

一.单项选择

1. The committee will continue to look into the date _____ to determine if the marketing survey can be a better guide for the market .
A. informatively B. strictly C. narrowly D. closely
2. The president was _____ for a consultant to devise a new business plan.
A. arranging B. mentioning C. referring D. looking
3. Presently, _____ appears that the problem of absenteeism has yet to be adequately addressed .
A. he B. its C. his D. it
4. As soon as we _____ the new assembly plant, our production capacity will almost double or even triple.
A. are completed B. completing C. will complete D. complete
5. The share of imports in the country's total consumption also declined _____, the government said Friday.
A. slightly B. assuredly C. cooperatively D. decisively
6. It is essential that everyone _____ safety procedures in event of an emergency .
A. follow B. followed C. following D. be followed
7. Mr. Yun will supply you with the _____ information required to register your product at the appliances exposition.
A. specific B. specified C. specifying D. specify
8. I bet he is well _____ for the position of taking care of his staff .
A. engaged B. successful C. qualified D. reserved
9. When you have _____ time, you will spend it more wisely.
A. little B. lesser C. lessen D. less
10. The company plans to _____ and reorganize many of its stores to eliminate overlap in jobs and office functions.
A. closely B. close C. closed D. be closed

二.阅读理解

(一)

Although credit cards are becoming a more acceptable part of the financial scene, they are still regarded with suspicion by many as being a major part of the "live now pay later" syndrome(^Jttt). Along with hire-purchase, rental and leasing schemes, they provide encouragement to spend more money. Of course, it is only the foolhardy who yield to the temptation to live, temporarily at least, beyond their means, and such people would no doubt manage to do so even without credit cards.

Advertising campaigns have, however, promoted a growing realization of the advantages

of these small pieces of plastic. They obviate (避免) need to carry large amounts of cash and are always useful in emergencies.

All the credit card organizations charge interest on a monthly basis which may work out as high as 25 per cent a year, yet judicious purchasing using a card can mean that you obtain up to seven weeks, interest-free credit. Using the card abroad, where items frequently take a long time to be included on your account, can extend this period even further.

It is worthwhile shopping around before deciding on a particular credit card. It is necessary to consider the amount of credit granted; interest rates, which may vary slightly; the number and range of outlets, though most cards cover major garages, hotels, restaurants and department stores; and of course, what happens if your card is lost or stolen. A credit card thief may be sitting on a potential goldmine particularly if there is a delay in reporting the loss of the card.

However, if used wisely, a credit card can cost nothing, or at least help to tide you over a period of financial difficulty.

11. Which of the following can not make you spend more money?

- A. Credit cards. B. Hire-purchase.
- C. Rental and leasing schemes. D. None of the above is right.

12. The foolhardy are people who_____.

- A. spend more money than they have B. spend less money than other people C. save money D. make money

13. The disadvantage of credit cards is_____.

- A. to enable you to buy things without carrying large amount of cash
- B. to encourage people to spend more money
- C. to be always useful in emergencies
- D. to help people tide over a period of financial difficulty

14. According to the passage, credit cards are made of_____.

- A. paper B. gold
- C. plastic D. tin

15. Deciding on a particular credit, you do not have to consider_____.

- A. the amount of credit granted
- B. the number and range of outlets
- C. the possibility of loss of money
- D. the department stores where you are going to use your credit cards

(二)

We usually think of history at the story of important people and events, but some historians

are also interested in the daily lives of ordinary people. We can get this kind of information from written documents, like diaries and town records, of course, but, strange as this may seem, we can also learn a lot studying old family portraits. The types of clothing family members wore for the portrait suggest the popular fashions of the time.

The object that children hold in their hands can give clues about the games they played and their hobbies, the background of a family portrait gives historians an idea of room size and furnishings, and even the wealth and social position of the family. All of these details help historians understand more about the everyday lives of some of the ordinary people from the past.

16. What do most people think historians are concerned with?

- A. Dates and names that cannot be verified.
- B. Unusual works of art.
- C. Documents written by previous historians.
- D. Significant events and influential people.

17. What makes family portraits valuable to historians?

- A. They are few in number.
- B. They depict important historical events.
- C. They provide a lot of information about ordinary people.
- D. They conceal clues about the social role of artists.

18. What was most likely held by children in family portraits?

- A. Their playthings.
- B. Some money.
- C. Their relatives' hands.
- D. Their shoes.

19. What can historians learn from studying the background area in a family portrait?

- A. The location of the house.
- B. The social and economic status of the family.
- C. The types of games children played.
- D. The profession of the owner of the house.

(三)

The Bridgeport Revitalization Committee(BRC)

13 Robin Way

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Kevin Taylor

203 8th Avenue

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Dear Mr、 Taylor,

I am excited to announce to our members that we have received a \$750,000 grant from the Roger Coopers Foundation for our City Revitalization Project、

The City Revitalization Project focuses on the downtown area of Bridgeport, between First Avenue and Lincoln Way、 We will begin by redesigning Baten Park and the pedestrian walkways to create a more inviting space for shoppers and workers on their lunch breaks、

This grant is the largest we have ever received, and we are excited about the work it will allow us to accomplish、

We look forward to improving the quality of life in our city through great design!

Denise LeBaron

20、 What can be inferred about Mr、 Taylor?

- A、 He is a member of the BRC
- B、 He works for Denise LeBaron
- C、 He lives between First Avenue and Lincoln Way
- D、 He is on the board of the Roger Coopers Foundation

21、 What will the BRC use the grant money to do?

- A、 Build a museum
- B、 Redesign a park
- C、 Expand the highway network
- D、 Create worker training programs

22、 What is true about the grant?

- A、 It is for more than \$1 million
- B、 It is an extension of an existing grant
- C、 It is awarded by the Bridgeport Revitalization Committee
- D、 It is the largest the BRC has ever received

(四)

Best Cities For Tech Workers

According to DataQuest's latest figures, the best jobs in technology are located in eight metropolitan areas: New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Seattle, Portland, San Diego, Houston, and Philadelphia、

DataQuest first began collecting this data five years ago、 The list of top-tech cities has changed since then, but demand for tech workers has not --it has risen by twenty-five percent、

If you are pursuing a career in technology, but do not live in or near one of the top-tech cities, there are still plenty of opportunities、

Matthew Martinez, CEO of NetStaff, a high-tech staffing firm with offices around the country, said that the companies his company recruits for are always looking for more employees with tech expertise、 According to Martinez, "For most areas it is currently an 'employees market',

meaning that many employees in technology are able to pick and choose their jobs, ask for better benefits, and arrange flexible work schedules、"

23、 According to the passage, which of the following is NOT one of the top-tech cities?

- A、 Atlanta B、 Houston
- C、 Seattle D、 Chicago

24、 What is said about demand for tech workers?

- A、 It has continued to decline
- B、 It has been concentrated in 8 major areas
- C、 It has risen by 25 percent over the past five years
- D、 It has influenced the development of the top-tech cities

25、 What does Matthew Martinez imply about tech workers in the current job market?

- A、 They need to be flexible in their requirements
- B、 They should not expect conditions to change soon
- C、 They may be able to negotiate better work situations
- D、 They can get the best jobs through recruiting and staffing firms

参考答案

1. 【答案】 D 。

解析: closely 接近地 可用于抽象或者具体的修饰。

2. 【答案】 D 。

解析: 空格后是一个介词, 而空格内应填入名词, 所以要考虑介词和动词的搭配。Refer 应当与 to 搭配 (意为“参考某物”), 而不与 for 搭配。

3. 【答案】 D 。

解析: it 作形式主语, 真正的主语是后面的 that 从句。

4. 【答案】 D 。

解析: 空格应填入谓语动词, 并且是主动语态。根据首句的 as soon as 来考虑时态, 由于它是引导时间状语从句的连词, 所以不能用将来时, 只能用现在时。

5. 【答案】 A 。

解析: 本题空格内填入副词, 应该考虑和动词的搭配。decline slightly 意为“略有衰退”。高频词语: assuredly 确实地; cooperatively work 合力工作; act decisively 采取果断行动。

6. 【答案】 A 。

解析: 从句中缺少谓语。

7. 【答案】 A 。

解析: 空格内应填入起形容词作用的单词, 因而就要通过分辨 A、B、C 这 3 个选项意义上的差别来解题。一个秘诀是, 当很难通过语感判断时, 就选择原始的形容词。Specific information 意为“具体信息”。

8. 【答案】 C 。

解析: be qualified for 有...的资格; 适于担任...。

9. 【答案】 D 。

解析: 空格内填入形容词。lesser 是形容词, 但意义上不符, 因此排除。在 little 和 less 之中, 从句意上来说这里应当选择比较级 (注意后面的 more)。

10. 【答案】 B 。

解析: plan 在这里是以 to 不定式为宾语的及物动词。B 选项和 D 选项为动词原形, 因此可能是正确答案, 接下来, 句子中有明确的宾语, 这是解题的关键。此时通过考虑主被动来确定选项。高频词语: reorganize 改组, 改编; overlap in 在……上的重叠。

11. 【答案】 D

12. 【答案】 A

13. 【答案】 B

14. 【答案】 D

15. 【答案】 C

16. 【答案】 D 。

解析: 首句提到 “the story of important people and events”, 选项 D 为原文的同义替换句。

17. 【答案】C。

解析: 根据首段末句 “suggest the popular fashions of the time” 和末端首句 “gives historians an idea of room size and furnishings, and even the wealth and social position of the family” 可得出, 历史学家认为肖像画有价值是因为这些画像能体现很多平民的生活信息。

18. 【答案】A。

解析: 末段首句道 “The object that children hold in their hands can give clues about the games they played and their hobbies...”, 故可知孩子们的玩具。

19. 【答案】B。

解析: 末段首句 “and even the wealth and social position of the family”, 即可知家庭的社会地位与经济状况。

20. 【答案】A。

解析: 联系上下文可知 Kevin Taylor 是这封信的收信人, letterhead 中提到了 BRC, 信的最后表明这封信的发信人是 Denise LeBaron。另外信的开头还说到 “I am excited to announce to all our members”, 这些都说明了 Kevin Taylor 也是一名会员。

21. 【答案】B。

解析: 由上下文可知补助金是因 City Revitalization Project 而发放的。有关它第一阶段的内容在第二段中提到 “redesigning Baten Park and the pedestrian walkways”, 由此可知 B 是正确选项。

22. 【答案】D。

解析: 由文章第三段 “this grant is the largest we have ever received”, 答案由此得出。

23. 【答案】D。

解析: 联系上下文可以看出, 文章第一句话提到了 top-tech cities 有纽约、旧金山、亚特兰大、西雅图、波特兰、圣迭戈、休斯顿、费城 8 个城市。

24. 【答案】C。

解析: 文章第二段第二句话由此可知专业技术人员的需求已经上涨了 25%, 乍一看选项的时候很容易误选 B, 但仔细看文章之后会发现人才需求并不只是集中 top-tech cities, 而是大部分地区现在都形成了 employees market, 所以 B 是不正确的。

25. 【答案】C。

解析: 由文章最后一段 Martinez 的话可知选项 C 是正确答案。