

# 湖北省四校 2020-2021 学年上学期高二期中考试英语试题

时间：120 分钟      分值：150 分

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注意事项：

1. 答卷前，考生务必将自己的姓名和座位号填写在答题卡上。
2. 回答选择题时，选出每小题答案后，用 2B 铅笔把答题卡对应的答案标号涂黑。如需改动，用橡皮擦干净后，再选涂其他答案标号。回答非选择题时，将答案写在答题卡上。写在本试卷上无效。
3. 考生结束后，将本试卷和答题卡一并交回。

## 第一部分 听力（共两节，满分 30 分）

做题时，先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后，你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

### 第一节（共 5 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 7.5 分）

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题，从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。听完每段对话后，你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. When is Grandpa's birthday?  
A. On May 6th.                      B. On May 7th.                      C. On May 8th.
2. What does the girl advise the man to do?  
A. Look for a job.                      B. Take classes.                      C. Stay at home.
3. Where will the man go for the holiday probably?  
A. To London.                      B. To Toronto.                      C. To his hometown.
4. Where are the speakers?  
A. In an airplane.                      B. In a boat.                      C. On the ground.
5. What happened to Peter's bike?  
A. A tree fell on it.                      B. Someone stole it.                      C. It got broken.

### 第二节（共 15 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 22.5 分）

听下面 5 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题，从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听每段对话或独白前，你将有时间阅读各个小题，每小题 5 秒钟，听完后，各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听第 6 段材料，回答第 6、7 题。

6. Which bus goes to River Drive?  
A. No. 16.                      B. No. 14.                      C. No. 6.
7. What will the woman ask the bus driver?  
A. Where to change buses.                      B. The ticket price.                      C. How to get some change.

听第 7 段材料，回答第 8、9 题。

8. What did Jane like to do as a child?  
A. Make snowballs.                      B. Go skating.                      C. Sweep away the snow.

9. What's the weather like today?  
 A. Snowy and cold. B. Cloudy and windy. C. Snowy and warm.  
 听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。
10. When will the man return?  
 A. On Wednesday. B. On Saturday. C. On Friday.
11. How much will the man pay for his journey?  
 A. \$ 850. B. \$ 815. C. \$ 425.
12. What do we know about the man's journey?  
 A. Drinking is not allowed.  
 B. A lunch will be served.  
 C. He can enjoy a video program.  
 听第 9 段材料，回答第 13 至 16 题。
13. How long has the woman been in hospital?  
 A. For one week. B. For ten days. C. For two weeks.
14. When can the woman leave the hospital?  
 A. In two weeks. B. Tomorrow. C. Uncertain.
15. What's the doctor's suggestion for the woman?  
 A. To have medical checks regularly.  
 B. To take the medicine every day.  
 C. To avoid any physical exercise.
16. How soon will the woman get well completely?  
 A. In a few days.  
 B. In a long time.  
 C. As soon as she leaves the hospital.  
 听第 10 段材料，回答第 17 至 20 题。
17. What did Clara do during the Civil War?  
 A. She joined the army.  
 B. She helped the wounded.  
 C. She urged to stop the war.
18. What did Clara do after the Civil War?  
 A. She collected money to help the wounded.  
 B. She considered setting up the American Red Cross.  
 C. She led a group to search for missing soldiers.
19. When did Clara return from Switzerland?  
 A. In 1869. B. In 1873. C. In 1881.
20. How long did Clara serve as the American Red Cross's president?  
 A. Over 20 years. B. About 12 years. C. Over 4 years.

## 第二部分 阅读理解（共两节，满分 50 分）

### 第一节（共 15 小题；每小题 2.5 分，满分 37.5 分）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的四个选项（A、B、C 和 D）中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

#### A

Home fires can happen quickly, destroying lives and property, but unlike other disasters, most home fires can be prevented. Read on to learn 4 unexpected home fire dangers.

#### *Having old smoke alarms*

An effective smoke alarm can make much difference when it comes to surviving a house fire. It's not enough to change the batteries twice a year, you also need to replace your alarms every decade. "You should test your smoke alarms every month," says Lorraine Carli, vice president of the National Fire Protection Association. "But also don't forget to check the dates and replace an alarm that is more than 10 years old."

***Leaving the kitchen while you cook***

One in five Americans admitted leaving food cooking unattended on the stove, found an American Red Cross survey. Walking away from food cooking in the kitchen is a serious fire risk. "The leading cause of home fires is cooking and the leading cause of those fires is unattended cooking," says Carli. "If you need to use the stove or oven, be sure to keep an eye on it."

***Turning the heat too high when you cook***

Turning up the heat too high can be deadly, even if you're in the kitchen while you cook. Kevin Kelley, senior director of the American Red Cross, recommends paying close attention and turning off the burner if you see smoke or grease (油脂) starting to boil while frying food.

***Having a dirty stove while you cook***

If your stove is covered with grease, a small kitchen fire can get out of hand quickly. Clean and clear the area around the stove before turning on the heat, or the result will be dangerous.

21. How long should you have a new smoke alarm?
- A. 2 years.                      B. 10 years.                      C. 12 years.                      D. 8 years.
22. What is the leading cause of fires from kitchen?
- A. Clearing a dirty stove.                      B. Turning off the burner .  
C. Replacing an alarm.                      D. Unattended cooking.
23. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. Unexpected home fire dangers can be prevented.  
B. It is advisable to change the batteries twice a year.  
C. Kevin Kelley suggests paying close attention to fried food.  
D. Having a dirty stove is dangerous while you cook.

**B**

Do you need a human to create a beautiful scent (气味)? That's the question being asked as artificial intelligence (AI) starts to enter the perfume(香水) industry.

Companies are increasingly turning to technology in order to create more bestselling, unique fragrances that can be produced in just minutes. Last year, Swiss-based fragrance developer Givaudan Fragrances launched Carto, an artificial intelligence-powered tool to help perfumers(调香师). Through machine learning (a way computers improve outcomes automatically by learning from past results) Carto can suggest combinations of ingredients.

Using a touch screen, the perfumer can pull together different scents using data from the brand's vast library of fragrance formulas (配方) — a much more efficient process than using traditional forms. A small robot immediately processes the fragrances into perfumes, making it easier for perfumers to test their new scents.

German fragrance house Symrise has gone one step further and teamed up with IBM Research to create an AI called Philyra. Like Carto, Philyra can't actually sniff anything. But it is not designed to replace perfumers.

"It's machine-learning and sometimes the results have been wrong," says Claire Viola, vice

president of digital strategy fragrance at Symrise. “It’s still a project, the more we test, the more it continues to improve. It constantly needs training.”

24. What is **Carto** according to the passage?

- A. a bestselling unique fragrance.
- B. a Swiss-based fragrance developer.
- C. an AI-powered tool.
- D. combinations of ingredients.

25. What’s the main idea of para. 3?

- A. The process of making fragrance.
- B. Two ways of making fragrance.
- C. The importance of a small robot.
- D. The popularity of a small robot.

26. What can we infer from Claire Viola’s opinion on Philyra?

- A. It will replace perfumers in the near future.
- B. It’s the most effective technology to produce perfume.
- C. The results will be perfect when using it.
- D. We should train and improve it, because it’s machine-learning.

27. In which section of the newspaper can you probably read this passage?

- A. Lifestyle
- B. Entertainment
- C. Advertisement
- D. Science & technology

### C

Dancing with your grandma for 15 minutes a week promotes positive feelings and improves her state of mind, a study claims. Doctors from Israel are encouraging younger family members to have a regular visit to their grandmas and have a dance with their grandmas.

And they found a 15 minute boogie (布吉舞) once a week lifted the spirits of the elder family members and helped strengthen the familial bond. In fact, it is called Dance Movement Therapy (DMT). DMT across the generations, complete with eye contact, was found to promote positive feelings and improve spirits for the elderly.

The grandparents reported a bright state of mind, happy memories and uplifted spirits. Dancing has also previously been linked to improved muscle strength, balance and endurance (耐力). For the grandchildren in the study, the weekly boogie changed how they view aging and allowed them to come to accept the eventual death of their elderly relatives.

The study, published in the journal *Frontiers in Psychology*, assessed how dance affected general health of 16 dance movement therapists (治疗师) and their grandmothers. DMT was taken seriously due to the fact that it is easily accessible and does not cost more to practice. The researchers were eager to examine a low-cost method to treat issues commonly faced by an aging population— such as limited mobility and depression(抑郁症). Grandchildren were instructed to make eye contact and encourage playfulness and touch. They were also told to mirror their grandmothers’ movements and give them time and space to rest when needed.

The sessions were recorded and then analysed while diaries and interviews captured the opinions and feelings of the participants. As well as the benefits to the health of the senior, the experiment also changed the idea of the younger family members.

28. What should the young people do when dancing with their grandmas?

- A. Follow the grandmas’ steps.
- B. Look at the grandmas’ eyes.
- C. Move the bodies as long as possible.
- D. Talk with their grandmas in gentle voice.

29. What can we infer from the third paragraph?

- A. Dancing brings the young happy memories and uplifted spirits.
  - B. Dancing enables the senior to accept aging and death of their old relatives.
  - C. Dancing benefits both the senior and the young in the new study.
  - D. Dancing is linked to improved muscle strength and balance in the new study.
30. Which of the following is the best advantage of DMT?
- A. Inexpensive.
  - B. Relaxing.
  - C. Attractive.
  - D. Pleasant.
31. What is the best title for the text?
- A. What does DMT Mean?
  - B. Dancing: a Good Way to Stop Being Senior.
  - C. Why Don't You Dance 15 Minutes Every Week?
  - D. Dancing with Grandparents is Good for Health and Family Ties.

## D

After weeks of lockdown, the French are more eager than ever to get away from the breathless cities. But the busy traffic will also serve as a reminder of another annual summer trend here. The French have the unfortunate distinction of being the European champions(冠军) for abandoning pets that have become too cumbersome for their summer trips. Animal shelters up and down the country are evidence of this unique and sad tradition.

Betty Loizeau has run a shelter just north of Toulouse for more than 20 years. "Owners call up to say where their pets can be found, or drop them off in boxes outside the shelter under the cover of darkness. The excuses they typically give are that they're going on holiday, having a baby, moving house, or they have a new partner with allergies, ....."

For shelters like this one, it is the busiest time of the year. Between 100,000 and 200,000 pets are abandoned in France each year, with 60% of these incidents occurring over the summer. The figure is close to 16,000 in the UK.

"Pets are increasingly seen as an impulsive(冲动的) buy," says Marina Chailland, a vet(兽医) who has studied the social relationship between the French and their pets.

"A certain breed(品种) of cat or dog is fashionable and owners want one, just like a new smartphone," she says. "Of course, when it goes out of fashion they desert it for an upgrade a couple of years later, when a new breed is considered fashionable." She also points to the issue of pets being given as gifts as a reason why so many are abandoned. "Often parents will get pets for their children and when they grow up and lose interest in them, out goes the pet."

Over the summer, owners discover that hotels charge extra for animals or even ban them completely. This explains why you will often see frightened, lost, dogs wandering near freeway service stations or beach resorts.

32. What does the underlined the word "cumbersome" in para. 1 refer to?
- A. Disturbing.
  - B. Enjoyable.
  - C. Boring.
  - D. Impressive.
33. Which of the following is true according to the passage?
- A. In fact, the French don't like pets at all.
  - B. There are various excuses for people abandoning pets.
  - C. Between 100,000 and 200,000 pets are abandoned in the UK each year.
  - D. Pets are admitted into the hotel for free in summer.
34. When is the busiest time for a pet shelter in France?
- A. In spring.
  - B. In summer.
  - C. In fall.
  - D. In winter.

35. Why does the author mention the smartphone in paragraph 5?

- A. To explain why the French abandon the pets.
- B. To explain how the French like a smartphone.
- C. To explain why the French dislike pets.
- D. To explain how costly a smartphone is in France.

**第二节（共 5 小题；每小题 2.5 分，满分 12.5 分）**

根据短文内容，从短文后的选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

Mark, a professor at Stanford University, published a paper named The Strength of Weak Ties. Until then scholars had agreed that a person's happiness depended mainly on the quality of relationships with close friends and family. 36. You should know those about the "weak ties".

**Weak ties or strong ones, which are more important?**

One way to think about any person's social world is that you have an inner circle of people whom you often talk to and feel close, and an outer circle of people whom you see infrequently or just for a short time. Mark named these "strong ties" and "weak ties". 37.

**Someone people knew may bring more opportunities.**

Mark studied 282 Boston-based workers and found that most of them got their jobs through someone they knew. 38. 84% got their job through those weak-tie relationships.

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Sandstrom, a senior lecturer in psychology, found that people with larger networks of weak ties tended to be happier in general, and that on days when a participant had a greater number of casual interactions(互动) with weak ties — a neighbour, a member of yoga class — they experienced more happiness.

**When do weak-tie interactions happen?**

40, particularly when we're taking part in an activity of some kind, like singing or cycling. A study showed that regardless of nationality or age, people who were members of groups such as sports teams or church communities enjoyed an increased sense of meaning and safety.

- A. Mark showed that quantity(数量) matters, too
- B. Only the people with strong ties can feel it
- C. Weak-tie interactions happen when we are out
- D. People get happiness from weak-tie relationships
- E. Mark even went to interview these people in person
- F. But only a minority got the job through a close friend
- G. He stressed weak ties are more important to us than strong ones

**第三部分 英语知识运用（共两节，满分 30 分）**

**第一节：完形填空（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 15 分）**

阅读下面短文，从短文后各题所给的四个选项（A、B、C 和 D）中，选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

Since it was uploaded to Internet in June, the video of Nigerian ballet dancer Madu dancing in the rain has been 41 hundreds of thousands of times over. In a moment when social media channels have been filled with upsetting 42, the scene of the 11-year-old pirouetting(单脚旋转) over puddles(水坑) is especially 43.

Madu is one of a dozen students at Daniel Owoseni's Leap Academy(学院) of Dance.

Owoseni 44 the ballet school three years ago. He 45 himself after watching *Save the Last Dance* at 13. “I basically learned all the fundamental 46 of ballet through Internet,” says Owoseni. A 47 later, Owoseni was outstanding enough to 48 the best in the country. 49, his hopes for an international career were quickly ruined, for he was told an African was not qualified. It was then that Owoseni decided to 50 a ballet school in his hometown for kids like himself who couldn’t 51 ballet classes. Owoseni started teaching at his home before a local businesswoman offered him a free 52 where he now holds weekly lessons.

Beyond the 53 that the academy has received from all over the world, he’s most impressed by the 54 of his own pupils. “Nothing makes a teacher 55 than a student who wants to learn,” he says. “Even though it rains cats and dogs outside they’re getting ready for class. Who wouldn’t be proud of these children?”

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 41. A. heard        | B. viewed      | C. made        | D. delivered  |
| 42. A. news         | B. promises    | C. credits     | D. progress   |
| 43. A. inspiring    | B. annoying    | C. interesting | D. convincing |
| 44. A. attended     | B. founded     | C. finished    | D. discovered |
| 45. A. demanded     | B. exchanged   | C. clarified   | D. taught     |
| 46. A. competitions | B. directions  | C. principles  | D. solutions  |
| 47. A. decade       | B. fortnight   | C. century     | D. week       |
| 48. A. manage       | B. surprise    | C. cancel      | D. match      |
| 49. A. Anyway       | B. However     | C. Besides     | D. Therefore  |
| 50. A. run into     | B. account for | C. set up      | D. refer to   |
| 51. A. afford       | B. reserve     | C. receive     | D. submit     |
| 52. A. opportunity  | B. space       | C. guidance    | D. holiday    |
| 53. A. intention    | B. permission  | C. assistance  | D. attention  |
| 54. A. contribution | B. motivation  | C. devotion    | D. admission  |
| 55. A. angrier      | B. sadder      | C. wiser       | D. happier    |

## 第二节（共 10 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 15 分）

阅读下面材料，在空白处填入适当的内容（1 个单词）或括号内单词的正确形式，并将答案填写在答题卡相应的位置上。

A Chinese university has built the world’s longest 3d-printed bridge. The creation has a 56 (long) of 26.3 meters and a width of 2.6 meters. Its design came from the historical Zhaozhou Bridge 57 (build) in A.D. 605.

58 the ancient Zhaozhou Bridge required a decade to build, the team spent only 450 hours 59 (complete) all of their new bridges concrete parts. Besides, the bridge’s cost came in at just two thirds of 60 of an ordinary bridge.

The bridge consisted 61 44 individual 3D-printed concrete units, each of them approximately 3 by 3 by 5 feet. The sides, influenced by the Zhaozhou Bridge, 62 (make) with 68 single concrete plates moved into place by robot arms.

The leader of the team noted that “the demand for labor in construction projects will be in short supply 63 (increasing)” in the future. If China cannot find people to build bridges, “intelligent construction 64 (become) an important channel to solve this problem”.

There have been other 3d-printed architectural projects over the last few years, as the technology has become 65 (popular) than before. A team at MIT built a sample house in 14

hours. If there are ever houses on Mars NASA suspects the houses also will be built by robots using 3D printing.

#### 第四部分 写作（共两节；满分 40 分）

##### 第一节 应用文写作（满分 15 分）

假如你是李华，希望成为 2022 年北京冬奥会的一名学生志愿者并提供相关服务。请你用英文给组委会写一封申请信，内容包括：

1. 自身优势；
2. 计划和打算；
3. 请求批准。

注意：

1. 词数 80 左右；
2. 可适当增加细节，以使行文连贯；
3. 信的开头和结尾已经给出，不计入总词数。

Dear Sir/Madam,

Yours

Li Hua

##### 第二节 读后续写（满分 25 分）

阅读下面材料，根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写两段，使之构成一篇完整的短文。续写的词数为 150 左右。

A few years ago, I was taking up a part-time summer job at a local ice cream shop. While handing an ice cream to an old woman at the drive-through window, I noticed that she had a box of what appeared to be purple tomatoes. (If you've ever had a drive-through job, you know that it's hard not to look into someone's car when you are near from his or her face.) That's when I felt the desire coming on. I felt that I was eager to explore what they exactly were. But I just didn't know how to start my exploration. Would she refuse my curiosity directly or just keep silent, even with a look of disgust?

After a struggle in my heart, I decided to encourage myself to grasp the last minute. As I handed her the ice cream, I said, "Those tomatoes look delicious! What kind are they?"

She smiled and I thought she was about to start laughing, but instead she replied, "Here, have some!" Within seconds I had a handful of splendid purple tomatoes. "Oh, no, you don't need to give me any!" I said. Those tomatoes looked expensive. "Here, have more," she insisted, and now I had six of the fattest, prettiest tomatoes I had ever seen. I weakly tried to protest: "Really, you didn't have to give me any, but I appreciate it."

The woman smiled again and said, "I hope you enjoy them. And to answer your question, It's an heirloom breed(传家宝品种) that my Mom used to plant. So they aren't like the ones you get in the grocery store."

I thanked her again, and she sped off. She was like an adult version of the tooth fairy: I gave her ice cream and she gave me tomatoes.

注意：

1. 所续写的短文词数应为 150 词左右；
2. 续写部分分为两段，每段的开头语已经为你写好

Paragraph 1

About two weeks later, a box of vegetables was dropped off in my office. \_\_\_\_\_



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Paragraph 2

*I decided to accept her invitation to visit her vegetable garden.* \_\_\_\_\_

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