



第十届“叶圣陶杯”国际青少年英语大赛

省级初赛试题（高中组）

总分：100 分

I. Read the following sentences and choose the best from A. B. C. D. (each 4 scores, all 60 scores)

1. After you mix the flour and the milk, you have to add some sugar _____ it.

A. in B. to C. into D. on

2. —Is that the document you were looking for earlier?

—Yes, it is. It was _____ under a pile of papers on my desk. I really need to be more organized.

A. dyed B. peeled C. buried D. honored

3. The _____ cultures of Egypt always attract me. I will pay a visit to the Pyramids of Giza one day.

A. amazed B. mysterious C. magician D. mystery

4. By the time Ken arrived at the classroom, the teacher _____ for thirty minutes already.

A. is lecturing B. has lectured C. has been lecturing D. had been lecturing

5. _____ alone in the dark, the little girl wailed and screamed for help.

A. Leaving B. Left C. To leave D. Having left



6. Though it rained heavily, they decided to _____ and continue their hike.
A. brave the elements B. kill two birds with one stone
C. have a frog in their throat D. throw the baby out with the bathwater
7. It is typical _____ him to be late for meeting, _____ makes us very angry.
A. of; as B. for; as C. of; which D. for; which
8. Your shoes need _____ before you wear them for the job interview.
A. to shine B. shined C. being shined D. to be shined
9. Sandy's mother suffered from Amnesia. She looked at her daughter with cold eyes as if she _____ a stranger.
A. was B. were C. is D. be
10. Drunk driving, causing great damage _____ a high rate in traffic accident, is a major concern, _____ we each should pay special attention to.
A. in; that B. in; which C. at; one D. at; that
11. Daisy felt _____ on the day _____ she saw her best friend off at the airport.
A. sad; when B. sadly; when C. sad; that D. sadly; that
12. _____ Larry is, he has to stay up to finish his homework.
A. Tired as B. Tired although C. As tired D. Although tired
13. _____ is in the early morning that you can enjoy the fresh air and listen to the birds singing in the trees.
A. What B. Whether C. That D. It



14.The following are ten movies _____ over and over again.

- A.worthy to watch B.worthy being watched
C.worth watching D.worth being watched

15.John can no longer stay in this country, and _____ Jack.

- A.so can B.neither can C.too can't D.either can't

II.Read the following passages and choose the best from A. B. C. D. (each 4 scores, all 40 scores)

A

In Russia, there are sets of dolls called matryoshka. Each set usually has seven dolls that are all different sizes. The biggest doll in the set is usually around 15 centimeters tall. It can be opened, and inside there is another smaller doll. This can also be opened, and there is another doll inside of it. Except for the biggest doll, each of the dolls fits inside a larger one. The matryoshka is a famous part of Russian culture. However, the idea came from outside of Russia.

For nearly 1,000 years, the Chinese have made wood boxes that fit inside each other. People use them to keep important items or as decorations. In the 18th century, some of these boxes were made into dolls. These dolls were called nesting dolls, and they became popular with wealthy people. At that time, China and Japan traded many things, and these dolls were probably brought from China and sold in Japan.

Before nesting dolls were brought to Japan, there were already many types of Japanese dolls made from wood. Traditional doll makers used Japanese wood and special painting techniques to make dolls such as daruma and kokeshi. Then, in the 19th century, they began to use these techniques to make a new type of nesting doll. This was a set of seven dolls that were painted to look like the seven lucky gods. Like the Chinese nesting dolls, each doll could fit inside a larger one.

In the 1890s, a wealthy Russian man named Savva Mamontov received a set of Japanese



nesting dolls. He loved traditional Russian culture and wanted to find a way to share it with more people. He asked a group of Russian artists to design a similar set of dolls. However, he wanted these dolls to wear traditional Russian clothing. This is how the first matryoshka was made.

16. What is true about matryoshka?

- A. The dolls are not sold outside of Russia.
- B. The dolls are much smaller than Russian people think.
- C. The idea for the dolls did not actually come from Russia.
- D. The idea for the dolls came from a famous Russian story.

17. What may have happened in the 18th century?

- A. Chinese people started using wood boxes as decorations.
- B. Chinese nesting dolls began to be sold in Japan.
- C. Japanese people began to make more money.
- D. Japanese products started to become popular in China.

18. In the 19th century, Japanese doll makers _____.

- A. first started making daruma using different kinds of wood
- B. started to make a new kind of nesting doll
- C. learned special techniques for painting on wood
- D. sold kokeshi that were larger than the old types

19. Savva Mamontov asked artists to make a set of dolls because he wanted to _____.

- A. find a way to let people know about Russian culture
- B. give them to the Japanese people he was visiting
- C. see what traditional Russian clothing looked like
- D. learn more about traditional Japanese culture



20. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Each set of Matryoshka usually has twelve dolls that are all different sizes.
- B. The smallest doll in the set usually cannot be opened.
- C. For nearly 1,000 years, the Chinese have made nesting dolls which were used to keep important items or as decorations.
- D. The original Matryoshka was a set of dolls which wore traditional Japanese clothing.

B

I'll always remember the first time I tried ballet. My mother was a dancer and I wanted nothing more than to be like her, but after making mistakes during my first class, I felt like I wanted to quit right away. However, I told my mom I couldn't wait to dance again because it was only my first day.

Weeks passed and my dancing didn't get any better. Then my dance teacher announced that we were going to perform in a show. I was scared of falling on my face in front of hundreds of people and disappointing my mom.

Even though I practiced hard for the show, I never quite **got the hang of it**. Finally, I went to my mom to tell her how I felt. She simply laughed and told me she would teach me all she knew about ballet.

My mom quickly discovered how bad at ballet I was, but she still taught me with the greatest patience, love and understanding. When I jumped and fell, she was there to catch me. When I lost my balance, she held me up. By the time the show arrived, I was as prepared as I could be.

The music began and my heart started to race. Breathing calmly, I began moving to the music without missing a step. When the music stopped, I ran off the stage and laughed in excitement.

My mom found me and gave me a huge hug, telling me how proud she was. I looked my mom in the eye and told her that there was no way this could have happened without her.



Through this, I realized one important fact: My mom will always be there to catch me if I fall.

21. What happened to the author on her first day of ballet?

- A. She fell down and hurt herself.
- B. She realized she was talented in ballet.
- C. She lied to her mom about liking ballet.
- D. She made no mistakes while dancing.

22. What does the underlined phrase “got the hang of it” mean?

- A. lost interest in it.
- B. had trouble with it.
- C. learned to do it well.
- D. jumped high in the air.

23. How did the mother respond when the author expressed her difficulties in ballet?

- A. She encouraged her to quit and pursue something else.
- B. She offered to teach her everything she knew about ballet.
- C. She scolded her strictly for not practising enough.
- D. She simply laughed and ignored her concerns completely.

24. When preparing for the show, the author found out that her mom was _____.

- A. calm and impatient
- B. excited and concerned
- C. understanding and reliable
- D. nervous and dependable

25. What did the author learn from her ballet experience?

- A. Don't be afraid of disappointing others.
- B. A mother's love is pure and unconditional.
- C. Never try something you are not good at.
- D. Every mom will be proud of their children's achievements.