



第十五届“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. Many people believe that university education is not the only route _____ a successful career.

A. at B. in C. with D. to

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. This classroom is _____ than that one.

A. twice big B. twice bigger C. two time bigger D. two times bigger

8. At an amazing Chinese art festival, there were different stands _____ artists could demonstrate their skills and teach the visitors.

A. why B. that C. when D. where

9. _____ Shanghai has a relatively small land area, it has a huge population.



- A.Although B.But C.Despite D.However
- 10.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
- 11.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
- 12.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
13. _____ Larry is, he has to stay up to finish his homework.
- A.Tired as B.Tired although C.As tired D.Although tired
14. _____ 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
- 15.The following are ten movies _____ over and over again.
- A.worthy to watch B.worthy being watched
- C.worth watching D.worth being watched

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

A

Edna, who lives in Canada, has become famous for the fitness level she maintains at age 91. The mom of five, grandmother of twenty-one and great-grandmother of four still drives now. "I've always had a busy lifestyle because, let's face it, with that many children, you have to be busy," Edna said. "So, I never really thought about it. That's just the way I live." She said she only really began to focus on her fitness in her sixties, when she was forced to retire from her job at a local hospital. She had to face the fact that she was 60.

To keep herself busy, Edna began gardening again that she had to give up because of her busy work. She said she also started going to the gym in her 60s, which she still does every other day. "I have to keep my feet to the fire because it's cold in the morning in winter, and



when it's snowy or icy out there, I don't really feel like going outside," she said. "But I make myself do it and mark it on the calendar. So I cannot take any shortcuts."

Edna said she focused on walking at the gym for her heart health and also included lots of weight lifting in her schedule to keep her bone strength. "When in the gym, I don't try to break any records or compete with anyone else," Edna said. "I only push myself to do better all the time, and I only compete with myself."

When it came to her age, Edna said the people at the gym didn't realize she's 91. She prefers it that way, because when people do realize she's in her 90s, they'll surely demand to help her. "I know them well. But I don't really want help," said Edna. "It's funny to say that, but I like to be independent."

16. What made Edna leave her job in the hospital?

- A. Being the age of sixty.
- B. Looking after so many kids.
- C. Wishing to live a busy life.
- D. Suffering from a heart problem.

17. What do we know about Edna in her sixties?

- A. She manages to be a regular at the gym.
- B. She lives in a cold place all year round.
- C. She develops a new hobby for gardening.
- D. She likes to take shortcuts in her daily life.

18. What is the primary cause of Edna's going to the gym?

- A. To set personal fitness records.
- B. To improve her health and strength.
- C. To become the best in the gym.
- D. To compete with other gym-goers.

19. Which of the following best describes Edna?

- A. Competitive and busy.
- B. Humorous and demanding.
- C. Independent and determined.
- D. Cautious and Caring.

20. What can we learn from Edna's story?

- A. Experience beats youth.
- B. Age decides fitness level.
- C. The elderly can be fashionable.
- D. Fitness is fit for every age.

B

Train travel is enjoying a booming *renaissance* (复兴) across Europe and North America as more people turn to greener and more reliable public transport. A recent survey of 11,000 people conducted by the famous rail company Hitachi Rail shows clear changes in people's



travel habits. Nearly half of the surveyed people plan to travel more by train and less by plane over the next five years.

The new research found that citizens in European and North American countries expect train travel to increase significantly in the coming years at the cost of flying. At present, rail travel already accounts for around 30% of long-distance journeys, which usually last 2.5 hours or even longer. Besides, one-third of the surveyed people say they are prepared to choose train trips more often within the next 12 months.

The data also shows a clear difference between general areas and cities. In the following five years, 40% of people nationwide will prefer trains, while the figure rises to 49% in cities. On the contrary, plane travel is set to stagnate. Only about 2% of participants intend to take more flights during the same period.

Most people welcome the trend of railway development. A total of 62% of the surveyed people support new rules to ban short flights when high-speed rail services are available. In Europe, where high-speed rail routes are rapidly expanding, the support rate reaches 67%. Most locals agree to fund new rail infrastructure by raising air and road taxes.

However, public transport still faces obvious drawbacks. Passengers point out that crowding, unaffordable pricing and poor overall convenience remain the biggest challenges. Research results also indicate that over 70% of people will use public transport more if transport systems are better connected, and more than half are willing to accept higher fares for improved service quality.

21. What can we learn from the survey?

- A. Nearly thirty percent of long trips are finished by train now.
- B. Most people plan to take planes more often in later days.
- C. One third of people will cut down train travel next year.
- D. 49% of people nationwide will choose trains within five years.

22. What does the underlined word “stagnate” mean?

- A. become popular
- B. develop rapidly
- C. stop growing
- D. disappear completely

23. Why do plenty of people support forbidding short flights?

- A. To lower the spending on building airports.



- B.To solve serious road traffic problems.
- C.To speed up the operation of all flights.
- D.To push forward the development of rail travel.
- 24.Which of the following is seen as a big trouble of public transport?
- A.Serious pollution. B.Overall inconvenience.
- C.Limited travel time. D.Lack of drivers.
- 25.What is the main idea of the text?
- A.Short flights have been totally forbidden in Europe.
- B.Train travel is gaining greater popularity over flights.
- C.Public transport has little room for future development.
- D.High-speed rail lines are built everywhere in North America.