents that they've achieved something.

"The biggest problem is that couples assume each other knows what is going on with their finances, but they don't. There seems to be more of a taboo about talking about money than talking about death. But you both need to know what you are doing, who is paying what into the joint account and how much you keep separately. In a healthy relationship you don't have to agree about money, but you have to talk about it."

about money, but you have to talk about it.
62. What does the author say about vacationing?
A People enjoy it all the more during a recession
B Few people can afford it without working hard
C It makes all the hard work worthwhile
D It is the chief cause of family disputes
63. What does the author mean by saying "money is known to bring a relationship to its knees"
(Line1 Para. 2)?
A Money is considered to be the root of all evils
B Some people sacrifice their dignity for money
C Few people can resist the temptation of money
D Disputes over money may ruin a relationship
64. The YouGov poll of 2000 people indicates that in a recession
A conflicts between couples tend to rise
B it is more expensive for couples to split up
C couples show more concern for each other
D divorce and separation rates increase
65. What does Kim Stephenson believe?
A Money is often a symbol of a person's status
B Money means a great deal to both men and women
C Men and women spend money on different things
D Men and women view money in different ways
66. The author suggests at the end of the passage that couples should
A put their money together instead of keeping it separately
B make efforts to reach agreement on their family budgets
C discuss money matters to maintain a healthy relationship
D avoid arguing about money matters to remain romantic
Part V Cloze
Employers fear they will be unable recruit students with the skills they need as the economic
recovery kicks in, a new survey 67
Nearly half of organizations told researchers they were already struggling to find 68
with skills in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), 69 even more
companies expect to experience 70 of employees with STEM skills in the next three

years.							
The Confederation	of British Industry 71	694 businesses and o	organizations across				
		er employ 2.4 million people.					
Half are 73 they will not be able to fill graduate posts in the coming years, while a							
		nough employees with the right					
		ery and businesses plan 76_					
		nd qualifications will 77					
		t is already hard to find pe					
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	78 or engineering skills. The new government must make it a top 79 to encourage more young people to study science-related 80"						
		ald improve their job prospec	ets 81 they				
		hysics or chemistry at A-leve	-				
		sociology. And while many er					
		hire those with a STEM-relate					
		lack of progress in improvin	-				
		d worries about employees'	=				
		m is with IT skills, 86					
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concerns.							
67. A submits	B reveals	C launches	D generates				
68. A audience	B officials	C partners	D staff				
69. A while	B because	C for	D although				
70. A exits	B shortages	C absences	D departures				
71. A surveyed	B searched	C exposed	D exploited				
72. A collective	B private	C personal	D civil				
73. A confronted	B conformed	C concerned	D confused				
74. A bind	B attain	C transfer	D recruit				
75. A Lest	B Unless	C Before	D As				
76. A with	B for	C on	D by				
77. A dominate	B stretch	C enforce	D intensify				
78. A creative	B technical	C narrative	D physical				
79. A priority	B option	C challenge	D judgment				
80. A procedures	B academies	C thoughts	D subjects				
81. A until	B since	C whereas	D if				
82. A rate	B discuss	C order	D observe				
83. A typical	B positive	C particular	D general				
84. A highlighted	B prescribed	C focused	D touched				
85. A masses	B workforce	C faculty	D communities				
86. A what	B whom	C where	D why				
Part VI Translation							
			S. I. also had been				
87. Charity groups organized various activities to(为地震幸存者筹款).							
88. Linda(不可能收到我的电子邮件); otherwise, she would have							

replied.	
89. It's my mother	(一直在鼓励我不要灰心) when I have difficulties
in my studies.	
90. The publishing house has to	(考虑这部小说的受欢迎程度).
91. It is absolutely wrong to	(仅仅以金钱来定义幸福).

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快速阅读:

- 1. A) sticks to them in their daily life
- 2. C) It is the basis of mutual trust.
- 3. A) To ensure we make responsible choices.
- 4. B) it is claimed to be unintentional
- 5. A) Avoid making excuses.
- 6. C) value immediate benefits most
- 7. A) pay more dearly
- 8. Cheaters at exam don't care about their education; all they care about is how to steal a grade $_{\circ}$
 - 9. Integrity matters in that all social activities rely on people's honesty and good faith.
- 10. Many Americans lost faith in the integrity of their political leaders as a result of the Watergate scandal.

听力 Section A:

- 11. B) Go and ask the staff.
- 12. A) He fell asleep in the middle of the TV program.
- 13. B) She is worried about missing her flight.
- 14. A) At a restaurant.
- 15. A) He is being interviewed for a job.
- 16. B) The man is unlikely to move out of the dormitory.
- 17. D) The woman is going to make.
- 18. B) They didn't quite enjoy their last picnic $_{\circ}$

听力 Section B:

- 19. C) He is an Englishman living in Sweden.
- 20. C) The cold houses.
- 21. C) Depressing o
- 22. B) They work hard and play hard.
- 23. C) French.
- 24. C) Careers guidance.
- 25. D) Its pleasant environment.
- 26. C) The art of Japanese brush painting.
- 27. B) To enhance concentration .
- 28. A) How listeners in different cultures show respect.
- 29. B) Buying and maintaining equipment.

- 30. D) Two of his employees committed theft.
- 31. B) Advancement to a higher position.
- 32. D) She is competing with Chris for the new job.
- 33. A) They help us see the important values of a culture.
- 34. B) The values they reflect may change.
- 35. 缺
- 听力 Section C:
- 复合式听写原文: http://club.topsage.com/thread-2695151-1-1.html (听力原文)
- 深入阅读: Section A
- 47. N) challenges
- 48. A) stable
- 49. E) progress
- 50. O) certainly
- 51. D) role
- 52. M) combined
- 53. C) significant
- 54. G) included
- 55. K) comprise
- 56. B) solutions
- 深入阅读: Section B
- 57. C) encourage boys to express their emotions more freely
- 58. A) perform relatively better
- 59. C) It fails to give boys the attention they need.
- 60. A) teaching can be tailored to suit the characteristics of boys
- 61. C) They have sharper vision.
- 62. C) It makes all the hard work worthwhile .
- 63. D) Disputes over money may ruin a relationship.
- 64. A) conflicts between couples tend to rise
- 65. D) Men and women view money in different ways.
- 66. C) discuss money matters to maintain a healthy relationship 完型填空:
- 67. B) reveals
- 68. D) staff
- 69. A) while
- 70. B) shortages
- 71. A) surveyed
- 72. B) private
- 73. C) concerned
- 74. D) recruit
- 75. D) As
- 76. B) for
- 77. D) intensify
- 78. B) technical
- 79. A) priority

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80. D) subjects
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- 81. D) if
- 82. A) rate
- 83. B) particular
- 84. A) highlighted
- 85. B) workforce
- 86. C) where

翻译:

- 87. raise money for the survivors in the earthquake
- 88. couldn't have received my e-mail
- 89. who keeps on encouraging me to keep my chin up

who keeps encouraging me not to lose heart

who keeps on cheering me up

90. take the popularity of the novel into consideration/account

91. define happiness solely by money

作文范文:

Nothing Succeeds Without a Strong Will

Sometimes, in our daily life, the easiest thing might be the most difficult thing, as in the case of some people trying to quit smoking for hundreds of times and still making endless efforts without any hope of success. The reason for their failure is their lack of a strong will.

In our modern world, nothing is simple and straightforward. Something might appear deceptively easy at first, but as we proceed on, we will find that it is actually extremely difficult. Therefore, we must take whatever we do seriously and be mentally prepared to make our utmost exertions. When we encounter obstacles and setbacks, we must apply our strong willpower and persevere until we finally succeed.

For us university students, in our academic studies or in our daily life on campus, we might not be faced with insurmountable challenges. But we need to get prepared, right now, to take things seriously, try to cultivate our strong will, and be ready to pursue our goals through persistence and indefatigable will. I believe it's the only way we can achieve our success.

Nothing Succeeds Without a Strong Will

Success depends on many factors, both physical and spiritual. In my opinion, mental factors like a strong will are far more decisive in enabling us to achieve success. For example, despite our repeated efforts to quit smoking, our lack of a strong will would still cause us to end up in failure.

In any of our undertakings, we should first set a goal. Some goals are highly challenging. Without a strong will, people would give up in the middle and they fail to achieve their goals. For those people who do succeed, they succeed simply because they have that mental stamina which enables them to challenge even the most insurmountable difficulties.

We often say that 'Impossible is Nothing'. To make the impossible possible, we must exercise our perseverance and strong willpower. Or, as an English proverb goes, 'If there is a will, there is a way.' Our world is becoming increasingly competitive and only by making strong-willed efforts can we maximize our full potential and gain competitive edges, and prevail over all obstacles that lie in our way to success.