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真题试卷

Section I Use of English

Directions:

Read the following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and mark A, B, C or D on ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

Thinner isn't always better. A number of studies have 1 that normal-weight people are in fact at higher risk of some diseases compared to those who are overweight. And there are health conditions for which being overweight is actually 2. For example, heavier women are less likely to develop calcium deficiency than thin women. 3 among the elderly, being somewhat overweight is often an 4 of good health.

Of even greater 5 is the fact that obesity turns out to be very difficult to define. It is often defined 6 body mass index, or BMI. BMI 7 body mass divided by the square of height. An adult with a BMI of 18 to 25 is often considered to be normal weight. Between 25 and 30 is overweight. And over 30 is considered obese. Obesity, 8, can be divided into moderately obese, severely obese, and very severely obese.

While such numerical standards seem 9, they are not. Obesity is probably less a matter of weight than body fat. Some people with a high BMI are in fact extremely fit, 10 others with a low BMI may be in poor 11. For example, many collegiate and professional football players 12 as obese, though their percentage body fat is low. Conversely, someone with a small frame may have high body fat but a 13 BMI.

Today we have a(an) 14 to label obesity as a disgrace. The overweight are sometimes 15 in the media with their faces covered. Stereotypes 16 with obesity include laziness, lack of will power, and lower prospects for success. Teachers, employers, and health professionals have been shown to harbor biases against the obese. 17 very young children tend to look down on the overweight, and teasing about body build has long been a problem in schools.

Negative attitudes toward obesity, 18 in health concerns, have stimulated a number of anti-obesity 19. My own hospital system has banned sugary drinks from its facilities. Many employers have instituted weight loss and fitness initiatives. Michelle Obama launched a high-visibility campaign 20 childhood obesity, even claiming that it represents our greatest national security threat.

1. [A] denied [B] conduced [C] doubled [D] ensured

2. [A] protective [B] dangerous [C] sufficient [D] troublesome
3. [A] Instead [B] However [C] Likewise [D] Therefore
4. [A] indicator [B] objective [C] origin [D] example
5. [A] impact [B] relevance [C] assistance [D] concern
6. [A] in terms of [B] in case of [C] in favor of [D] in of
7. [A] measures [B] determines [C] equals [D] modifies
8. [A] in essence [B] in contrast [C] in turn [D] in part
9. [A] complicated [B] conservative [C] variable [D] straightforward
10. [A] so [B] unlike [C] since [D] unless
11. [A] shape [B] spirit [C] balance [D] taste
12. [A] start [B] quality [C] retire [D] stay
13. [A] strange [B] changeable [C] normal [D] constant
14. [A] option [B] reason [C] opportunity [D] tendency
15. [A] employed [B] pictured [C] imitated [D] monitored
16. [A] [B] combined [C] settled [D] associated
17. [A] Even [B] Still [C] Yet [D] Only
18. [A] despised [B] corrected [C] ignored [D] grounded
19. [A] discussions [B] businesses [C] policies [D] studies
20. [A] for [B] against [C] with [D] without

Section II Reading Comprehension

Part A

Directions:

Read the following four texts. Answer the questions below each text by choosing A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET. (40 points)

Text 1

What would you do with 590m? This is now a question for Gloria Mackenzie, an 84-year-old widow who recently emerged from her small, tin-roofed house in Florida to collect the biggest undivided lottery jackpot in history. If she hopes her new-found fortune will yield lasting feelings of fulfillment, she could do worse than read *Happy Money* by Elizabeth Dumn and *Michael Norton*.

These two academics use an array of behavioral research to show that the most rewarding ways to spend money can be counterintuitive. Fantasies of great wealth often involve visions of fancy cars and extravagant homes. Yet satisfaction with these material purchases wears off fairly quickly what was once exciting and new becomes old-hat; regret creeps in. It is far better to spend money on experiences, say Mrs Dumn and Mr Norton, like interesting trips, unique meals or even

going to the cinema. These purchases often become more valuable with time-as stories or memories-particularly if they involve feeling more connected to others.

This slim volume is packed with tips to help wage slaves as well as lottery winners get the most "happiness bang for your buck." It seems most people would be better off if they could shorten their commutes to work, spend more time with friends and family and less of it watching television (something the average American spends a whopping two months a year doing, and is hardly jollier for it).Buying gifts or giving to charity is often more pleasurable than purchasing things for oneself, and luxuries are most enjoyable when they are consumed sparingly. This is apparently the reason MacDonald's restricts the availability of its popular McRib - a marketing trick that has turned the pork sandwich into an object of obsession.

Readers of "Happy Money" are clearly a privileged lot, anxious about fulfillment, not hunger. Money may not quite buy happiness, but people in wealthier countries are generally happier than those in poor ones. Yet the link between feeling good and spending money on others can be seen among rich and poor people around the world, and scarcity enhances the pleasure of most things for most people. Not everyone will agree with the authors' policy ideas, which range from mandating more holiday time to reducing tax incentives for American homebuyers. But most people will come away from this book believing it was money well spent.

21. According to Dumn and Norton,which of the following is the most rewarding purchase?

- [A]A big house
- [B]A special tour
- [C]A stylish car
- [D]A rich meal

22. The author's attitude toward Americans' watching TV is

- [A]critical
- [B]supportive
- [C]sympathetic
- [D]ambiguous

23. Macrib is mentioned in paragraph 3 to show that

- [A]consumers are sometimes irrational
- [B]popularity usually comes after quality
- [C]marketing tricks are after effective
- [D]rarity generally increases pleasure

24. According to the last paragraph,Happy Money

- [A]has left much room for readers' criticism
- [B]may prove to be a worthwhile purchase
- [C]has predicted a wider income gap in the us

[D] may give its readers a sense of achievement

25. This text mainly discusses how to

[A] balance feeling good and spending money

[B] spend large sums of money won in lotteries

[C] obtain lasting satisfaction from money spent

[D] become more reasonable in spending on luxuries

Text 2

An article in *Scientific America* has pointed out that empirical research says that, actually, you think you're more beautiful than you are. We have a deep-seated need to feel good about ourselves and we naturally employ a number of self-enhancing strategies to research into what they call the "above average effect", or "illusory superiority", and shown that, for example, 70% of us rate ourselves as above average in leadership, 93% in driving and 85% at getting on well with others—all obviously statistical impossibilities.

We rose tint our memories and put ourselves into self-affirming situations. We become defensive when criticized, and apply negative stereotypes to others to boost our own esteem, we stalk around thinking we're hot stuff.

Psychologist and behavioral scientist Nicholas Epley oversaw a key study into self-enhancement and attractiveness. Rather than have people simply rate their beauty compared with others, he asked them to identify an original photograph of themselves' from a lineup including versions that had been altered to appear more and less attractive. Visual recognition, reads the study, is "an automatic psychological process occurring rapidly and intuitively with little or no apparent conscious deliberation". If the subjects quickly chose a falsely flattering image—which must did- they genuinely believed it was really how they looked. Epley found no significant gender difference in responses. Nor was there any evidence that, those who self-enhance the most (that is, the participants who thought the most positively doctored picture were real) were doing so to make up for profound insecurities. In fact those who thought that the images higher up the attractiveness scale were real directly corresponded with those who showed other markers for having higher self-esteem. "I don't think the findings that we have are any evidence of personal delusion", says Epley. "It's a reflection simply of people generally thinking well of themselves'. If you are depressed, you won't be self-enhancing. Knowing the results of Epley's study, it makes sense that why people heat photographs of themselves Viscerally—on one level, they don't even recognise the person in the picture as themselves, Facebook therefore is a self-enhancer's paradise, where people can share only the most flattering photos, the cream of their wit, style, beauty, intellect and lifestyle it's not that people's profiles are dishonest, says Catalina Toma of Wisconsin—Madison university, "but they portray an idealized version of themselves.

26. According to the first paragraph, social psychologist have found that _____.
- [A] our self-ratings are unrealistically high
[B] illusory superiority is baseless effect
[C] our need for leadership is unnatural
[D] self-enhancing strategies are ineffective
27. Visual recognition is believed to be people's _____
- [A] rapid watching
[B] conscious choice
[C] intuitive response
[D] automatic self-defence
28. Epley found that people with higher self-esteem tended to _____
- [A] underestimate their insecurities
[B] believe in their attractiveness
[C] cover up their depressions
[D] oversimplify their illusions
29. The word "Viscerally"(Line 2, para.5) is closest in meaning to _____
- [A] instinctively
[B] occasionally
[C] particularly
[D] aggressively
30. It can be inferred that Facebook is self-enhancer's paradise because people can _____.
- [A] present their dishonest profiles
[B] define their traditional life styles
[C] share their intellectual pursuits
[D] withhold their unflattering sides

Text 3

The larger a machine and the more numerous its parts, the greater likelihood of a breakdown and the more expensive to repair. What has been said about market forces and management was necessarily oversimplified. The economies of modern industrial nations are large and very complex. To be sure, there is management, and there are market forces at work, but there are also many other factors that help or hinder economic function.

In modern industrial societies' governments play a large role. There is a great amount of regulation, most of it meant for the protection of the public. All regulations affect the way businesses operate, often increasing their costs and reducing their profits. Lower profits, in turn, reduce the amount of money which is known as working capital that a company can use for expansion. Auto emission standards, for instance, have had a significant impact on the

manufacture and pricing of automobiles. Other government policies such as taxation, budget deficits, and regulation of the money supply have an effect on how much money is available for people to spend on goods and services.

International crises and other conditions also affect the working of an economy. A severe frost in Brazil can ruin a coffee crop and raise the price of that commodity. War can cut off the supply of such resources as petroleum, chromium, or copper. In the United States environmental protests have slowed the development of nuclear energy capacity and the mining of vast tracts of protected land. Weather affects agriculture, a hot, dry summer can damage the wheat crop; floods can destroy thousands of acres of crops suddenly; and insect pests can devastate cropland with a rapid onslaught.

People's attitudes also have an impact on the marketing of goods. Health-conscious individuals, for example, may stop smoking, curtail their intake of alcohol, and eat less of certain kinds of food. Advertising affects what people buy, and it can create a market where none existed. Style and fashion are significant for many consumers.

There are other economic problems that are more difficult to understand. For centuries economies have been subject to periods of prosperity followed by periods of decline. Although periods of prosperity can be explained rather easily, the reasons for panics, recessions, and depressions are of a complex nature. So many factors contributed to the Great Depression of the 1930s, for example, that no economist has ever been able to account for all of them.

Because the causes of decline are uncertain, the remedies are equally uncertain. In the late 20th century all industrialized societies through their governments have tried to stabilize economies, keep them prosperous, and reduce unemployment. None of the remedies has worked to the extent that was hoped. How economies work and what remedies can be found to keep them operating efficiently are the tasks of economists, who must work together with businessmen and politicians.

31. The chief purpose of the passage is ____.

- A. to review the factors that affect economic operation
- B. to explore the causes of periodic economic decline
- C. to discuss the role governments play in modern industrialized
- D. to propose remedies for correcting economic recessions

32. The "machine" in the first sentence of Paragraph 1 is comparable here to ____.

- A. the political system of a nation
- B. the economy of a nation
- C. the market force
- D. the government of a nation

33. The example of auto emission standards is here used to make it clear that ____.
- A. it is harmful for a government to interfere with economic matters
 - B. state policies tend to lower profits and discourage investment
 - C. regulation may affect business operation by increasing the cost
 - D. most regulations are not meant for the protection of the public
34. Why is it difficult to explain the onset of economic decline?
- A. Because no economist knows everything.
 - B. Because it always follows a period of prosperity.
 - C. Because there are too many reasons behind it.
 - D. Because it is hard to predict when it will be coming.
35. The author believes that, to find efficient ways of keeping economy going, economists have to ____.
- A. find the exact causes for economic decline
 - B. find ways to fight unemployment
 - C. work out all the factors that lead to economic prosperity
 - D. cooperate with businessmen and politicians

Text 4

When the government talks about infrastructure contributing to the economy the focus is usually on roads, railways, broadband and energy. Housing is seldom mentioned

Why is that? To some extent the housing sector must shoulder the blame. We have not been good at communicating the real value that housing can contribute to economic growth. Then there is the scale of the typical housing project. It is hard to shove for attention among multibillion-pound infrastructure project, so it is inevitable that the attention is focused elsewhere. But perhaps the most significant reason is that the issue has always been so politically charged

Nevertheless, the affordable housing situation is desperate. Waiting lists increase all the time and we are simply not building enough new homes.

The comprehensive spending review offers an opportunity for the government to help rectify this. It needs to put historical prejudices to one side and take some steps to address our urgent housing need.

There are some indications that it is preparing to do just that. The communities minister, Don Foster, has hinted that George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, may introduce more flexibility to the current cap on the amount that local authorities can borrow against their housing stock debt. Evidence shows that 60,000 extra new homes could be built over the next five years if the cap were lifted, increasing GDP by 0.6%

Ministers should also look at creating greater certainty in the rental environment, which would have a significant impact on the ability of registered providers to fund new developments

from revenues.

But it is not just down to the government. While these measures would be welcome in the short term, we must face up to the fact that the existing £4.5bn programme of grants to fund new affordable housing, set to expire in 2015, is unlikely to be extended beyond then. The Labour party has recently announced that it will retain a large part of the coalition's spending plans if returns to power. The housing sector needs to accept that we are very unlikely to ever return to era of large-scale public grants. We need to adjust to this changing climate.

36. The author believes that the housing sector__
- [A] has attracted much attention
 - [B] involves certain political factors
 - [C] shoulders too much responsibility
 - [D] has lost its real value in economy
37. It can be learned that affordable housing has__
- [A] increased its home supply
 - [B] offered spending opportunities
 - [C] suffered government biases
 - [D] disappointed the government
38. According to Paragraph 5, George Osborne may_____
- [A] allow greater government debt for housing
 - [B] stop local authorities from building homes
 - [C] prepare to reduce housing stock debt
 - [D] release a lifted GDP growth forecast
39. It can be inferred that a stable rental environment would_____.
- [A] lower the costs of registered providers
 - [B] lessen the impact of government interference
 - [C] contribute to funding new developments
 - [D] relieve the ministers of responsibilities
40. The author believes that after 2015, the government may_____.
- [A] implement more policies to support housing
 - [B] review the need for large-scale public grants
 - [C] renew the affordable housing grants programme
 - [D] stop generous funding to the housing sector

Section III Translation

41. Directions:

Translate the following text from English into Chinese. Write your translation on ANSWER

SHEET 2. (15 points)

Most people would define optimism as endlessly happy, with a glass that's perpetually half full. But that's exactly the kind of false cheerfulness that positive psychologists wouldn't recommend. "Healthy optimism means being in touch with reality," says Tal Ben-Shahar, a Harvard professor. According to Ben-Shahar, realistic optimists are those who make the best of things that happen, but not those who believe everything happens for the best.

Ben-Shahar uses three optimistic exercises. When he feels down-sag, after giving a bad lecture-he grants himself permission to be human. He reminds himself that not every lecture can be a Nobel winner; some will be less effective than others. Next is reconstruction, He analyzes the weak lecture, learning lessons, for the future about what works and what doesn't. Finally, there is perspective, which involves acknowledging that in the grand scheme of life, one lecture really doesn't matter.

Section IV Writing

Part A

42. Directions: Suppose you are going to study abroad and share an apartment with John, a local student. Write him an email to

- 1) tell him about your living habits, and
- 2) ask for advice about living there

You should write about 100 words on answer sheet.

Do not use your own name.

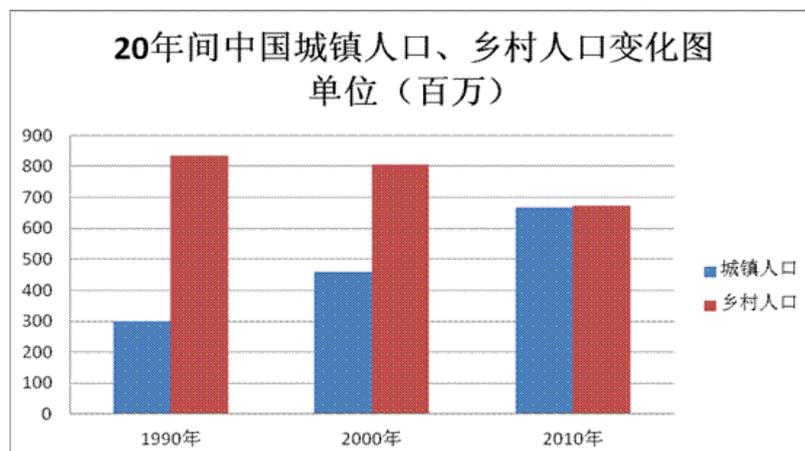
Part B

43. Directions: Write your essay on ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)

You should

1. interpret the chart, and
2. give your comments.

You should write about 150 words on the ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)



答案解析

1 【答案】B concluded

【解析】题干中，一系列的研究已经_____，事实上，正常体重的人的患病风险要高于超重的人。根据句义，后面的部分实际上是研究的结论，因此 **concluded** 符合题意，其他选项 **denied**(否认)与意义相反，**doubled**(翻倍)与题意较远，**ensured**(确保)不符合题意，因为研究不能确保后面的事实，只能得出后面的事实作为结论。所以正确答案为 B。

2 【答案】A protective

【解析】题干中，对于某些健康情况，超重事实上是有_____。根据前文研究的结论，超重能减少罹患疾病的风险，说明超重具有一定的保护作用。**Dangerous** 和文章意思相反，**sufficient** 表示充足，**troublesome** 表示有麻烦，不符合题意，所以正确答案为 A。

3 【答案】C likewise

【解析】第三句话中，较重的女人患缺钙的比例低于较瘦的女人。_____，在老年人中，一定程度上超重……。需要填入的是和前半句表示顺接的词语。A 选项 **instead** 表示逆接的句意关系，B 选项 **however** 也表示逆接，D 选项 **therefore** 表示因此，只有 C 选项 **likewise** 意为同样地;也，而且。因此正确答案为 C。

4 【答案】A indicator

【解析】本句话中，_____，一定程度上超重，经常是健康的_____。A 选项，表示指示器，指标。B 选项 **objective** 表示客观;C 选项 **origin** 表示来源，D 选项 **example** 表示例子。根据前面的文章内容，已经明确指出超重代表了健康，因此超重是健康的指标。因此正确答案为 A。

5 【答案】D concern

【解析】本句话的句意是，需要更加_____是，很难对肥胖加以定义。A、**impact**(印象);B、**relevance**(相关性);C、**assistance**(辅助);D、**concern**(关注)。前文已经说到肥胖事实上有利健康，但是又面临一个问题，到底如何去定义肥胖，因此需要更加关注的是对肥的定义，其他选项均不符合题意，所以正确答案为 D。

6 【答案】A in terms of

【解析】题干中，肥胖经常_____体质指数，或称为 BMI 来定义。A、**in terms of**，根据……，就……而言。B、**In case of** 表示在某种情况下，C、**in favor of** 表示赞成，以……来取代，D、**in respect of**，关于……。因此正确答案为 A。在医学研究和临床测试中经常使用 BMI 作为衡量受试者健康的重要指标，希望考生能够记住这一背景知识，方便日后做题。

7 【答案】C equals

【解析】本题题干中 BMI_____体重除以身高的平方，这里是用文字叙述了 BMI 指数得出的方法，也就是一个数学公式，所以 **equal** 符合题意。A **measure**(测量)、B **determine** 表示确定;D **modify**(修订)。句义就是 BMI 等于体重除以身高的平方。

8 【答案】C in turn

【解析】本题题干中，肥胖_____能够分成中度肥胖、重度肥胖和极度肥胖。A、in essence(事实上、实际上); B、in contrast (相反地); C、in turn(依次); D、in part (部分地)。本句是将肥胖依次分级，所以正确答案为 C。

9 【答案】D straight forward

【解析】题干中，相比之下，这样的数字标准看起来_____, 实际上不是的。A、complicated (复杂); B、conservative(保守); C、variable(可变的); D、straightforward(直截了当); 这里的数字标准指的就是肥胖指数，肥胖指数分为三类，而且算法比较简单，所以 A 复杂不正确，B 选项保守，用于描述一种数学公式，不恰当，一名患者或一名受试者的 BMI 一般是确定的，因此可变的也不符合题意，D 选项 straightforward 表示直截了当，符合题意，因此正确答案为 D。

10 【答案】B while

【解析】本句中，一些人有很高的 BMI，实际上身材正好，_____其他人有较低的 BMI 指数，可能_____。从前半句我们可以看出，有些人的 BMI 指数很高，应该属于体重肥胖的人，事实上身材正好，这里说明的是反常的现象，后半句是其他人的 BMI 指数较低，而_____较差。A、so(所以); B、while(而); C、since(因为); D、unless(除非)四个选项中只有 while 有转折的含义，其他选项均不符合题意，所以正确答案为 B。

11 【答案】A shape

【解析】本题可以简化为: Some ... are fit, while others ... may be in poor .不难看出，前后意义相反，且 fit(体型健康)与 in poor 对应，与之最相关是 A shape(外形)，故为正确答案。"精神"、"均衡"、"品味"都相差比较远，可以排除。

12 【答案】B qualify

【解析】本题顺应前文意义: 有一些人体型很好，有些人体型体型肥胖。接下来举例说有些专业足球运动员是肥胖的，"开始"不符;"处在"也不符合句意;"退休"内容无关;"被认为"符合句意，正确。

13 【答案】C normal

【解析】本句不难理解: 有些人脂肪过高，但是 BMI 却_____。所需词汇明显是正向的，排除 A、B; D 属中性，且不符合句意，C(正常的)契合，为正确答案。

14 【答案】D tendency

【解析】本题解题关键是后半句: to stigmatize obesity(抵毁肥胖)，作为划线部分的后置定语，将四个选项"选择""理由""机会""倾向"代入划线处，最符合句意的是 D(倾向)。后面一句也进一步证实了(出现在媒体中的肥胖者脸都是打了马赛克的)。

15 【答案】B pictured

【解析】空格所在句提到了媒体，根据语境，上句讲到当今我们都污蔑肥胖，所以本句的意思应该是媒体污蔑肥胖，四个选项中，跟媒体相关关系的词汇只有 b picture 意思为刻画，描写，描述。

16【答案】D associated

【解析】空格所在句的意思是肥胖_____的原型包括懒惰，缺乏意志力，对成功的期望值不高。空格后面提到的懒惰，缺乏意志力和对成功的期望值不高都是与肥胖相关的表现，分析四个选项，A. 与。。。相比;B 与。。。相结合;C. 和。。。和解;都不符合题意，只有D 与。。。相联系，相关符合句意。

17【答案】A even

【解析】空格所在句的意思是_____小孩子蔑视超重，而且对身材的嘲笑一直是学校的一个问题。本空格缺少一个副词，根据语境记忆常识，此处应该填入表示让步关系的词汇，分析四个选项，只有A even 即使符合题意。

18【答案】D grounded

【解析】根据语境，空前讲到对肥胖的负面态度，空后讲到对健康的关注，激发一批反肥胖的_____。本句没有出现任何转折词，说明空前后所表达的意思是一致的，反对肥胖，是基于对健康的关注，分析四个选项，能够表达此意思的词汇，只有选项D grounded,意思是基于。

19【答案】D policies

【解析】解答此题需要联系空格后面紧跟着的句子。空后的句子出现了一系列表示同一个语义场的词汇，比如 hospital system ; ban; many employers institute, 指向的意思是一个系统中所出台的政策的问题，浏览四个选项，D 选项 policies 符合题意，直接入选。

20【答案】B against

【解析】本段的主题是反对肥胖，本句话属于细节的句子，用来支持这个主题，空格所在句讲到米歇尔奥巴马已经发起了一个高知名度的_____儿童 肥胖，甚至告诉奥兹博士，它代表了我国国家最大的安全威胁。空格中缺少词汇应该含有反对，反抗的意思，纵观四个选项，只有B against 符合题意。

21【答案】B A special tour

【解析】细节题。答案定位在第二段的"it is far better to spend money on experiences...like interesting trips...", 意思是"花钱消费在经历方面更好....., 比如说有趣的旅行.....", 由此可以得知答案是B 选项"一场特别的旅行"。

22【答案】A critical

【解析】观点态度题。答案定位在第三段的"something the average American spends a whopping two months a year doing, and is hardly jollier for it", 意思是"普通美国人一年花两个月的时间看电视，并且看电视几乎不可能更愉快", 因此可以得知作者对于看电视的态度是A 选项"批判的"。

23【答案】D rarity generally increases pleasure

【解析】观点例证题。答案定位在第三段，文章中提到 Mc Rib 这个例子，用这个例子证明的论点是"luxuries are most enjoyable when they are consumed sparingly", 大意是"有节制地消费奢侈品最令人愉悦", D 选项正是这句论点句的同义替换。

24 【答案】 B may prove to be a worthwhile purchase

【解析】 细节题。答案定位在最后一段的最后一句"most people will come away from this book believing it was money well spent", 大意是"大多数人看完这本书后, 认为物有所值", 因此可以推知 B 选项是正确答案。

25 【答案】 A balance feeling good and spending money

【解析】 主旨题。纵观全文可知, 全文主要谈论花钱消费和心情愉悦之间的关系, 因此答案定位在 A 选项。

26 【答案】 A our self-ratings are unrealistically high

【解析】 题目问 "根据第一段, 社会心理学家发现了什么?" 对应于文章第一段第三句"社会心理学家对所谓的'高于均数效应'或者'虚幻的优越感'进行大量的研究, 发现我们中 70% 的人认为自己的领导力在平均水平之上.....—这些数据明显都是不可能的。" 由此可知, 我们对自己评价过高。故答案为[A] our self-ratings are unrealistically high。

27 【答案】 C intuitive response

【解析】 题目问"视觉识别被认为是人们的什么?" 对应于文章第三段第三句"视觉识别是自动的心理过程, 这个过程依靠直觉快速发生, 且并不是故意的。" 由此可知, 视觉识别被认为是人们的直觉反应。故答案为[C] intuitive response。

28 【答案】 B believe in their attractiveness

【解析】 题目问"Epley 发现有更高自尊的人倾向于怎样"。对应到第四段, 第二句讲到"没有证据显示那些自我提升最多的人这样做是为了掩饰自己的不安全, 接着讲到: 事实上, 那些认为自己的形象高于吸引力标准的人就是那些表现出更高自尊的人, 故答案为[B] believe in their attractiveness。

29 【答案】 [A] instinctively

【解析】 题目问"最接近 viscerally 的意思的是?"。对应到第五段, viscerally 所在句讲到"许多人讨厌照片中的自己, 从某种层面上说, 他们甚至不承认照片中的人是他们自己。" 而下文又讲到 facebook 是自我拔高者的天堂, 在那里人们可以分享最满意的的照片。" 由此可知, viscerally 在本句中是"本质上地"意思, 故答案为[A] instinctively。

30 【答案】 [D] withhold their unflattering sides

【解析】 题目问"我们可以推理出脸书(facebook)之所以是一个自我拔高者的天堂, 是因为人们可以做什么?" 对应于文章最后一段的第二句, 该句讲到"在脸书(facebook)中, 人们可以分享最满意的照片。" 下文接着讲到"不是人们不诚实, 而是人们展示了自己最理想的形象。" 故答案为 [D] withhold their unflattering sides。

31 【答案】 A to review the factors that affect economic operation

32 【答案】 B the economy of a nation

33 【答案】 C regulation may affect business operation by increasing the cost

34 【答案】 C Because there are too many reasons behind it

35 【答案】 D cooperate with businessmen and politicians

36 【答案】 [B] involves certain political factors

【解析】 根据本题题干中的关键词 housing sector 可以对应到文章的第二段，中间说的很多，我们注意到最后有 but 出现，最后应该是作者真正想要表达的观点，另外这里用了 the most significant 最高级，所以最后这个是最重要的一个原因，politically charged 和选项 B 的 political factors 有对应关系，故选 B involves certain political factors。

A 项的吸引注意没有提及，C 项的承担太多责任，原文说的 shoulder the blame，D 项说的丧失价值，原文说的是不善于表明真正价值，两者不一致，故排除。

37 【答案】 [C] suffered government biases

【解析】 经济适用房曾受到政府的偏见。答案定位到文章第三段最后一句话 It needs to put historical prejudices to one side and take some steps to address our urgent housing need. 政府需要把历史的偏见放在一边并且采取一些策略解决我们迫切的住房需求。Suffered 是过去式，是对于原文 history 的同义反复，biases 是对原文 prejudices 的同义反复。

38 【答案】 [A] allow greater government debt for housing

【解析】 根据人名 George Osborne 定位得知，此人将会让当地政府用来偿还建房借贷的限额变得更加宽松，并且在借贷限额放宽的情况下，将会另有 60,000 所房屋在未来的五年中建立，并由此拉动国内生产总值的百分之零点六。因此 A(允许更大的政府的建房借贷)是正确的，而 B(禁止当地政府建房)，C(准备减少建房借贷)，D(发布国内生产总值增长的预报)都与原文意思不符。

39 【答案】 [C] contribute to funding new developments

【解析】 推断题。根据文章题干定位到第五段，题干考察的是对稳定的租赁环境的理解。A 项的意思是“减少注册供应者的成本”，其中“成本”一词并未在文中出现，属于无中生有。B 项的意思是“减少政府接介入的影响”，其中“政府介入”并未在文中出现，属于无中生有。C 项的意思是“有助于为新发展提供资金支持”，其中“为新发展提供资金支持”对应文中的“fund new developments”；C 选项中的“contribute to”(意思是有助于)对英文中的 have a significant impact(意思是有重要影响)，符合正解的同义复现原则，所以是正确选项。

40 【答案】 [D] stop generous funding to the housing sector

【解析】 推断题。根据题干定位到最后一段第三行。考察的是 2015 年以后政府的可能性动作。A 项的意思是“推行更多的政策来支持住房”与原文意义相反。B 项的意思是重新审视大规模公共拨款的需求，与原文倒数第二段意义相违背。C 项的意思是更新可负担的住房拨款项目并没有提到 renew 一词。D 项的意思是停止对住房部门的大额资助，与原文的倒数第二句相匹配，故为正确选项。

41. 【参考译文】

大多数人愿意把乐观定义为无尽的欢乐，就像一只总是装着半杯水的杯子。但那是一种绝不会为积极心理学家所推荐的虚假快乐。哈佛大学的 Tal Ben-Shahar 教授说，“健康的乐观主义，意味着要处于现实之中。”在 Ben-Shahar 看来，现实的乐观主义者，会尽最大努力做好一件事，而不是相信每件事都会有最好的结果。

Ben-Shahar 会进行三种乐观方面的练习。比如说，当他进行了一次糟糕的演讲，感到心情郁闷的时候，他会告诉自己这是人之常情。他会提醒自己：并不是每一次演讲都可以获得诺贝尔奖，总会有一些演讲比其它演讲效果差。接着是重塑，他分析了这个效果不好的演讲，并且从那些起作用 and 不起作用的演讲中吸取教训为将来做准备。最后，需要有这样一种观点，那就是承认，在广阔的生命当中，一次演讲根本算不上什么。

42.小范文:

Dear John,

I am Li Ming who will go to study in your university and live together with you in one department. Now I am writing this letter to tell you some of my habits and ask you for some suggestions to adapt myself there.

To begin with, I usually get up early in the morning at six o'clock and then go out to do some exercise. To continue, I would like to spend my spare time in reading in the library. Meanwhile, I wonder if you could be so kind to offer me some proposals on how to get used to the life there.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon and wish everything goes well.

Yours sincerely,

Li Ming

43.大范文:

What is clearly presented in the above chart is the different numbers of urban residents and rural population among 1990, 2000 and 2010. The number of urban residents climbed steadily from 300 million in 1990 to 660 million or so in 2010, while rural population decreased slightly from about 820 million to 680 million or so in the same period.

It is not difficult to come up with some possible factors accounting for this trend. On the one hand, with the rapid development of economy and society, people in mounting numbers crowd into cities in search of employment, a decent living and the excitement of urban life recently. On the other hand, the economy in the rural districts is comparative less developed and thus the opportunity to make money and pursue their future is as well lean. As a result, an increasing number of folks are trying to escape this destiny by flocking into the urban areas.

Given the analyses above, I firmly believe that such established trend will surely continue for quite a while in the forthcoming years and due importance should be attached to this evident situation.

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