**Exercises for Senior II Practice10**

**Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I. Listening Comprehension**

**Section A**

**Directions:** In Section A, you will hear ten short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversations and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a conversation and the question about it, read the four possible answers on your paper, and decide which one is the best answer to the question you have heard.

1. A. In the street. B. At home. C. On the phone. D. At an office.

2. A.Ajournalist. B. An electrician. C. A salesman. D. An operator.

3. A. The flying time. B. The strange weather. C. The man’s jacket. D. The changeable fashion.

4. A. She had a holiday. B. She travelled with her cousin.

C. Her cousin visited her. D. Her cousin was away from Belgium.

5. A. The stage is not big enough. B. They’re lucky to get two tickets.

C. It’s not easy at all to get tickets. D. The woman doesn’t want to sit near the stage.

6. A. Help the man to copy the novel. B. Return the novel to Alice immediately.

C. Find a copy of the novel for the man. D. Ask Alice if the man can borrow the novel.

7. A. She’s glad the man waited for her. B. She’d like to reschedule the meeting.

C. She wasn’t very late for the meeting. D. She’s sorry that she missed the meeting.

8. A. He has got more pages to write. B. The woman’s report is already long enough.

C. He has already finished his report. D. The woman will have time to finish the report.

9. A. She needs a different kind of job. B. She often goes back with her supervisor.

C. She used to work for a newspaper. D. She’d like her supervisor’s opinion of her work.

10. A. The man should have had his car inspected sooner.

B. The man doesn’t need to have his car inspected until next month.

C. The auto inspection center will be closed at the end of the month.

D. She has to wait even longer than the man did to have her car inspected.

**Section B**

**Directions:** In Section B, you will heartwo short passages and one longer conversation, and you will be asked several questions on each of them. The passages and theconversation will be read twice, but the questions will be spoken only once. When you hear a question, read the four possible answers on your paper and decide which one is the best answer to the question you have heard.

*Questions 11 through 13 are based on the following passage.*

11. A. Alphabet’s plan on self-driving cars. B. A successful test of self-driving cars.

C. People’s responses to self-driving cars. D. The 3D map used in self-driving cars.

12. A. The camera. B. The laser device. C. The built-in GPS. D. The sensors and radar.

13. A. Self-driving cars are already common. B. It was the first test of self-driving cars.

C. There exists distrust in self-driving cars. D. Drivers are still needed in self-driving cars.

*Questions 14 through 16 are based on the following passage.*

14. A. Tourism can bring a lot of disadvantages. B. Tourism is increasingly popular these years.

C. Tourism should benefit local communities. D. Tourism has become a problem in some places.

15. A. The cost of fuel is low. B. More people are visiting China.

C. Plane tickets are cheap. D. People need tourism for jobs and wealth.

16. A. 1.8 million more people will travel in 2030 according to the UNWTO.

B. Measures have been taken to address overtourism in some places.

C. TalebRifai doesn’t regard overtourismas a problem.

D. Some cities have forbidden tourists to visit them.

*Questions 17 through 20 are based on the following conversation.*

17. A. Because the joke was about dinner. B. To get all the boys involved in the joke.

C. Because they had no idea about the joke. D. To leave the boys no time to take revenge.

18. A. It was carefully prepared. B. The boys were each asked to take a bowl.

C. The food there was delicious. D. Supper should be skipped before the party.

19. A. Stupid. B. Challenged. C. Confused. D. Disappointed.

20. A. The girls’ joke turned out to be a success.

B. The class teacher was not generous enough.

C. The boys managed to take revenge on the girls.

D. The food was delicious so the bowls were emptied.

**II. Grammar and Vocabulary**

**Section A**

**Directions:**After reading the passage below, fill in the blanks to make the passage coherent and grammatically correct. For the blanks with a given word, fill in each blank with the proper form of the given word; for the other blanks, use one word that best fits each blank.

**Star Giraffe Finally Gives Birth**

April, a giraffe who became an Internet star after her pregnancy was broadcast online, has finally given birth, ending months of excitement for her audience.

The live broadcast from Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville, the State of New York, began during the winter. (21) drew nearly five million viewers a day at its peak. Some viewers kept checking back, even after the period (22)\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ April was expected to give birth had gone. Others became frustrated, questioning (23)\_\_\_\_\_ she was really pregnant.

Finally, (24)\_\_\_\_\_ April was pacing in her *pen* (畜栏) on April 15, two *hoove*s (蹄) began to appear. After a few hours, a newly-born giraffe was lying on the floor, (25)\_\_\_\_\_ (look) around confusedly. The *calf* (幼崽) tried to stand a few times but (26)\_\_\_\_\_ not. An hour later, it was (27)\_\_\_\_\_ its feet, walking around carefully. A spokesman for the animal park said the calf was a boy. “After months of pregnancy, both mom and calf are doing fine,” said Jordan, the owner of Animal Adventure Park.

People in Harpursville now hope the attention that April (28)\_\_\_\_\_ (draw) will translate into an economic development for the area. Harpursville was once a manufacturing base, but it has struggled financially in recent years.

Fortunately, there are already signs (29)\_\_\_\_\_ April’s fame is breathing new life into the area. Dozens of families recently arrived at the animal park after hours of driving, only (30)\_\_\_\_\_ (find) it closed for the winter. A nearby hotel has booked more than 100 reservations for a package that includes admission to the park when it reopens in May.

**Section B**

**Directions:**Fill in each blank with a proper word chosen from the box. Each word can only beused once. Note that there is one word more than you need.

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| A. model | B. competitive | C. inserting | D. pickup | E. original | F. mission |
| G. price | H. mirroring | I. branching | J. virtual | K. buying |  |

**Company Builds World’s First Automobile *Vending Machine* (自动贩卖机)**

Thanks to used-car website Carvana, it is now possible to buy your own set of wheels at the touch of a button, from the world’s first and only coin-operated car vending machine in Nashville, Tennessee. It’s quick,easy, and not cheap, but cheaper than buying a car the old way.

The company has been working on theconcept for the past two years.Their 31 car vending machine was installed in Atlanta in 2013. But they’ve spent time improving the design, in order to take user experience to the next level. “Our new Vending Machine is a state-of-the-art, multi-story structure that delivers our customers’ cars by merely 32 a special coin,” said Carvana CEO Ernie Garcia.

The machine consists of a five-story glass tower that can hold up to 20 cars at a time. The tower basically serves as a(n) 33 point for used cars that customers purchase through the website, enabling 34 pricing and eliminating delivery costs.

Customers can access a long list of specifications, ratings, reviews, and lots of other details about the cars they’re interested in on the Carvana website. They even get 35 toursthat point out every scratch on the body of the car. Once the car is chosen and paid for, the company usually delivers the car to the customer for a seven-day trial period. This usually means the delivery costs are worked into the

36 of the vehicle.

But with the Vending Machine, customers are able to go to pick up their cars straight away. It’s a win-win 37 that allows Carvana to cut down on staff and *overhead* (间接费用), and save customers about $2,000 as well. According to the company, it also makes for a great 38

experience – placing an oversized coin in a *slot* (硬币投币口) and watching their car roll down automatically.

“Carvana’s 39 is to create a better way to buy a car, and this new Vending Machine will be a one-of-a-kind experience, 40 just how simple and easy we’ve made it to buy a car online,” Garcia said. He added the company plans to build more car vending machines in the future.

**III. Reading Comprehension**

**Section A**

**Directions:** For each blank in the following passage there are four words or phrases marked A, B, Cand D. Fill in each blank with the word or phrase that best fits the context.

**Stay out of the Sun to Look Young**

Forget drinking countless glasses of water or getting your beauty sleep. The secret of looking young is simply to stay out of the sun.A study of hundreds of women has revealed that those who avoided the sun’s rays looked up to 20 years younger than they actually are.

However, other supposed rules for a youthful *complexion* (肤色), from drinking lots of water to sleeping well and exercising regularly, failed to 41 the hands of time.Only keeping out of the sun, and wearing sunscreen when this wasn’t possible, made a 42 , the American Academy of Dermatology’s annual conference will hear today.The interesting 43 comes from a study of 231 women of all ages who were quizzed about their lives, including whether they were sun-lovers.When researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital in the US –commissioned by skincare firm Olay – guessed how old the women were, they found those who 44 in the sun tended to have aged more slowly.A lucky four had so few wrinkles and 45 spots, and such a fresh complexion, that they appeared to be a full two decades younger than they really were.

Researcher DrAlexa Kimball, a professor of *dermatology* (皮肤医学), said the 46 advice that we drink lots of water to stay healthy is actually a*myth* (谬见), and the body is ‘pretty good’ at judging how much we need.

Previous research by the British Nutrition Foundation reached a 47 conclusion.Experts there said: ‘Just drinking water for the sake of drinking water really has no effect on improving the appearance of skin.’It isn’t clear why the women who 48 well didn’t have younger-looking skin. But it may be that the question they were asked was too 49 and didn’t take into account their long-term sleep patterns.

A second study, also by Olay, suggested that low-level day to day exposure to the sun is more ageing than 50 , intense exposure.Finally, DNA examination of tiny samples of the women’s skin helped understand the 51 done by the sun.A gene called CDKN2A was more active in facial skin that is exposed to the elements than in samples taken from the bottoms.This gene was also more active in women who said they loved the 52 – and in those who looked older.Dr Kimball said CDKN2A activity is a 53 that a cell is ‘tired out’ and urged women should protect their skin year round and not just when on a beach holiday.

DrFraukeNeuser, principal scientist at Olay, which has used the 54 to develop its latest face creams, said: ‘This research gives us a detailed picture of the effect of sun exposure on skin ageing and illustrate the importance of protection on a 55 basis.’

41. A. add to B. benefit from C. depend on D. hold back

42. A. mistake B. proposal C. difference D. comment

43. A. finding B. suggestion C. prospect D. possibility

44. A. cheered up B. were exposed C. made trouble D. took care

45. A. age B. trouble C. scenic D. weak

46. A. faulty B. popular C. helpful D. conflicting

47. A. better B. similar C. false D. satisfactory

48. A. ate B. exercised C. acted D. slept

49. A. hard B. apparent C. narrow D. serious

50. A. occasional B. limited C. potential D. initial

51. A. good B. damage C. treatment D. miracle

52. A. beauty B. water C. skin D. sun

53. A. trend B. possibility C. sign D. chance

54. A. product B. research C. approach D. sample

55. A. temporary B. personal C. daily D. strict

**Section B**

**Directions:** Read the following three passages. Each passage is followed by several questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that fits best according to the information given in the passage you have just read.

**（A）**

Mickey Mouse and Shrek are just a couple of the American *animated* (动画的) characters loved the world over. And they are examples of the evolution of animation, which has brought unique new life to the film industry.

Among the first American animated films was *Light of the Moon*, a silent movie produced in 1911 using *silhouette* (剪影) animation, where the characters are represented only as black silhouettes.

The real breakthrough for American animation came with *Steamboat Willie*, created by Walt Disney and released in 1928. It was the first animated film to be accompanied by sound, and its main star, Mickey Mouse, became one of the most loveable and enduring animated characters ever created.Disney also created the first American full-length animated film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Released in 1937, it enjoyed worldwide box-office success.

Disney’s extremely careful attention to high-quality detail in the thousands of hand-painted drawings required at that time to make an animated film elevated this film technique to the level of a serious art form.

Clay animation is a type of stop-motion animation using forms made of clay. Clay animation films have been produced in the United States since 1908. But this form of animation only won wide popular appeal in 1955 with a short film called *Gumbasia*, created by Art Clokey.

Computer-generated imagery, or CGI, brought animation to a new level of artistry and realism. Used in film since the 1960s, CGI animation began to developrapidly in the mid-1990s. *Toy Story*, released in 1995 and created by Pixar and Disney Studios, was the first completely computer-generated animated feature film.

In 2001, DreamWorks and Pacific Data Images released *Shrek*, the first computer-animated feature film to win an Oscar. Shrek returned in 2004 with his talking donkey, his princess bride Fiona and an army of fairy-tale characters in *Shrek 2*. Hugely popular, that film became the *highest-grossing* (票房最高的) animated film of all time.

In addition to strictly animated movies, animation has been mixed into films showing live actors as well. Who can forget the terrifyingly real dinosaurs thundering through Steven Spielberg’s *Jurassic Park* movies and the actors they chased? Thanks to the powerful capabilities of today’s computers and the unlimited imagination of American filmmakers, animation will be entertaining audiences worldwide for a long time to come.

56. The passage is mainly about the \_\_\_\_\_ of animation.

A. influence B. popularity C. characters D. development

57. Which film marked the beginning of the complete digital age of American animation?

A. Light of the Moon. B. Steamboat Willie.

C. Toy Story. D. Shrek.

58. It can be learned from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Disney played a very important role in promoting animation

B. computers make animated characters more lovely

C. *Jurassic Park* moviesinvolve only live actors

D. clay animation enjoys long-lasting popularity

59. What can be inferred about the future of animation from the passage?

A. Animation will forever remain an essential form of entertainment.

B. Animation will be replaced by new forms of films in the near future.

C. Animation will continuously gain new life due to computers and imagination.

D. Animation will get more popular in the future for the developing film technology.

**（B）**

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| The Puffing Billy Railway, located about40km east of Melbourne, was constructed in the early 1900s to open up remote areas. The present line between Belgrave and Gembrook travels through the forests and farmlands of the magnificent Dandenong Ranges. Today, this non-profit Railway operates almost daily thanks to the tireless efforts of more than 900 dedicated volunteers. |
| **General Information:**   * People with disabilities – can be accommodated on most excursion trains, including a limited number of wheelchairs. Please phone to check availability.   Easy access toilets are at Belgrave, Lakeside and Gembrook.   * Refreshments and souvenirs – are available at most stations. * Railway Tracks – standing and walking on the tracks is not permitted. * *Prams* (婴儿车) – only folding or narrow type prams can be accommodated through the narrow carriage doors. * Smoking – is not permitted on the train or under any roofed areas. * Assistance Dogs certified by a registered authority – are the only dogs allowed on the train and must be kept on lead at all times. * Alcohol – is not permitted on trains (except as provided in dining cars). * Toilets – are located at each station. Parenting rooms are located at Belgrave, Lakeside & Gembrook. * Photographs and videos – for personal use are permitted. Wedding photography and any use, re-use or reproduction for commercial purposes is prohibited without prior written permission. |
| **Conditions:**   * *Concession fares* (优惠票价) are available to Australian bearers of Health Care, Student, Seniors, Companion or Pensioner cards. (Exclude evening dining and events). Your signature may be required on day of travel for verification purposes. * Children under 4 years, not occupying a seat, are carried FREE on excursion trains only, excluding special events and dining trains. * Discounts are available for pre-booked group travel (20 or more) on a return journey, except on Sundays, public holidays and school holidays. * All trains are steam-driven unless a *diesel locomotive* (柴油机车) is required in exceptional circumstances. * First Class Travel return journeys are on appointed trains only. |

60. The above information is mainly intended for \_\_\_\_\_.

A. international tourists in Australia B. potential travellers of the steam trains

C. local residents in Dandenong Ranges D. volunteers on the Puffing Billy Railway

61. People are not permitted to bring \_\_\_\_\_ onto the excursion trains.

A. prams B. guide dogs C. wheelchairs D. alcohol

62. What can be learned from the above information?

A.Taking photos is forbidden on most excursion trains.

B. Toilets for the disabled are not available at all stations.

C. Foreign visitors to Australia can also get concession fares.

D. One can get tickets at a lower price as long as he books in advance.

**（C）**

Academic learning is usually in the spotlight at school, but teaching elementary-age students “soft” skills like self-control and how to get along with others might help to keep at-risk kids out of criminal trouble in the future, a study finds.

Duke University researchers looked at a program called Fast Track, which was started in the 1990s for children who were identified by their teachers and parents to be at high risk for developing aggressive behavioral problems.

The students were randomized into two groups; half took part in the *intervention* (干预), which included a teacher-led curriculum, parent training groups, academic tutoring and lessons in self-control and social skills. The program, which lasted from first grade through tenth grade, reduced arrests and use of health and mental health services as the students aged through adolescence and young adulthood, as researchers explained in a separate study.

In the latest study, researchers looked at the “why” behind those previous findings. In looking at the data from nearly 900 students, the researchers found that about a third of the impact on future crime outcomes was due to the social and self-regulation skills the students learned from ages 6 to 11.

The academic skills that were taught as part of Fast Track turned out to have less of an impact on crime than did the soft skills, which are associated with emotional intelligence.

“The conclusion that we would make is that these soft skills should be emphasized even more in our education system and in our system of socializing children,” says Kenneth Dodge, a professor at Duke who was a principal investigator in this study as well as in the original Fast Track project. Parents should do all they can to promote these skills with their children, Dodge says, as should education policymakers.

To Neil Bernstein, a psychologist in Washington, D.C., who specializes in child and adolescent behavior disorders, the researchers’ findings seem to match what he’s seen among the general public in working with children for more than 30 years. And while he says he agrees with the importance of teaching self-control and social skills, he would add empathy to the list, too.

“Empathy is what makes us aware of the feelings of others, and when you’re empathic, you’re much less likely to hurt someone else’s feelings,” says Bernstein, who serves on the advisory board for the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. “Being in tune with how someone else feels might also make adolescents avoid bullying and other behaviors of concern,” Bernstein says.

While Bernstein thinks the study’s findings are meaningful and could potentially serve as a model for schools, he says that collectively getting a school system, teachers, parents and students all motivated enough to take part in an intervention like Fast Track is challenging.

63. Fast Track is aimed to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. improve children’s academic skills B. help the children with behavior disorders

C. identify the problematic children D. classify children into different groups

64. Neil Bernstein thinks that \_\_\_\_\_.

A. empathic children are more likely to have higher emotional intelligence

B. the findings of the studies disagree with what he has found in his work

C. empathy is equally essential in educating and socializing children

D. self-control and social skills are not as important as empathy

65. What can be learned from the passage?

A. It’s hard to involve everyone concerned in applying the findings.

B. Soft skills were not part of the education system in the past.

C. The findings are meaningless unless guided by Fast Track.

D. Adolescence is the most critical stage in a person’s life.

66. What does the passage mainly tell us?

A. Academic skills are paid too much attention at schools.

B. Academic skills have no influence on children’s behaviors.

C. Soft skills are much harder to develop than academic skills.

D. Soft skills play a significant role in preventing future crimes.

**Section C**

**Directions:** Read the following passage. Fill in each blank with a proper sentence given in the box. Each sentence can be used only once. Note that there are two more sentences than you need.

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| 1. So it’s not easy for English speakers to label place values clearly. 2. The additional mental steps needed to solve problems cause more errors. 3. Differences between Chinese and English, in particular, have been studied for decades. 4. This method is a powerful tool for solving more advanced multi-digit addition and subtraction problems. 5. Different languages indicate different ways of thinking, causing people to solve math problems differently. 6. That makes it easier for children to understand the place value as well as making it clear that the number system is based on units of 10. |

**The Best Language for Math**

What’s the best language for learning math? Hint: You’re not reading it.

Chinese, Japanese and Korean use simpler number words and express math concepts more clearly than English. The language gap is drawing growing attention as confusing English number words have been linked in several studies to weaker counting and arithmetic skill in children in English-speaking countries.

67 Among the researchers are Karen Fuson, a professor in the School of Education at Northwestern University, and Li Yeping, an expert on Chinese math education at Texas A&M University.

Chinese has just nine number words, while English has more than two dozen. The trouble starts at “11”. English has a unique word for the number, while Chinese (as well as Japanese and Korean, among other languages) have words that can be translated as “ten-one”– spoken with the “ten” first.

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English number words over 10 don’t as clearly label place values. Number words for the teens reverse the order of the ones and “teens”, making it easy for children to confuse, say, 17 with 71. As a result, children working with English number words have a harder time doing multi-digit addition and *subtraction* (减法). 69

It also feels more natural for Chinese speakers than for English speakers to use the “make-a-ten” addition and subtraction strategy. When adding two numbers, students break down the numbers into parts and regroup them into tens and ones. For instance, 9 plus 5 becomes 9 plus 1 plus 4. 70

Many teachers in America have increased instruction in the make-a-ten method and called for first-graders to use it to add and subtract.

Now, you should feel lucky that you are learning math in China. Thanks to your mother tongue, all math problems just come less confusing and difficult to you!

**V. Translation**

**Directions:** Translate the following sentences into English, using the words given in the brackets.

72.你能感受到大数据给现代生活带来的冲击吗？(impact)

73. 我们在向西方学习的时候不能丢弃自己独特的文化特征。(abandon)

74. 上个月竣工的游乐园每天向公众开放，逢星期一休息。(except)

75. 如今，越来越多的人喜欢在网上购物，这就促进了快递业的蓬勃发展。(which)