

Part I Cloze (每小题 2 分, 共 40 分)

Directions: Each Blank in the following passage is provided with four possible choices. Read the whole passage and choose the best answer for each blank. Then mark your choices on the **Answer Sheet**.

What makes a home? Love and sympathy and confidence. It is a place 1 kindly affections 2 among all the members of the family. The parents take good care of their children, and the children are interested in the 3 of their parents. Thus all of them are 4 together by affection, and they find their home to be the 5 place in the world.

A home without love is no more a home 6 a body without a 7 is a man. A man may 8 a successful and prosperous life, but prosperity alone can 9 10 happiness. Many great personages in the world history had 11 affections for their homes.

Your home may be poor and 12, but your duty lies there. You should try to make it cheerful and comfortable. The 13 the difficulties, the richer will be your 14.

A home is more than a family dwelling. It is a school in which people are trained for 15. A man will not 16 good service to his country if he can do nothing good for his home; for in 17 as he loves his home, will he love his country. The home is the 18 of true patriotism. It is the secret of social 19 and national greatness. It is the basis and 20 of civilization.

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| 1. A) that | B) which | C) as | D) where |
| 2. A) exist | B) prevail | C) occur | D) stand |
| 3. A) ideas | B) actions | C) words | D) activities |
| 4. A) fastened | B) bound | C) wrapped | D) strapped |
| 5. A) cheeriest | B) best | C) most comfortable | D) dearest |
| 6. A) as | B) for | C) like | D) than |
| 7. A) heart | B) mind | C) soul | D) brain |
| 8. A) make | B) do | C) lead | D) live |
| 9. A) by no means | B) by all means | C) somehow | D) anyway |
| 10. A) assure | B) insure | C) promise | D) reassure |

11. A) deep B) intense C) strong D) profound
12. A) penniless B) simple C) humble D) plain
13. A) great B) greater C) greatest D) large
14. A) consequence B) benefit C) triumph D) reward
15. A) rights B) obligations C) membership D) citizenship
16. A) render B) give C) provide D) offer
17. A) contrast B) proportion C) reply D) time
18. A) breeding ground B) nourishment C) greenhouse D) birthplace
19. A) welfare B) interest C) advantages D) success
20. A) foundation B) origin C) establishment D) ground

Part II. Multiple Choice (每小题 3 分, 共 30 分)

Directions: *There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the **Answer Sheet**.*

Passage 1

Is life today more dangerous than it used to be? It certainly seems that way. Last week the entire Metro system in Washington had to close down because someone might be blown onto the tracks during a hurricane. This week children in Washington were not allowed to go to school for a whole day because streets were blocked by fallen trees and power lines, and traffic lights at some intersections weren't working. A previous generation might have walked around the fallen trees and looked both ways before crossing the street, but the children of this generation clearly live in a much more dangerous world, and we need to protect them.

After Sept. 11, 2001, thousands of people in this country swore off airplanes and began driving cars. In fact, the number of deaths on U.S. highways in a typical year is more than double the number of people who have died in all commercial airplane accidents in the past 40 years. By taking the precaution of not flying, many people died.

There are some clear psychological explanations for some of this. It is a fact, for example, that people fear man-made disasters (terrorism) far more than they fear natural disasters (hurricanes, snowstorms), even when the latter are more dangerous. Equally illogical, people are also more afraid

of things they do not control, which is why driving a car does feel safer than flying in an airplane. Finally—although I have no proof—people are greatly frightened by things they read about in the newspaper. By contrast, they are very much willing to discount (给……打折) the evidence of their own experience. If you look around your neighborhood, you'll notice that the water is clean—which it wouldn't necessarily have been 100 years ago—and that the food isn't rotten or stale (馊旧). Most children aren't dying young. Most adults aren't dying in middle age.

Life is far safer and lasts much longer for the average American than it ever has for just about anybody at any other time in human history. But now that we've eliminated most of the things that the human race once feared, we've just invented new ones to replace them.

1. Children are not allowed to go to school for the following reasons EXCEPT _____.
A) fallen trees B) fallen power lines
C) a coming hurricane D) broken traffic lights
2. It can be learned from the passage that the previous generation _____.
A) knew better how to avoid danger
B) lived in a less dangerous world
C) was better at protecting themselves
D) was less fussy about dangers
3. It is indicated in the passage that in the past _____.
A) life was more enjoyable
B) water was less clean and fresh
C) foods were of better taste and quality
D) streets were safer for children to cross
4. The author believes that _____.
A) people are overreacting to dangers nowadays
B) people have good reason to fear the dangers today
C) life is full of dangers, especially after the 9.11 attacks
D) children should be better protected against dangers
5. The tone of the author in writing the passage is _____.
A) complaining B) depressing
C) factual D) ironic

Passage 2

The way people hold to the belief that a fun-filled, pain-free life equals happiness actually reduces their chances of ever attaining real happiness. If fun and pleasure are equal to happiness, then pain must be equal to unhappiness. But in fact, the opposite is true: more often than not things that lead to happiness involve some pain.

As a result, many people avoid the very attempts that are the source of true happiness. They fear the pain inevitably brought by such things as marriage, raising children, professional achievement, religious commitment, and self-improvement.

Ask a bachelor why he resists marriage even though he finds dating to be less and less satisfying. If he is honest he will tell you that he is afraid of making a commitment. For commitment is in fact quite painful. The single life is filled with fun, adventure, excitement. Marriage has such moments, but they are not its most distinguishing features.

Couples with infant children are lucky to get a whole night's sleep or a three-day vacation. I don't know any parent who would choose the word fun to describe raising children. But couples who decide not to have children never know the joys of watching a child grow up or of playing with a grandchild.

Understanding and accepting that true happiness has nothing to do with fun is one of the most liberating realizations. It liberates time: now we can devote more hours to activities that can genuinely increase our happiness. It liberates money: buying that new car or those fancy clothes that will do nothing to increase our happiness now seems pointless. And it liberates us from envy: we now understand that all those who are always having so much fun actually may not be happy at all.

6. According to the author, a bachelor resists marriage chiefly because _____.

- A) he is reluctant to take on family responsibilities
- B) he believes that life will be more cheerful if he remains single
- C) he finds more fun in dating than in marriage
- D) he fears it will put an end to all his fun adventure and excitement

7. Raising children, in the author's opinion, is _____.

- A) a moral duty
- B) a thankless job
- C) a rewarding task
- D) a source of inevitable pain

8. From the last paragraph, we learn that envy sometimes stems from _____.
- A) hatred B) misunderstanding C) prejudice D) ignorance
9. To understand what true happiness is, one must _____.
- A) have as much fun as possible during one's lifetime
- B) make every effort to liberate oneself from pain
- C) put up with pain under all circumstances
- D) be able to distinguish happiness from fun
10. What is the author trying to tell us?
- A) Happiness often goes hand in hand with pain.
- B) One must know how to attain happiness.
- C) It is important to make commitments.
- D) It is pain that leads to happiness.

Part III. Writing (共 30 分)

In this part, you're going to write a letter of about 150 words to invite some high school students in the US to take part in a summer school to be held in our university this year. The purpose of the summer school is mainly to provide the students to learn about Chinese culture. Write your letter on the **Answer Sheet**.

English Placement Test (Answer Sheet)

Name _____ Score _____

Part I Cloze (40%)

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Part II Reading Comprehension (30%)

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Part III. Writing (30%)
