1. Using the right hand to shake hands is a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. conversation B. convention C. conservation D. stage

2. I don't think you will have any difficulty \_\_\_ a driving license.

A. for getting B. to get C. having got D. getting

3. The captain of the ship completely \_\_\_ the safety of his passengers.

A. noticed B. disregarded C. salvaged D. found

4. The old man \_\_\_ an official complaint about his neighbors' behavior.

A. lodged B. collided C. devoured D. cherished

5. But no one has to \_\_\_ courage to enter a less pretentious antique shop.

A. put off B. go on C. muster up D. rise up

6. Our holiday villa turned out to be a \_\_\_\_ old house.

A. helpful B. silly C. dilapidated D. scanty

7. Compared with PCs today, early computers were extremely \_\_\_.

A. easy B. primitive C. rude D. vertical

8. The horrific pictures from the battlefield filled me with \_\_\_.

A. revulsion B. excitement C. illness D. insect

9. The machine was so delicate that when dust \_\_\_ got inside, it created a major problem.

A. bacteria B. parts C. conditions D. particles

10. The kind of thing that happened last Saturday night is a regular \_\_\_ in the village.

A. development B. occurrence C. pump D. horizon

11. Not having a good command of English can be a serious \_\_\_ preventing you from achieving your goals.

A. obstacle B. fault C. offense D. distress

12. To our \_\_\_, George's illness proved not to be as serious as we had feared.

A. anxiety B. relief C. view D. judgment

13. \_\_\_ for nearly seventeen years in the East, Marco Polo and his father prepared to return home.

A. Lived B. Living C. Having lived D. Being lived

14. I object to \_\_\_ him alone.

A. leave B. have left C. leaving D. be left

15. Do you think John will \_\_\_ his driving test?

A. get at B. get into C. get through D. get over

Key:

1. B 2. D 3. B 4. A 5. C 6. C 7. B 8. A 9. D 10. B

11. A. 12. B 13. C 14. C 15. C

作文题目:

1. Suppose you are invited to a party at Nancy´s home but you can´t attend it because you will have an exam on the same day. Write a letter of apology to Nancy. Your letter should include:

1) your apology and the reason

2) your suggestion for another get-together

You should write about 100 words. Do not sign your own name at the end of your letter. Use "Wang Lin" instead. You do not need to write the address.

Dear Nancy,  
  Thank you for inviting me to the party at your home tomorrow. Unfortunately, it is much to my regret that I cannot join you and your family, because I will be fully occupied then for an important exam tomorrow. I feel terribly sorry for missing the chance of such a happy get-together, and I hope that all of you enjoy a good time.  
  And I think will it be possible for you and me to have a private meeting afterward If so, please don’t hesitate to drop me a line about your preferable date. I do long for a pleasant chat with you.  
   Please allow me to say sorry again.  
Sincerely  
yours,  
Wang Lin

2. Suppose that you have been a regular of a hotel for many years. But during the last 2 days, the air-conditioner didn´ t work and nobody came to clean your room. Write a letter of com-plaint to the hotel manager. Your letter should include:

1 ) a description of the situation

2) complaint about the situation

3) your request

You should write about 100 words. Do not sign your own name at the end of your letter, use "Wang Lin" instead. You don´ t need to write the address.

Dear Sir or Madam,  
I have been a regular guest of your hotel for many years. Your hotel is well-known for the excellent services among all the guests. During the past B days, the air-conditioner didn’t work and the waitress didn’t come to clean my room. Everything was in a mess. I called the receptionist to change to another room, but she said there was no vacant room. I am really disappointed with your service this time. I think I will choose another hotel next time.  
Thanks for your early reply.  
Yours sincerely,  
Wang Lin

3. You have read the following magazine advertisement in which an American girl is looking for pen-friends and you want to get in touch with her.

Write a letter to her ( Andy Lewis), telling her about:

1) your family

2) your schooling or work

3) your hobbies

　　You should write about 100 words. Do not sign your own name at the end of your letter. Use Li Ping" instead. You needn't write the address.

Dear Andy,

I have read the advertisement and I am very glad to become your pen- friend.

I am a girl of 25 years old. I live with my parents in Beijing. I have a brother working in a computer company. I'm a history teacher in a junior middle school. I share the same hobbies with you, and I also like traveling and hiking very much. I usually go camping with my friends on weekends. I like to make friends, not only in Beijing, but also in other countries. It's a great pleasure to know you. And I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Li Ping

其他参看平时练习题目。

阅读理解

**What makes one person more intelligent than another？**

What makes one person a genius , like the brilliant Albert Einstein and another person a fool? Are people born, intelligent or stupid, or is intelligence the result of where and how you live? These are very old questions and answers to them are still not clear.

　　We know , however , that just being born with a good mind is not enough. In some ways , the mind is like a leg or an arm muscle. It needs exercise .Mental exercise is important for young children. Many child psychologists think that parents should play with their children more often and give them problems to think about. The children are then more likely to grow up bright and intelligent. If, on the other hand, children are left alone a great deal with nothing to do , they are more likely to become dull and unintelligent.

　　Parents should also be careful what they say to young children. According to some psychologists , if parents are always telling a child that he or she is a fool or an idiot , then the child is more likely to keep doing silly and foolish things.

　　So it is probably better for parents to say very positive (helpful) things to their children , such as “That was a very clever thing you did. ” or “You are such a smart child”.

1．The words “intelligent” and “brilliant” in the first paragraph probably mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while “dull” in the second paragraph means

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A．bright and splendid; slow in thinking and understanding

B．pretty and handsome; ordinary-looking

C．great and important; not bright or shining

D．hopeful and helpful; careless

2．According to the context we can guess that a genius is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while an idiot is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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A．a normal person; a funny person

B．a strong person; a weak person

C．a highly intelligent person; a foolish or weak-minded person .

D．a famous person; an ordinary person

3．A person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is more likely to become a genius.

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A．whose parents are clever

B．often thinking about difficult problems

C．often helped by his parents and teachers

D．born with a good mind and putting it to active use

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| 4. It is better for parents \_\_\_\_\_. |
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| A. to praise and encourage their children more often B. to be hard on their children C. to leave their children alone with nothing to do D. to give their children as much help as possible |

5. Which of the following is NOT true according to the article?

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A．Parents play an important part in their children's growth.

B．The less you use your mind the duller you may become.

C．Intelligence is the result of where and how you live.

D．What makes a person bright or stupid is still under discussion.

Passage Two

**When families gather for Christmas dinner,**

some will stick to formal traditions dating back to Grandma’s generation.  
Their tables will be set with the good dishes and silver, and the dress code will be Sunday-best.  
But in many other homes, this china--and--silver elegance has given way to stoneware (粗陶)--and--stainless informality, with dresses assuming an equally casual--Friday look. For hosts and guests, the change means greater simplicity and comfort. For makers of fine china in Britain, it spells economic hard times.  
Last week Royal Doulton, the largest employer in Stoke-onTrent, announced that it is eliminating 1,000 jobs--one-fifth of its total workforce. That brings to more than 4,000 the number of positions lost in 18 months in the pottery (陶瓷) region. Wedgwood and other pottery factories made cuts earlier.  
Although a strong pound and weak markets in Asia play a role in the downsizing, the layoffs in Stoke have their roots in earthshaking social shifts. A spokesman for Royal Doulton admitted that the company “has been somewhat slow in catching up with the trend”toward casual dining. Families eat together less often, he explained, and more people eat alone, either because they are single or they eat in front of television.  
Even dinner parties, if they happen at all, have gone causal. In a time of long work hours and demanding family schedules, busy hosts insist, rightly, that it’s better to share a takeout pizza on paper plates inthe family room than to wait for the perfect moment or a “real” dinner party. Too often, the perfect moment never comes, Iron a fine-pattened tablecloth? Forget it. Polish the silver? Who has time?  
Yet the loss of formality has its down side. The fine points of etiquette(礼节) that children might once have learned at the table by observation or instruction from parents and grandparents(“Chew with your mouth closed.”“keep your elbows off the table.”)must be picked up elsewhere. Some companies now offer etiquette seminars for employees who may be competent professionally but clueless socially.

Choose correct answers to the question:

1.The trend toward casual dining has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_\_（）

A. bankruptcy of fine china manufacturers

B. Shrinking of the pottery industry

C. restructuring of large enterprises

D. Economic recession in Great Britain

2.Which of the following may be the best reason for casual dining?（）

A. Family members need more time to relax.

B. Busy schedules leave people no time for formality.

C. People want to practice economy in times of scarcity.

D. Young people won’t follow the etiquette of the older generation.

3.It can be learned from the passage that Royal Doulton is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_（）

A. a retailer of stainless steel tableware

B. a dealer in stoneware

C. a pottery chain store

D. a producer of fine china

4.The main cause of the layoffs in the pottery industry is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_（）

A. the increased value of the pound

B. the economic recession in Asia

C. the change in people’s way of life

D. the fierce competition at home and abroad

5.Refined table manners, though less popular than before in current social life, \_\_\_（）

A. are still a must on certain occasions

B. are bound to return sooner or later

C. are still being taught by parents at home

D. Can help improve personal relationships

# 青少年犯罪

Teenage boys，regardless of race，are more likely to die from gunshot wounds than from all natural causes combined，  
By the time the average American child leaves primary school，he or she will witness 8，000 murders and more than 100，000 acts of violence on televisionYouth are becoming involved in violence at an alarming rate． In fact，the young arrest rate for murder doubled，from 6 arrests per 100，000 youth aged from 10 to 17 to over 12 per 100，000For the many youth who have not been directly exposed to violence in their own communities，the entertainment media （television，movies，music and video games） provides many opportunities for children to see and hear violent exchanges． Research shows that there are about 5～6 violent acts per hour on prime time and 20～25 violent acts on Saturday morning  children's programming． In its report，the American Psychological Association （APA） reported that viewing violence on television hurts children in many ways． In particular，the APA  concludes that children may become less sensitive to the pain and suffering of others，be more  fearful of the world around them，be more likely to behave in aggressive or harmful ways toward others，and gradually accept violence as a way to solve problems．  
Another form of violence involving youth is physical punishment in the schools． This form of discipline （纪律） still remains legally supported in 23 nations in America． The Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education reported that 555，000 students were physically punished in the schools during this school year． Although such punishment has been regarded as an effective method of discipline by those who apply it，the findings are obvious that physical punishment does not work and that children who are victims of physical punishment are subject to potential long-term physical and emotional damage．  
1． According to the passage，the American teenage boys'lives are most threatened byA  
A． gun murders9   
B． natural diseases  
C． TV violence  
D． physical punishment

2． We can learn from Paragraph 4 thatD  
A． many youth have watched much violence on TV  
B． youth violence in Washington IX； is very serious  
C． fights may be the most widely-seen youth violence  
D． American youth have been exposed to much violence

3． The APA indicates that too much TV violence may change childrenB  
A． to become separated from the world   
B． to remain unconcerned about others'pain  
C． to solve problems only by violence   
D． to be fearful of aggressive behaviors

4.The passage does NOT discus that many youth become victim of \_\_\_\_\_\_

A.murders B.family violence C. TV violence D.school violence

5． The author may most probably agree that physical punishment isC  
A． acceptable，though ineffective  
B． illegal，though effective  
C． harmful，though legal

D． reasonable，though illegal．

# Passage Four

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| The way people hold to the belief that a fun-filled, painfree life equals happiness actually reduces their chances of ever attaining real happiness. If fun and pleasure are equal to happiness then pain must be equal to unhappiness. But in fact, the opposite is true: more often than not things that lead to happiness involve some pain.  As a result, many people avoid the very attempts that are the source of true happiness. They fear the pain inevitably brought by such things as marriage, raising children, professional achievement, religious commitment, self-improvement.  Ask a bachelor why he resists marriage even though he finds dating to be less and less satisfying. lf he is honest he will tell you that he is afraid of making a commitment. For commitment is in fact quite painful. The single life is filled with fun, adventure, excitement. Marriage has such moments, but they are not its most distinguishing features.  Couples with infant children are lucky to get a whole night's s1eep or three-day vacation. I don't know any parent who would choose the word fun to describe raising children.But couples who decide not to have children ever know the joys of watching a child grow up or of playing with a grandchild.  Understanding and accepting that true happiness has nothing to do with fun is one of the most liberating realizations. It liberates time: now we can devote more hours to activities that can genuinely increase our happiness. It liberates money: buying that new car or those fancy clothes that will do nothing to increase our happiness now seems point1ess. And it liberates us from envy: we now understand that all those who are always having so much fun actually may not be happy at all. |
| 1. According to the author, a bachelor resists marriage chiefly because. |
| A. he is reluctant to take on family responsibilities B. he believes that life will be more cheerful if he remains single C. he finds more fun in dating than in marriage D. he fears it will put an end to all his fun adventure and excitement |
| 2. Raising children, in the author's opinion, is. |
| A. a moral duty B. a thankless job C. a rewarding task D. a source of inevitable pain |
| 3. From the last paragraph, we learn that envy sometimes stems form -. |
| A. hatred B. misunderstanding C. prejudice D. ignorance |
| 4. To understand what true happiness in, one must\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| A. have as much fun as possible during one's 1ifetime. B. make every effort to liberate oneself from pain C. put up with pain under all circumstances D. be able to distinguish happiness from fun |
| 5. What is the author trying to tell us? |
| A. Happiness often goes hand in hand with pain. B. One must know how to attain happiness. C. It is important to make commitments. D. It is pain that leads to happiness. |