

2023 年 03 月大学英语四级考试真题（第 1 套）

Directions: Suppose you have taken part in a career planning seminar. Write an account of the seminar and summarize what you have learned from it. *You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.*

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.

1. A) A proposed policy allowing Africans to travel in Africa without a visa.
B) An agreement among 13 African countries to set up a free-trade zone.
C) A plan to invite all African countries to join the African Union.
D) An important initiative to permit tourists to visit Africa without a visa.
 2. A) It will attract more investments from all over the world.
B) It will help many African countries reduce trade deficits.
C) It will reduce the cost of trade between African countries.
D) It will allow Africans to play a bigger role in world trade.

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

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

5. A) It varies with the seasons.
B) It has been on the decline.

C) It has caused nationwide concern.
D) It is ninety grams daily on average.

6. A) They emphasize food variety.
B) They prefer French stick loaves.

C) They do more cooking than men.
D) They favor diets lower in calories.

7. A) They bake more bread at home.
B) They spend less time eating breakfast.

C) They eat more fruit than they used to.
D) They put jam instead of butter on bread.

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) After the rush hour. | C) As soon as possible. |
| B) Early in the morning. | D) Around lunch time. |
| 9. A) Two first class seats. | C) One window seat. |
| B) Two seats together. | D) One seat near the exit. |
| 10. A) In the middle of the platform. | C) Behind the yellow line. |
| B) At the far end of the platform. | D) In the waiting room. |
| 11. A) Wait in a queue for his turn. | C) Pay an extra fee for the service. |
| B) Go to the baggage claim area. | D) Give the ticket to the train guard. |

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

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| 12. A) Almost all of them were operating at a deficit. | |
| B) They have all been turned into movie theatres. | |
| C) Nearly all of them closed down decades ago. | |
| D) They have adapted to meet fashion changes. | |
| 13. A) It shows foreign movies exclusively. | C) It is the oldest theatre in London. |
| B) It shows movies from the 1950s. | D) It is located next to a hat factory. |
| 14. A) They wear hats on social occasions. | C) They enjoy watching foreign movies. |
| B) They don't speak foreign languages. | D) They don't go to movie theatres often. |
| 15. A) They are meant mostly for immigrants. | |
| B) They attract large crowds of young Londoners. | |
| C) They are hard for English people to appreciate. | |
| D) They have an English translation on the screen. | |

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four 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 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

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| 16. A) She doesn't think smartphones can replace tablets. |
| B) She incorporates smartphones into her teaching. |
| C) She cannot stop children using smartphones. |
| D) She regards smartphones as a distraction. |

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

19. A) By cleaning the kitchen floor. C) By helping her mother do the dishes.
B) By looking after her baby brother. D) By helping her brother wash windows.

20. A) She ordered a large number of dolls.
B) She checked if a purple doll was ordered.
C) She mistakenly canceled her mom's order.
D) She ordered a more expensive doll instead.

21. A) They asked the children's hospital to pick them.
B) They took all of them to the children's hospital.
C) They opened all of them one by one.
D) They discussed where to keep them.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard .

22. A) The time one starts school.
B) The classroom atmosphere.
C) The school that one attends.
D) The relationship with classmates.

23. A) To help parents decide when to send their children to school.
B) To find causes for differences in the participants' performance.
C) To identify students having potential to be professional athletes.
D) To offer constructive suggestions for making educational policies.

24. A) Political leaders.
B) Financial analysts.
C) Professional athletes.
D) High-school students.

25. A) Leadership ability.
B) Commitment to work.
C) Risk-taking.
D) Self-confidence.

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.

2023 年 06 月大学英语四级考试真题（第 1 套）

Directions: Suppose your university is conducting a survey to collect students' opinions of online classes. You are to write a response to the survey about their advantages and disadvantages, and what improvements can be made. You will have 30 minutes for the task. You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

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.

1. A) She was involved in a conflict with bird lovers.
B) She was charged with mistreating animals.
C) She was on bad terms with her neighbors.
D) She was accused of violating a city law.

 2. A) It will take time to solve the rat problem.
B) All wild animals should be well protected.
C) The woman was not to blame for the situation.
D) No one should go unpunished for violating law.

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

3. A) Communicate with astronauts in Mars Dune Alpha.
B) Work in an environment resembling Mars.
C) Build a Martian habitat in Houston.
D) Send in applications before Friday.

4. A) Ready-made food. C) Food they grow.
B) Food that is organic. D) Potatoes mostly.

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

5. A) He apologized for scratching an athlete's gold medal.
B) He was asked to present a gold medal to Miu Goto.
C) He bit a softball player's Olympic gold medal.
D) He attracted public attention at a media event.

6. A) Have another picture taken with the Olympic medalist.
B) Apologize to the International Olympic Committee.
C) Get the damaged medal repaired.

- D) Pay for the cost of a new medal.
7. A) Allow no one to touch them. C) Treat them as treasures.
B) See them as symbols of honor. D) Keep them in a safe place.

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.

8. A) She covered its screen with a plastic sheet.
B) She connected it with her smartphone.
C) She decorated it with colorful stickers.
D) She bought some new software for it.
9. A) It may not be simply blue. C) It is more harmful to young people.
B) It includes unnatural light. D) It induces people to fall asleep.
10. A) He has had much trouble falling asleep.
B) He has had some sort of health problems.
C) He has stayed up playing computer games.
D) He has been burdened with excessive work.
11. A) Exposure to blue light is the chief cause of obesity.
B) Sleep may be more important than people assumed.
C) Sleep may also be negatively affected by natural light.
D) Overuse of electronic devices may cause heart disease.

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

12. A) What they wanted to be when grown up.
B) What their favorite cartoon character was.
C) What they learned from computer games.
D) What they liked to do most after school.
13. A) A stock broker. C) A mechanical engineer.
B) A pop singer. D) A basketball player.
14. A) Ambitious. C) Imaginative.
B) Sensible. D) Practical.
15. A) Relax their strict control of their kids.
B) Help their kids understand themselves.
C) Impose their own dreams on their kids.
D) Dismiss their high expectations of their kids.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four 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 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

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| 16. A) Set up company branches.
B) Improve its infrastructure. | C) Introduce iPhones into its markets.
D) Promote Internet-ready phones. |
| 17. A) They cater to Africans' needs.
B) They are more expensive models. | C) They are more powerful and capable
D) They boast the longest battery life. |
| 18. A) A large touchscreen.
B) An old-school keypad. | C) A voice-response device.
D) A digitally-designed system. |

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

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| 19. A) It ensured sustainable economic growth.
B) It was strongly opposed by manufacturers.
C) It was cheaper than using fossil fuel plastic.
D) It satisfied consumer demands on the whole. |
| 20. A) The capacity to mass produce it.
B) The U.S. federal government's regulations.
C) A boom in market demand for clear plastic bottles.
D) A rapid increase in U.S. petroleum chemical production. |
| 21. A) Require companies to use 30% of new plastic.
B) Increase the supply of new plastic in the market.
C) Reduce the amount of plastic pollution in local areas.
D) Take measures to promote the use of recycled plastic. |

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

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| 22. A) It studies dreams.
B) It rents a place for nap-takers. | C) It is a hotel for business people.
D) It is a nap research institute. |
| 23. A) To find out creative people's work performance.
B) To see how many people can go without napping.
C) To understand the obvious importance of napping.
D) To feel how difficult it is to get his idea across. | |
| 24. A) They decline due to pointless meetings.
B) They depend on his ability to concentrate.
C) They enable him to enjoy a creative career.
D) They are affected by the overuse of social media. | |
| 25. A) Some bosses associate napping with laziness.
B) Many office workers nap during work hours.
C) Some bosses can concentrate without napping.
D) Many of his friends daydream in the office. | |

2023 年 06 月大学英语四级考试真题（第 2 套）

Part I Writing (30 minutes)

Directions: Suppose the student union of your university is organizing an online discussion on interpersonal relationships. You are to write an essay on ways to maintain a warm and friendly relationship with your classmates and on the benefits of such a relationship. You will have 30 minutes for the task. You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

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) A man was bitten by a snake. | C) A man kept a 4-foot snake as a pet. |
| B) A man was taken to a hospital. | D) A man fell off his toilet seat. |
| 2. A) Where the snake had been taken. | C) How the snake was captured. |
| B) Whether the snake was infected. | D) Who owned the snake. |

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

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| 3. A) Taking her trash out in fancy dresses. | |
| B) Amusing herself by going to ball parties. | |
| C) Sharing her photos with famous movie stars. | |
| D) Posting her daughter's photos on social media. | |
| 4. A) To make herself popular. | C) To please her daughter. |
| B) To amuse people. | D) To record her achievements |

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

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| 5. A) Eat as much as they want for \$10. | |
| B) Have a chance of winning a \$100 prize. | |
| C) Have a meal even if they have no money. | |
| D) Get a free meal after answering some questions. | |
| 6. A) It was brought up by two staffers. | |
| B) It helped to popularize her restaurant. | |
| C) It originated from a donation to her staff. | |
| D) It was suggested by some of her customers. | |
| 7. A) Fifty customers have offered donations. | |
| B) More people have been giving than taking. | |

- C) Many people have come to eat at the restaurant.
 - D) Most staffers have received messages of kindness.

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.

8. A) He is a psychologist.
B) He is a famous writer.
C) He is a host for a TV program.
D) He is a primary school teacher.

9. A) Why social media accounts vanish without a trace.
B) Why parents raise their children in different ways.
C) Why people fail to respond to emails promptly.
D) Why friends break off contact all of a sudden.

10. A) They simply shut themselves down.
B) They avoid showing their emotions.
C) They scream to get their parents back.
D) They attempt to ignore the whole situation.

11. A) They may regard any difference as the end of a relationship.
B) They are on better terms with friends and romantic partners.
C) They try to express their feelings and thoughts effectively.
D) They attach more value to their relationships with others.

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

12. A) Their price. C) Their quality.
B) Their color. D) Their design.

13. A) Jeans are a typical American garment.
B) America makes the best-known brands of jeans.
C) America has the best weaving tools in the world.
D) Jeans are available in a greater variety in America.

14. A) They are artificial. C) They are unique.
B) They are natural. D) They are special.

15. A) They are for casual wearing. C) They are much too pricey.
B) They are popular with boys. D) They are worth the price.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four 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 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

19. A) It can highlight leadership.
B) It can help connect people.
C) It is a means to inspire creative thinking.
D) It is an intuitive way to solidify friendship.

20. A) Allow them to recite data points.
B) Make them more open to learning.
C) Enable them to remember the main idea.
D) Stimulate them to engage in discussions.

21. A) Inspire listeners' imagination.
B) Enrich their own experience.
C) Convey fundamental values.
D) Explain insightful ideas.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

22. A) Immigrants outnumber U.S.-born Americans.
B) Immigrants have been contributing to the U.S.
C) Another wave of immigrants is hitting the U.S.
D) The number of immigrants to the U.S. is declining.

23. A) More of them expect their children to succeed in business.
B) They have fewer chances to be hired by U.S. companies.
C) They have founded most Fortune 500 companies.
D) More of them are successful business people.

24. A) They have higher installment loan debt than native-born Americans.
B) Nineteen percent of them borrow money from friends and family.
C) Their level of debt is lower than that of native-born Americans.
D) Thirty-four percent of them use credit for their daily purchases.

25. A) Keep their traditional values and old habits.
B) Find employment in competitive businesses.
C) Borrow money from financial institutions.
D) Collaborate with native-born Americans.

2023 年 12 月大学英语四级考试真题（第 1 套）

Directions: Suppose the university newspaper is inviting submissions from the students for its coming edition on what in their university impresses them most. You are now to write an essay for submission. You will have 30 minutes to write the essay. You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

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.

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

3. A) How they change the way we shop.
B) How they alter human skeletons.

C) How they cause increased headaches.
D) How they affect our communication.

4. A) It loosens.
B) It brightens.

C) It hardens.
D) It softens.

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

5. A) Create Internet pages for him. C) Name an orange tree after him.
B) Ask a local pet shop to adopt him. D) Hold a birthday party for him.

6. A) He is a bold and aggressive pet. C) He once bit a doctor's receptionist.
B) He pays regular visits to village shops. D) He likes to sit on the hairdresser's chair.

7. A) He is fond of luxury cat food. C) He knows everybody in the village.
B) He likes to stay in villagers' houses. D) He often seeks food around her pub.

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.

- 8. A) Who to order the food.
B) Whether to have sandwiches.
- C) When to go for their meal.
D) Where to have their lunch.
- 9. A) In the shopping center nearby.
B) In the expensive Italian style diner.
- C) At the Sandwich Place on Camden Street.
D) At the American restaurant they frequent.
- 10. A) There is to be a conference call.
B) She has to meet with her boss then.
C) There will be crowds of people waiting for her.
D) She will have a photo taken with Brigitte Clark.
- 11. A) She doesn't deem homemade soup tasty.
B) She doesn't think his wife cooks well.
C) She feels Jeremy would rather dine out.
D) She has found the soup smells terrible.

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

- 12. A) A landlady.
B) A waitress.
- C) A receptionist.
D) A saleswoman.
- 13. A) He was involved in a terrible car accident last April.
B) He has much difficulty getting up and down stairs.
C) He is expected to undergo a knee operation.
D) He prefers to stay next door to the children.
- 14. A) To please his parents-in-law.
B) To find the best trip for his kids.
- C) To satisfy his curiosity.
D) To compare prices.
- 15. A) Visit a local art gallery.
B) Go on a boat trip.
- C) Take some photos of the islands.
D) Try her hand-made clothing.

Section C

Directions: *In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four 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 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 16. A) They are more intelligent than many of us.
B) They have already become our new friends.
C) They have begun to affect our social behavior.
D) They play increasingly more important roles.
- 17. A) Whether it might have any effect on the way we negotiate.
B) Whether it might actually outperform human negotiators.
C) Whether it can facilitate business transactions.
D) Whether it can speed up legal procedures.

18. A) Choose to be tough. C) Use deceptive strategies.
B) Sympathize with their opponent. D) Appear to be pleasant.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

19. A) They were perceived differently by some academics.
B) They still existed six months after the course ended.
C) They varied greatly among the course participants.
D) They were only measurable within seven weeks.
20. A) They can be easily seen among participants in a healthy weight range.
B) They should be attributed to participants' change in diet behaviors.
C) They are linked to cooking confidence and cooking satisfaction.
D) They actually result from eating more fruits and vegetables.
21. A) Gender. C) Health.
B) Confidence. D) Practice.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

22. A) It keeps others away. C) It remains visible.
B) It causes discomfort. D) It varies in size.
23. A) It makes us feel uncomfortable.
B) It renders the acquaintance a stranger.
C) It brings the acquaintance closer to us.
D) It causes the bubble around us to vanish.
24. A) In personal space. C) Within a distance of 18 inches.
B) In social space. D) Over 2 feet away from one another.
25. A) When we begin to feel fear. C) When we are 3 or 4 years old.
B) When we develop a sense of space. D) When we enter our teens.

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.

Exercising for just 10 minutes a week is linked to a longer life, according to a new study published in *The British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Several recent studies have found that even low-intensity exercise, done for a short amount of time, can have a meaningful 26 on health. Still, the idea that exercising for just 10 minutes a week may be enough to increase your lifespan is novel. It's also somewhat 27, since the federal physical activity guidelines recommend getting at least 75

2023 年 12 月大学英语四级考试真题（第 2 套）

Part I Writing (30 minutes)

Directions: Suppose the university newspaper is inviting submissions from the students for its coming edition on the recent developments in their hometown. You are now to write an essay for submission. You will have 30 minutes to write the essay. You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

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) Their interests are quite similar. | C) Their brains work in harmony. |
| B) They are generally the same age. | D) They have the same ethnic background. |
| 2. A) It can work both ways. | C) It is hard to predict. |
| B) It can be touching. | D) It resembles family ties. |

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

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| 3. A) Identify their biological fathers. | C) See whether they are actually related. |
| B) Search for their half-brothers. | D) Find out more about their ancestry. |
| 4. A) They were both 60 years of age. | C) They flew 737 airplanes as pilots. |
| B) They were born to the same mother. | D) They were both given up for adoption. |

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

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| 5. A) The kilometer-long beach was practically deserted. | |
| B) The beautiful beach was spoiled with lots of trash. | |
| C) Other tourists refused to join in the cleanup. | |
| D) One of his friends was caught littering. | |
| 6. A) The beach authorities. | C) A passerby. |
| B) One of the five tourists. | D) A local woman. |
| 7. A) It was tourists not natives who were cleaning up the beach. | |
| B) The number of tourists to the beach is on a steady decline. | |
| C) Some natives were selling poor-quality food to tourists. | |
| D) The tourists' good deed was not noticed by the locals. | |

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.

8. A) He has to play football with workmates. C) He is going to visit a friend.
B) He has got some books to read. D) He is physically unfit for it.
9. A) To teach kids about animal protection. C) To see some rare animals in cages.
B) To learn how popular zoos could be. D) To give her little nephew a treat.
10. A) He enjoys excellent health. C) He coaches tennis players every week.
B) He is keen on extreme sports. D) He spends most of his time in the gym.
11. A) Tending to his swollen ankle. C) Writing three book reports.
B) Concentrating on reading. D) Planning Christmas celebrations.

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

12. A) It is being debated by hundreds of retirees.
B) It is attracting many people's attention.
C) It partly records his own experience.
D) It argues for postponing retirement.
13. A) One should foresee a financial crisis.
B) One should trust financial planners' figures.
C) One should have one million dollars to retire.
D) One should start saving as early as possible.
14. A) It doesn't need to be permanent. C) It helps to reduce travel expenses.
B) It shouldn't be considered risky. D) It is the way to quit a job one hates.
15. A) By keeping close contact with one's employers.
B) By following the counsel of financial planners.
C) By retiring when one reaches sixty years old.
D) By investing half of one's monthly income.

Section C

Directions: *In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four 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 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

16. A) They tended to be arbitrarily judged by individuals of opposing groups.
B) They tended to be easily anticipated by those belonging to their own race.
C) They were influenced by the presence of someone from an outsider group.
D) They were readily shared among members of the same social or racial group.

17. A) When an unknown student from another university was present.
B) When an experimenter from the research team took notice.
C) When they were offered both candy and fruit as a snack.
D) When they tried to make a positive impression on the researchers.

18. A) By maintaining its positive image.
B) By advertising its social benefits.
C) By supporting struggling consumers.
D) By teaching consumers diet strategies.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

19. A) The academic and learning issues struggling students encounter.
B) The risk students face due to a history of mental health problems.
C) The work universities are doing to help students succeed academically.
D) The effect of interacting with therapy dogs on students under pressure.

20. A) Their executive functioning. C) Their academic networking.
B) Their communicative skills. D) Their leadership capacities.

21. A) Rid students of their anxiety.
B) Add to some students' stress.
C) Contribute little to typical student's success.
D) Help students with mental issues pull through.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

22. A) Work hard and plan carefully.
B) Attempt to succeed at any cost.
C) Aim high and expect great results.
D) Remain optimistic even in difficulty.

23. A) Regarding failure as something inevitable.
B) Trying out innovative marketing strategies.
C) Venturing into sectors never explored before.
D) Being willing to experiment with novel ideas.

24. A) Expect future success so as to move forward .
B) Learn from our failure and forge ahead.
C) Distinguish between good and bad risks.
D) Examine our strategies and find out weaknesses.

25. A) Fresher offers.
B) Safer operation.
C) More challenges.
D) Less competition.

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.