

要求: 答案一律写在考点发放的答题纸上, 写在试题上无效。

### I. Vocabulary and grammar (30')

**Directions:** Beneath each sentence there are four words or phrases marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the answer that best completes the sentence. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

- \_\_\_\_\_ in the past, at the moment it is a favorite choice for wedding gown.  
A. Unpopular has as white been      B. White has been as unpopular  
C. Unpopular has been as white      D. Unpopular as white has been
- \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time, the fields are all dried up.  
A. There has been no rain      B. Having no rain  
C. There having been no rain      D. There being no rain
- The millions of calculations involved, \_\_\_\_\_ by hand, would have lost all practical value by the time they were finished.  
A. had they been done      B. they had been done  
C. having been done      D. they were done
- Televisions enable us to see things happen almost at the exact moment \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. which they are happening      B. they are happening  
C. which they happen      D. they have happened
- \_\_\_\_\_ me most was that the young boy who had lost both arms in an accident could handle a pen with his feet.  
A. That amazed      B. It amazed      C. Which amazed      D. What amazed
- Although she wrote a lot of short stories and poems when she was very young, \_\_\_\_\_ she was twenty five.  
A. her first real success did not come until  
B. her real first success came until not

- \_\_\_\_\_ since her first real success did not come until  
D. not until her first real success
- You should know better than \_\_\_\_\_ your little sister at home by herself.  
A. to leave      B. leaving      C. to have left      D. left
- As the train will not leave until one hour later, we \_\_\_\_\_ grab a bite at the snack bar.  
A. may well      B. just as well      C. might as well      D. as well
- She resorted to \_\_\_\_\_ when she had no money to buy foods for her children.  
A. have stolen      B. steal      C. stole      D. stealing
- The boy has admitted to \_\_\_\_\_ the window while playing football yesterday.  
A. breaking      B. having been broken      C. break      D. be breaking
- Betty advised me to label our luggage carefully in case it gets \_\_\_\_\_ in transit.  
A. misused      B. mishandled      C. mistaken      D. mislaid
- \_\_\_\_\_ money, she is quite rich. However, this does not mean that she is happy.  
A. Concerning      B. As to      C. In terms of      D. In the light of
- A well-written composition \_\_\_\_\_ good choice of words and clear organization among other things.  
A. calls for      B. calls on      C. calls up      D. calls off
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ with the customer not to let the shop assistants guess what she really likes and wants until the last moment.  
A. in her honor      B. on her honor      C. a point of honor      D. an honor
- This house will probably come on the \_\_\_\_\_ next month.  
A. fair      B. market      C. shop      D. store
- George was introduced to \_\_\_\_\_ activities at a young age, when she was hired to act as a lookout for drug dealers.  
A. illegal      B. lawful      C. faithful      D. peaceful
- An institution that properly carries the name university is a more comprehensive and complex institution than any other kind of higher education \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. settlement      B. establishment      C. construction      D. structure

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18. People's status in society is frequently \_\_\_\_ by how much they own.  
A. measured B. examined C. tested D. questioned
19. Jack is so \_\_\_\_ to his appearance that he never has his clothes pressed.  
A. adverse B. anonymous C. indifferent D. casual
20. There is an increasing \_\_\_\_ to make movies describing violence.  
A. strength B. direction C. tradition D. trend
21. Outside my office window there is a fire \_\_\_\_ on the right.  
A. escape B. ladder C. steps D. stairs
22. I \_\_\_\_ with the Browns during my stay in New York City.  
A. put in B. put down C. put on D. put up
23. Operations which left patients \_\_\_\_ and in need of long periods of discovery time now leave them feeling relaxed and comfortable.  
A. exhausted B. unhealthy C. upset D. fearful
24. Farmers are allowed to grow small gardens of their own and they sell their vegetables \_\_\_\_ the black market.  
A. on B. at C. in D. for
25. The electric fan does not work because of the \_\_\_\_ of service.  
A. pause B. break C. interruption D. breakdown
26. \_\_\_\_ is announced in the papers, our country has launched a large scale movement against smuggling and fraudulent activities in foreign currency exchange deals.  
A. What B. As C. Which D. That
27. All the flights \_\_\_\_ because of the snowstorm, we had to take the train instead.  
A. were canceled B. had been canceled  
C. having canceled D. having been canceled
28. Once \_\_\_\_, this power station will supply all the neighboring towns and villages with electricity.  
A. it being completed B. it completed C. completed D. it completes

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29. He might have been killed \_\_\_\_ the timely arrival of the ambulance.  
A. but for B. except for C. besides D. except
30. If you have never planted anything, you won't be able to know the pleasure of watching the thing you have planted \_\_\_\_.  
A. grow B. to grow C. growing D. to be growing

### II. Reading comprehension (40')

#### Section One Multiple choice (20')

**Directions:** In this section there are reading passages followed by multiple-choice questions. Read the passages and then mark your answers on your answer sheet.

#### Passage A

The direct rays of the sun touch the equator and strike northward toward the Tropic of Cancer. In the Southern hemisphere winter has begun, and it is summer north of the equator. The sea and air grow warmer; the polar air of winter begins its gradual retreat.

The northward shift of the sun also brings the season of tropical cyclones to the northern hemisphere, a season that is ending for the Pacific and India Oceans south of the equator. Along our coasts and those of Asia, it is time to look seaward to guard against the season's storms. Over the Pacific, the tropical cyclone season is never quite over, but varies in intensity. Every year, conditions east of the Philippines send a score of violent storms howling toward Asia, but it is worst from June through October. Southwest of Mexico, a few Pacific hurricanes will grow during spring and summer. But most will die at sea or perish over the desert or the lower California coast as squalls.

Along our Atlantic and Gulf coasts, the hurricane season is from June to November. In an average year, there are fewer than ten tropical cyclones and six of them will develop into hurricanes. These will kill 50 to 100 persons between Texas and Maine and cause property damage of more than \$100 million. If the year is

worse than average, we will suffer several hundred deaths, and property damage will run to billions of dollars.

Tornadoes, floods, and severe storms are in season elsewhere on the continent. Now, to these destructive forces must be added the hazard of the hurricane. From the National Hurricane Center in Miami, a radar fence reaches westward to Texas and northward to New England. It provides a 200-mile look into offshore disturbances. In Maryland, the giant computers of the National Meteorological Center digest the myriad bits of data-atmospheric pressure, temperature, humidity, surface winds, and winds aloft-received from weather stations and ships monitoring the atmospheric setting each hour, every day. Cloud photographs from spacecraft orbiting the earth are received in Maryland and are studied for the telltale spiral on the warming sea. The crew of United States aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and Atlantic watch the sky and wait for the storm that will bear a person's name. The machinery of early warning vibrates with new urgency as the season of great storms begins.

31. The cyclone season of the Southern hemisphere\_\_\_\_\_.

- A) is brought by the polar air of winter
- B) ends when winter comes to the Southern hemisphere
- C) virtually lasts throughout the year
- D) begins when the sun rays strike the Tropic of Cancer

32. What is true about the storms howling towards Asia?

- A) They originate over the Pacific.
- B) They influence Southeast Asia most violently.

C) They mainly grow during spring and summer.

D) They usually perish off coast.

33. When the Pacific hurricanes reach the lower California, most of them will\_\_\_\_\_.

- A) reduce their intensity
- B) increase their intensity
- C) cause much property damage
- D) result in great rain and floods

34. What can we learn about the National Hurricane Center in Miami?

- A) It mainly provides protection against hurricanes to Texas and New England.
- B) It warns the whole country against tornadoes, severe storms and hurricanes.
- C) It consists of radars along the coast of the west and the north of U.S.
- D) It supervises the coastal areas stretching from Texas to New England.

35. The passage discusses most clearly about\_\_\_\_\_.

- A) the factors that cause hurricanes
- B) the most risky areas that suffer hurricanes
- C) the early warning system against hurricanes
- D) the remedies for property damage by hurricanes

### Passage B

In the first year or so of Web business, most of the action has revolved around efforts to Lap the consumer market. More recently, as the Web proved to be more than a fashion, companies have started to buy and sell products and services with one another. Such business-to-business sales make sense because business people typically know what product they're looking for.

Nonetheless, many companies still hesitate to use the Web because of doubts about its reliability. "Businesses need to feel they can trust the pathway between them and the supplier," says senior analyst Blane Erwin of Forrester Research. Some companies are limiting the risk by conducting online transactions only with established business partners who are given access to the company's private intranet.

Another major shift in the model for Internet commerce concerns the technology available for marketing. Until recently, Internet marketing activities have focused on strategies to "pull" customers into sites. In the past year, however, software companies have developed tools that allow companies to "push" information directly out to consumers, transmitting marketing messages directly to targeted customers. Most notably, the Pointcast Network uses a screen saver to deliver a continually updated stream of news and advertisements to subscribers' computer monitors. Subscribers can customize the information they want to receive and proceed directly to a company's Web site. Companies such as Virtual Vineyards are already starting to use similar technologies to push messages to customers about special sales, product offering, or other events. But push technology has earned the contempt of many Web users. Online culture thinks highly of the notion that the information flowing onto the screen comes there by specific request. Once commercial promotion begins to fill the screen uninvited, the distinction

between the Web and television fades. That's a prospect that horrifies Net purists.

But it is hardly inevitable that companies on the Web will need to resort to push strategies to make money. The examples of Virtual Vineyards, Amazon.com and other pioneers show that a Web site selling the right kind of products with the right mix of interactivity, hospitality, and security will attract online customers. And the cost of computing power continues to free fall, which is a good sign for any enterprise setting up shop in silicon. People looking back 5 or 10 years from now may well wonder why so few companies took the online plunge.

36. What do we learn about the present Web business?

- A) Web business is no longer in fashion.
- B) Business-to-business sales are the trend.
- C) Web business is prosperous in the consumer market.
- D) Many companies still lack confidence in Web business.

37. Established business partners are preferred in Web business because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) they are more creditable than others
- B) they specify the products they want
- C) they have access to the company's private intranet
- D) they are capable of conducting online transactions

38. Pointcast Network is most probably \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) a company that develops the latest push software
  - B) a tool that promotes a company's online marketing
  - C) the first company that used an online push software
  - D) the most popular software that helps a company push
39. Net purists are most worried that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) only the requested information comes to the screen
  - B) the Net is filled with commercial promotion
  - C) the difference between the Web and TV will fade
  - D) push technology will dominate the screen of the computers
40. What does the author intend to express by mentioning Amazon.com?
- A) Its success is attributed to push strategies.
  - B) It is prosperous without push strategies.
  - C) It is highly concerned about the cost of computing power.
  - D) It is a good example of the flourishing online business.

### Section Two Answering questions (20')

**Directions:** Read the following passages and then answer some questions based on each passage. Use only information from the passage you have just read and write your answer in the corresponding space in your answer sheet.

### Questions 41~43

To fully understand the concept of the "Paperless Office", one must understand what it conceptually was supposed to mean, as well as what it has evolved into as its current form. Early forms of the paperless office would have concentrated around word processing documents and the ability to create, store and manage their existence electronically. However, you were limited in scope as to what you could do to "manage" these documents. Most of the management revolved around viewing and perhaps sharing it with other users in the organization. There were no automated programs that handled workflow, scanning, tagging and management of these documents effectively. Scanners were (at a cost-effective price) too expensive for the average office to acquire based on the return on investment. At the corporate level, there was no direction as to handle workflow and to analyze where paper came from and where it had to go internally and if there was a process in place, the tools were not mature enough or existing to handle it.

In the last few years, technology has finally been catching up to the needs and requirements of the office environment. Scanners that previously cost tens of thousands of dollars now can be acquired for hundreds. Digital copiers/printers now incorporate high speed scanning and OCR capability, even at the lowest levels. The technology initiative has now been transferred to the IT and MIS departments of corporations as well as law firms. Clearly, the tools necessary to transform paper-full to a paperless office are now widely available. What then, is stopping the widespread adoption of the concept of the paperless office? Cultural issues are probably one of the largest obstructions to the implementation of the concept of the paperless office. Plainly, people feel comfortable doing what they know how to do best (shuffle paper around) and modifying their habits requires a focus that makes them feel

that they are, in fact, doing things better and more efficiently. Implementing a paperless office environment that introduces processes that are more difficult and technologically challenging than the previous environment is doomed to fail from the start. Keep all processes simple, introduce technology that is easy to learn and use, and document the workflow.

41. What did the early forms of paperless office lack for efficient management?

42. Scanners used not to be considered worthwhile when a company considers its \_\_\_\_\_.

43. What does the author think about the processes of the paperless office environment in comparison with the paper-full office environment?

### Questions 44~45

Some of the old worries about artificial intelligence were closely linked to the question of whether computers could think. The first massive electronic computers, capable of rapid calculation and little or no creative activity, were soon dubbed(取绰号)"electronic brains". A reaction to this terminology quickly followed, computers were called" high speed idiots", an effort to protect human vanity. But not everyone realized the implications of the high-speed idiot tag. It has not been pointed out enough that even the human idiot is one of the most intelligent life forms on earth. If the early computers were even that intelligent, it was already a remarkable state of affairs.

One consequence of speculation about the possibility of computer thought was that we were forced to examine with new care the idea of thought in general. It soon became clear that we were not sure what we meant by such terms as thought and thinking. We tend to assume that human beings think,

some more than others, though we often call people thoughtless or unthinking. Dreams cause a problem, partly because they usually happen outside our control. They are obviously some type of mental experience, but are they a type of thinking? And the question of nonhuman life forms adds further problems. Many of us would maintain that some of the higher animals-dogs, cats, apes, and so on-are capable of at least basic thought, but what about fish and insects? If thinking is demonstrated by evident electrical activity in the brain, then many species are capable of thought. Once we have formulated clear ideas on what thought is in biological creatures, it will be easier to discuss the question of thought in artifacts(人工制品). And what is true of thought is also true of the many other mental processes. One of the immense benefits of a research is that we are being forced to scrutinize, with new rigor, the working of the human mind.

It is already clear that machines have superior mental abilities to many life forms. No fern or oak tree can play chess as well as even the simplest digital computer, nor can frogs weld car bodies as well as robots. It seems that, viewed in terms of intellect, the computer should be set well above plants and most animals. Only the higher animals can compete with computers with regard to intellect and even then with diminishing success.

44. What did people think of the early computers?

45. What does the author want to illustrate by mentioning the fern and the oak tree?

### III. Writing (30')

**Directions:** Please write an essay of about 400 words based on the following title..

#### **What I Have Learned From My Years at University**