

Model Test One

Part I Writing (30minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write letter to the dining hall of your college about its unstable tables. You should write at least 120 words but no more that 180 word.

Part II Listening Comprehension (25 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

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| 1. A) The industry of video games. | B) Tony Hawk's childhood, |
| C) Tony Hawk and skateboarding. | D) Skateboarding in the White House. |
| 2. A) He got it from competition. | B) He got it from his brother. |
| C) He got it from his teacher. | D) He got it from the White House. |

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

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| 3. A) Over 150. | B) Over 60. | C) Over 40. | D) Over 20. |
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4. A) The speed limit of the extremely sharp curve is 70 miles per hour.
B) The straightway requires a speed limit of 30 miles per hour.
C) Rescue workers found that seven cars had jumped into the river in the accident.
D) The driver stepped on the brakes quickly but they just didn't work.

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5. A) Nearly half of the Americans are unemployed.
B) The income of the average American household declined last year.
C) More Americans than ever are living in rich.
D) The economic recovery is being felt by all Americans.
6. A) The advantaged citizens. B) The well-educated.
C) The old and people living in the north. D) African Americans and Hispanic communities.
7. A) The middle class haven't felt the economic recovery.
B) The middle class's votes will be important in next year's presidential election.
C) The middle class ate in the vast majority in the world's largest economy.
D) The middle class are facing an uphill struggle.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C), and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

Questions 8 to 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

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| 8. A) He applied for a job in his university. | B) He devoted himself to his studies. |
| C) He spent much time on his disease. | D) He transferred to study cosmology. |

9. A) It is a bestseller for the average person. B) It is written for those who study the universe.
C) It is read mostly by his followers. D) It is hard to read for its profound theories.
10. A) His life is misled by doctors assertion.
B) He leads an abnormal life because of his disability.
C) He has been misinterpreted by many people,
D) His life is beyond all expectations.
11. A) He lives longer than expected.
B) He can manage his through his computer.
C) He is considered as one of the leading minds.
D) His book becomes one of the bestsellers.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

12. A) About five years ago. B) About eight years ago.
C) About ten years ago. D) About twenty years ago.
13. A) To chat online with his brother.
B) To search for information for his research.
C) To join the newsgroup for discussion.
D) To give advice for Internet users.
14. A) Some online games are free for Internet users.
B) Online games are more attractive and interesting.
C) They can't resist the temptation of online games.
D) They want to make friends by playing games.
15. A) Get useful things when using the Internet.
B) Never play any online games.
C) Use dial-up access instead of broadband Internet access.
D) Focus their time on news and information.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 19 are based on the passage you have just heard.

16. A) They want to work for more people. B) They need training overseas,
C) There is a nursing surplus there. D) They want to pursue a better development.
17. A) Developed countries have a larger proportion of nurses.
B) Nurses in developed countries are paid much more.
C) Developed countries have trained more nurses.
D) All the world has realized the shortage of nurses.
18. A) Fewer people will devote to health care. C) The shortage of nurses will be more serious.
B) The aging population is becoming larger. D) The need for nurses is going to fall down.
19. A) Developed countries with less nurses.
B) Developing countries with less nurses.
C) Countries which have enough care trainers.
D) Countries which lack nurse schools.

Questions 20 to 22 are based on the passage you have just heard.

20. A) In 1963 in Tennessee. C) In 1936 in Tennessee.
B) In 1963 in New York, D) In 1936 in New York.

21. A) He joined a high school basketball team in his third year.
B) He once studied at the University of South Carolina.
C) He was very outgoing when he was a little boy.
D) He was famous for using his quickness and strength to reach the basket .
22. A) He jumps very high to reach the basket.
B) It looks like he could fly while shooting the basket .
C) He is quick to shoot the basket.
D) He is famous for running fast.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

23. A) He may select a private school rather than a public school.
B) He can apply for financial aid or scholarship.
C) He can work part-time in the university .
D) He may lower his cost on board and lodging.
24. A) It largely depends on the majors. C) It is the same for all the undergraduates.
B) It is increasing sharply in recent years. D) It varies greatly among different students.
25. A) The cost is charged according to a law.
B) The cost will be reduced according to the new system.
C) Out-of-state students often pay more for the same program.
D) International students pay the most for their study.

Part III Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.

Questions 26 to 35 are based on the following passage.

Last year, I spoke at a gathering of wealthy male investors. The organizers pasted the results of a survey showing that only a small percentage of wealthy men believed their wives spent too much.

“What?” shouted one __26__. “Those guys have to be lying.” There is no __27__ measure of who spends more among the rich: men or women. Both will say the other is the bigger spender.

A recent survey proves the point. The survey polled 40 women, each with a net worth of million or more.

About half the respondents __28__ their money, a quarter got it from their husbands and the other quarter earned it themselves. That is __29__ in line with other surveys of wealthy women and the __30__ of their money.

As for spending ,almost all the women (90%) __31__ their spending habits as “below their means.” The report on the survey said that is “possibly because they do not view their __32__ wealth as defining their success.”

“Women tend not to spend as much as men and splash their names all over the place, ” said one woman in the survey , describing her spending as __33__ and her lifestyle as “below the radar.”

At the same time. 70% of the women said they “buy nice things when necessary,” And 93.5% of the women said the were responsible for making decisions on major buying, which __34__ that they do a lot of the big spending.

Of course, for truly major buying a house in Aspen, Colo, a Gulfstream, a Feadship, the couple probably makes the decision together.

But what about other __35__? Do you think men or women do most of the high-end spending?

A) conditions	I) potentially
B) conservative	J) predicts
C) described	K) purchases
D) displayed	L) reliable
E) extreme	M) roughly
F) implies	N) sources
G) inherited	O) valuable
H) participant	

Section B

Directions: In this section, you are going to read a passage with ten statements attached to it. Each statement contains information given in one of the paragraphs. Identify the paragraph from which the information is derived. You may choose a paragraph more than once. Each paragraph is marked with a letter. Answer the questions by marking the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 2**.

Caught in the Web

[A] A few months ago, it wasn't unusual for 47-year-old Carla Toebe to spend 15 hours per day online. She'd wake up early, turn on her laptop and chat on Internet dating sites and instant-messaging programs-leaving her bed for only brief interval. Her household bills piled up, along with the dishes and dirty laundry, but it took near-constant complaints from her four daughters before she realized she had a problem. "I was starting to feel like my whole world was falling apart-kind of slipping into a depression," said Carla. "I knew that if I didn't get off the dating sites. I'd just keep going," detaching(使脱离) herself further from the outside world. Toebe's conclusion : She felt like she was "addicted" to the Internet. She's not alone.

[B] Concern about excessive Internet use isn't new. As far back as 1995, articles in medical journals and the establishment of a Pennsylvania treatment center for overusers generated interest in the subject. There's still no consensus on how much time online constitutes too much or whether addiction is possible. But as reliance on the Web grows, there are signs that the question is getting more serious attention: Last month, a study published in CNS Spectrums claimed to be the first large-scale look at excessive Internet use. The American Association may consider listing Internet addiction in the next edition of its diagnostic manual. And scores of online discussion boards have popped up on which people discuss negative experiences tied to too much time on the Web.

[C] "There's no question that there're people who're seriously in trouble because they're overdoing their Internet involvement," said psychiatrist(精神科医生) Ivan Goldberg. Goldberg calls the problem a disorder rather than a true addiction. Jonathan Bishop, a researcher in Wales specializing in online communities, is more skeptical, "The Internet is an environment," he said. "You can't be addicted to the environment," Bishop describes the problem as simply a matter of priorities, which can be solved by encouraging people to prioritize other life goals and plans in place of time spent online.

[D] The new CNS Spectrums study was based on results of a nationwide telephone survey of more than 2,500 adults. Like the 2005 survey, this one was conducted by Stanford University researchers. About 6% of respondents reported that "their relationships suffered because of excessive Internet use." About 9% attempted to conceal "nonessential Internet use," and nearly 4% reported feeling "preoccupied by the Internet when offline." About 8% said they used the Internet as a way to escape problems, and almost 14% reported they "found it hard to stay away from the Internet for several days at a time."

[E] "The Internet problem is still in its infancy," said Elias Aboujaoude, a Stanford professor. No single online activity is to blame for excessive use, he said. "They're online in chat rooms, checking e-mail, or writing blogs. The problem is not limited to porn(色情) or gambling websites", Excessive Internet use should be defined not by the number of hours spent online but "in terms of losses," said Maressa Orzack, a Harvard University professor, "It's a loss where you're not getting to work, and family relationships are breaking down as a result, then it's too much."

[F] Since the early 1990s, several clinics have been established in the U.S. to treat heavy Internet users. They include the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery and the Center for Internet Behavior. The website for Orzack's center lists the following among the psychological symptoms of computer addiction; Having a sense of well-being (幸福) or excitement while at the computer; Longing for more and more time at the computer; Neglect of family and friends; Feeling empty, depressed or irritable when not at the computer; Lying to employers and family about activities; Inability to stop the activity; Problems with school or job. Physical symptoms listed include dry eyes, backaches, skipping meals, poor personal hygiene (卫生) and sleep disturbances.

[G] People who struggle with excessive Internet use may be depressed or have other mood disorders, Orzack said. When she discusses Internet habits with her patients, they often report that being online offers a "sense of belonging, an escape, excitement and fun," she said. "Some people say relief ...because they find themselves so relaxed."

[H] Some parts of the Internet seem to draw people in more than others. Internet gamers spend countless hours competing in games against people from all over the world. One such game, called World of Warcraft, is cited on many sites by posters complaining of a "gaming addiction". Andrew Heidrich, an education network administrator from Sacramento, plays World of Warcraft for about two to four hours every other night, but that's nothing compared with the 40 to 60 hours a week he spent playing online games when he was in college. He cut back only after a full-scale family intervention (干预), in which relatives told him he'd gained weight.

[I] "There's this whole culture of competition that sucks people in "with online gaming," said Heidrich, now a father of two. "People do it at the expense of everything that was a constant in their lives," Heidrich now visits websites that discuss gaming addiction regularly "to remind myself to keep my love for online games in check."

[J] Toebe also regularly visits a site where posters discuss Internet overuse. In August, when she first realized she had a problem, she posted a message on a Yahoo Internet addiction group with the subject line: "I Have an Internet Addiction." "I'm self-employed and need the Internet for my work, but I'm failing to accomplish my work, to take care of my home, to give attention to my children," she wrote in a message sent to the group. "I have no money or insurance to get professional help; I can't even pay my mortgage (抵押贷款) and face losing everything."

[K] Since then, Toebe said, she has kept her promise to herself to cut back on her Internet use. "I have a boyfriend now, and I'm not interested in online dating," she said by phone last week. "It's a lot better now."

36. Andrew Heidrich visits websites that discuss online gaming addiction to curb his desire for online gaming.
37. People who struggle with heavy reliance on the Internet may feel depressed.
38. Hollowness is a kind of psychological symptoms of computer addiction.
39. Internet use would be considered excessive if it seriously affected family relationships.
40. People haven't yet reached agreement on the definition of excessive Internet use.
41. Jonathan Bishop believes that the Internet overuse problem can be solved if people can realize what is important in life.
42. Her daughters' repeated complaints made Carla Toebe realize she was spending too much time on the Internet.
43. Excessive Internet use had rendered Toebe so poor that she couldn't afford professional help.
44. Many people spend much of their time indulging in an Internet game.
45. Some people are actually unwilling to face up to problems by overusing the Internet.

Section C

Directions: There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre.

Passage One

Questions 46 and 50 are based on the following passage.

For the past 50 years , scientists have scoured (彻底地搜寻) the skies for radio signals from beyond our planet , hoping for some sign of extraterrestrial (地球外的) life . But one physicist says there's no reason alien life couldn't already be lurking among us-or maybe even in us .

Paul Davies , an award-winning Arizona State University physicist , known for his popular science writing , said that life may have developed on Earth not once but several times .

Davies said the variant life forms--most likely tiny microbes (微生物) --could still be hanging around “right under our noses--or even in our noses .”

“How do we know all life on earth descended from a single origin ?” he told a conference at London's prestigious Royal Society . “We've just scratched the surface of the microbial world .”

The idea that alien micro-organisms could be hiding out here on earth has been discussed for a while , according to Jill Tarter , the director of the U .S . SETI project , which listens for signals from civilizations based around distant stars .

She said several of the scientists involved in the project were interested in pursuing the notion , which Davies earlier laid out in a 2007 article published in Scientific American in which he asked : “Are aliens among us ?”

So far , there's no answer . And ever finding one would be fraught with (充满.....的) difficulties , as Davies himself acknowledged .

Unusual organisms abound--including chemical-eating bacteria which hide out deep in the ocean and organisms that thrive in boiling-hot springs-but that doesn't mean they're different life forms entirely .

“How weird do they have to be suggest a second origin as opposed to just an obscure branch of the family tree ?” he said . Davies suggested that the only way to prove an organism wasn't “life as we know it ” was if it were built using exotic elements which no other form of life had .

Such organisms have yet to be found . Davies also noted that less than 1 percent of all the world's bacteria had been comprehensively studied-leaving plenty of time to find unusual organisms .

46. What can we learn from one physicist's words in Paragraph 1 ?

- A) It is unreasonable to discuss the issue of alien life .
- B) Life from outer space is likely to be on earth already .
- C) It's possible that extraterrestrial life is competing with us secretly .
- D) Alien life has probably put some extraterrestrial elements in our body .

47. What's the probable meaning of “We've just scratched the surface of the microbial world”?

- A) We are only living on the surface of the microbial world .
- B) The microbial world is too complicated to be studied intensively .
- C) We haven't obtained in-depth knowledge of the microbial world yet .
- D) We can touch such lives as tiny microbes in the microbial world.

48. We can know that the U.S.SETI project_____.

- A) is in charge of tracking the development of possible extraterrestrial life
- B) takes charge of taking over signals about civilization from distant stars
- C) takes studying messages from planets beyond the earth as its responsibility
- D) sees to monitoring signals from possible alien culture to estimate its existence

49. What method did Davies propose to prove the life form of an organism?

- A) To speculate if it constitutes an unusual branch of the biological system .
- B) To figure out whether it has experienced a second time evolution or not.
- C) To see whether it has foreign component unpossessed by any other life form .
- D) To make sure whether it is just a common life form or an especially weird one .

50. Which sentence taken from the passage can best explain the main idea?

- A) There's no reason alien life couldn't already be lurking among us-or maybe even in us.
- B) We've just scratched the surface of the microbial world .
- C) The variant life forms-most likely tiny microbes-could still be hanging around "right under our noses-or even in our noses ."
- D) Less than 1 percent of all the world's bacteria had been comprehensively studied-leaving plenty of time to find unusual organisms.

Passage Two

Questions 51 to 55 are based on the following passage.

According to a private study, the worst U.S. economic recession in 70 years is forcing senior citizens out of retirement, leaving them fighting for jobs in a weak labor market or risking homelessness.

The study by Experience Works , showed 46 percent of the 2,000 low income people over 55 years who participated needed to find work to keep their homes .Nearly half of them had been searching for work for more than a year. Experience Works is the nation's largest nonprofit provider of community service, training and employment opportunities for older workers.

"These people are at the age where they understandably thought their job-searching years were behind them." said Cynthia Metzler, president and CEO of Experience Works. "But here they are , many in their 60s ,70s and beyond , desperate to find work so they can keep a roof over their heads and food on the table." According to the study, many of the participants had no intention of working past their 60th birthday, but had to change plans after being laid off or following the death of a spouse .Over a third of the participants had retired.

Huge medical bills due to a personal illness or that of a spouse were also reasons for coming out of retirement , the survey found . The longest and deepest economic slump since the 1930s is making finding a job for the low-income elderly workers a difficult challenge.

According to Labor Department data, there were 2 million unemployed workers over the age of 55 in August, an increase of 69 percent from the same period last year . Between August 2008 and August this year , the number of unemployed workers 75 years and older increased by 33 percent . The unemployment rate among workers 55 years and older was 6.7 percent in August after shooting to a record 7.1 percent in July. The national unemployment rate was at 9.7 percent in August, the highest in 26 years.

The Experience Works study found that 46 percent of the elderly jobseekers were sometimes forced to choose between paying rent, buying food or medication . Almost three-quarters believed their age made it harder to compete for jobs with younger workers.

"The study highlights the need to create policies that remove barriers to employment for older workers and provide additional programs and services specifically aimed at helping older people re-enter the work force or remain working ," said Metzler.

51. What impact does the economic recession bring to American senior citizens?

- A) They are pulled back to be jobseeker again.
- B) They have to retire ahead of schedule.
- C) They are facing the risk of job losses.
- D) They must compete with youth for jobs.

52. From the passage, we can learn that Experience Works_____.

- A) takes elderly jobseekers as its targets of services
- B) is the largest service provider for older workers worldwide
- C) is able to make a great profit by providing services every year
- D) offers community service, training and employment opportunities to Americans

53. Why do the old people still expect for jobs?

- A) Because they don't believe their job-searching years have passed.
- B) Because they want to gain more guarantee for their retirement .
- C) Because they have to depend on working to make their living .
- D) Because they would like to dispel their pains for job or spouse losses .

54. What do we learn about the unemployment rate in the U.S.?

- A) The unemployment rate in July is the highest in the national unemployment rate .
B) Compared with the rate in July , the unemployment rate in August decreased a little .
C) 9.7 percent sets a record for the unemployment rate nationally since 26 years before .
D) Unemployed workers 55 years and older are mainly affecting the unemployment rate .

55. What can be inferred from Metzler's words in the last paragraph?

- A) It is necessary for the government to clear up the obstacles in the job market.
B) More programs and services should be added to help senior citizens pull through .
C) The government should try to eliminate discrimination against elderly jobseekers .
D) Extra programs and services are needed to help senior citizens avoid being laid off .

Part IV

Translation

(30 minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to translate a passage from Chinese into

English. You should write your answer on **Answer Sheet 2**.

随着中国经济的快速发展和国际交往的日益广泛，世界各国对汉语学习的需求急剧增长。在借鉴其他国家推广本民族语言经验的基础上，中国从 2004 年起开始在海外设立孔子学院。孔子学院是以教授汉语和传播中国文化为宗旨的非营利（non-profit）机构。到 2012 年年底，中国已经在全球 108 个国家和地区建立了大约 400 所孔子学院和 500 个孔子课堂。