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| Part I Error Co | orrection (10 p | oints) | | | | |
| Directions: I | n the following | g passage th | ere are 10 m | istakes, one | e in each numb | ered line. |
| Read the passa | ge and correct | the mistak | es. If you cha | ange a wor | d, cross it out | and write |
| the substitute i | n the correspo | nding blanl | k. If you add | a word, pu | t the insertion | mark (A) |
| in the right pla | ce and write tl | ne word you | ı want to add | l in the blar | nk. If you delet | e a word, |
| cross it out and | put a slash (/) | in the blan | k. | | | |
| Example: Television i | s rapidly becon | ning the liter | ratures of our t | periods . | 1 . <u>time</u> | |
| Many of the argu | ıments having ı | ised for the | study of literat | ture as a | 2 <i>J</i> | |
| school subject ar | re valid for Λ s | tudy of telev | vision. | | 3. <u>the</u> | |
| (I) | | | | | | |
| Tramore is a hap | py racecourse i | n a holiday 1 | town but, | | | |
| at just a mile rou | nd and with car | mbers to riva | al Epsom, it | | | |
| has never been fa | avorably in the | Irish jockey | s' room. Its | 1 | | |
| popularity will h | ave dipped furt | her after the | New Year's | | | |
| Eve shambles in | which all 14 ric | ders in a han | dicap chase | | | |
| either rode a fini | sh or pulled up | a circuit ear | ly. Nine | | | |
| jockeys, includir | ng Davy Russell | l, the champ | ionship leader | •, | | |
| were baned for f | ive days each a | nd the Irish | Γurf Club | 2 | | _ |
| has begun an inv | estigation that l | bring further | action. | 3 | | |

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| II) | | | | | |
| Number of people who died in passenger airline 4 | | | | | |
| erashes last year was 20 per cent lower than in 2006. | | | | | |
| There were 631 passenger deaths worldwide last | | | | | |
| year, 159 fewer than 2006, according to Ascend, 5 | | | | | |
| he industry information company. Robin Butler | | | | | |
| has been a crossbencher in the House of Lords | | | | | |
| For ten years since he retired after a 37-years career 6 | | | | | |
| n the Civil Service, which he completed as a head 7 | | | | | |
| of the Home Civil Service and as Cabinet Secretary | | | | | |
| o prime ministers Thatcher, Major and Blair. On | | | | | |
| etire he became Master of University College, 8 | | | | | |
| Oxford. His parody of John Betjeman's famous poem | | | | | |
| Seaside Golf, which includes the lines 'a glorious, | | | | | |
| eailing bounding drive, /That made me glad I alive' is 9 | | | | | |
| Fondly remembered at Betjeman favourite course, 10 | | | | | |
| St Enodoc, North Cornwall. | | | | | |
| Part II Grammar (30 points) | | | | | |
| I) There are ten sentences in this section. Beneath each sentence there are four words of | | | | | |
| ohrases marked A, B, C, and D. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the | | | | | |
| sentence. (10 points) | | | | | |
| , Robert Ferguson's Law and Letters in American Culture has largely defined the | | | | | |
| critical understanding of the relationship between law and literature in the early American | | | | | |

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| rep | oublic. | | | |
| | A. Wit | h its publication more | than 20 years | rs ago |
|] | B. Sinc | ce its publication more | e than 20 year | ars ago |
| (| C. Afte | er its publication more | than 20 year | rs ago |
|] | D. In it | ts publication more th | an 20 years ag | ago |
| 2. | Fergus | on's central thesis, of | course, is th | hat a tight "configuration of law and letters,", |
| , | was ma | ade possible by severa | al closely rela | ated factors. |
| | A. lasts | s from the Revolution | until roughly | y the 1830s |
|] | B. laste | ed from the Revolutio | n until roughl | aly the 1830s |
| (| C. lasti | ing from the Revolution | on until rough | hly the 1830s |
|] | D. to la | ast from the Revolution | on until rough | hly the 1830s |
| 3. | I used | to love horror movie | s, but now I t | tend to dread screen dread I've grown too |
| (| old an | d jaded to be scared | nobody out | atgrows fearbut the new breed of horror movies, |
|] | pitched | l almost exclusively a | t young male | e moviegoers, are more interested in sensationalism |
| 1 | than in | sinuation. | | |
| | A. It's | not that B. Not | C. It's not ri | right that D. Do not think that |
| 4. ′ | The pr | ofessional culture of | late eighteent | th-century America, first of all, essentially required |
| j | individ | luals trained in the leg | al profession | 1 |
| | A. to a | cquire a broad liberal | education and | nd to perform in a variety of literary modes |
|] | B. acqı | uire a broad liberal ed | ucation and p | perform in a variety of literary modes |
| (| C. to a | cquire a broad liberal | education and | nd performing in a variety of literary modes |
|] | D. acqı | uiring a broad liberal | education and | d performing in a variety of literary modes |

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| 5. | Look | at Jocelyn Wildenste | in. OK, you c | an stop looking now, she has become a |
| | warnin | g of the pitfalls of ove | erzealous plasti | e surgery. |
| | A. Kno | own as 'The Bride of V | Wildenstein' | |
| | B. To k | now as 'The Bride of | Wildenstein' | |
| | C. To b | e known as 'The Brid | le of Wildenste | in' |
| | D. As k | known as 'The Bride o | of Wildenstein' | |
| 6. | Meany | while, cosmetics man | nufacturers, _ | , now produce potions boasting novel |
| | chemic | al compounds that r | ead as if they | are composed of letters from a poor deck of |
| | Scrabb | le tiles. | | |
| | A. in th | neir search for new cea | aseless tantalizi | ng ingredients to put in their products |
| | B. in th | eir search for tantaliz | ing new ceasele | ess ingredients to put in their products |
| | C. in th | neir new ceaseless tant | talizing search | for ingredients to put in their products |
| | D. in th | neir ceaseless search fo | or tantalizing n | ew ingredients to put in their products |
| 7. | I argue | here that Neal's histo | orical novel | as a tightly interlaced performance where the |
| | narrativ | ve and its prefaces | reciprocally | to set up a broad-based assault on the concept of |
| | precede | ent. | | |
| | A. had | better be read to fu | ınction | B. is best read function |
| | C. can | best be read function | oning | D. could best be read as functioning |
| 8. | , h | nis utterance takes on a | a more serious | shape and tone. |
| | A. Giv | ing time, however | B. Time g | iven, however |
| | C. Hov | vever, given time | D. Given | time, however |
| 9. | Though | h Mather, too, t | he need for con | nfessions in the trials of accused witches, Neal's |
| | gener | al representation of M | ather's argume | ntative approach the legitimacy of the legal |

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| proceedi | ngs of the Court of C | Oyer and Teri | miner was essentially accurate. |
| A. stress | edto support | B. stre | essesto support |
| C. stress | ed supporting | D. was | s stressing in support |
| 10. The rea | ading scores of | _ increased | slightly (by 8 and 4 points, respectively) between |
| 1971 and | d 1980 but then return | ned to their f | former levels or remained the same. |
| A. nine a | and 13-year-olds | B. 9- a | nd 13-year-olds |
| C. 9 and | 13 year olds | D. 9 ar | nd 13-year-olds |
| (II)Ther | e are ten sentences | in this sectio | on. Each sentence has four parts underlined. The |
| four u | nderlined parts are | marked A, | , B, C, and D. Identify the one underlined part |
| that is | wrong. (10 points) | | |
| 1. The big | clock which used to | strike the <u>ho</u> | urs day and night was damaged many years ago and |
| | | A | В |
| has been | silent ever after. | | |
| | C D | | |
| 2. <u>Looking</u> | at his watch, his close | ck said it was | s one o'clock, but the bell struck thirteen times |
| A |] | В | |
| before it | stopped. | | |
| C | D | | |
| 3. The city | at one time must hav | <u>ve been</u> prosp | perous, for it enjoyed a high level of civilization: |
| | A | | В |
| houses | often three stories hig | ghwere bui | lt of stone. |
| | С | | D |
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| 4. Now that | t a tunnel has been b | ouilt <u>through</u> | the mountair | ns, the Pass is less | dangerous, but each |
| Α | | В | | | |
| year, the | dogs are still sent or | <u>at</u> into the sno | ow <u>nontheles</u> | ss a traveller is in o | difficulty. |
| | C | | D | | |
| 5. <u>On his w</u> | vay into the sweet sh | op, he dropp | ed his sixper | ice and it rolled al | ong the pavement |
| A | В | | | C | |
| and then | disappeared down a | drain. | | | |
| | D | | | | |
| 6. George v | was not too upset by | his experien | ce <u>because</u> th | ne lady who owns | the sweet shop |
| | A | | В | | |
| heard abo | out his troubles and | rewarded hin | n <u>on</u> a large l | oox of chocolates. | |
| C | | | D | | |
| 7. <u>Oddly sh</u> | naped forms that are | suspended fr | om the ceilin | ng and <u>move in res</u> | sponse to a gust |
| A | | В | | С | |
| of wind a | are quite <u>familiar wi</u> | <u>th</u> everybody | | | |
| | D | | | | |
| 8. Mark Tw | vain <u>went west</u> by sta | agecoach and | l succumbed | to the epidemic of | f gold and silver |
| | Α | | В | C | |
| fever in I | Navada's Washoe re | gion. | | | |
| | D | | | | |
| 9. H. L. Me | encken wrote sulphu | rous dispatch | nes sitting <u>in</u> | his pants with a fa | n blowing on him, |
| | | A | | В | |

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| and there | was a talk of running | ng him out of | town for referring to the local citizenry as yokels. | | |
| | C | | D | | |
| 10. This wi | ll enable people <u>that</u> | do not share | a common language to talk to each other | | |
| | A | | В | | |
| with out | any difficulty or to r | ead foreign <u>p</u> | ublications. | | |
| C | | | D | | |
| (III) Rewrite the following sentences as required, without altering their meanings. | | | | | |
| (10 poi | nts) | | | | |
| 1. It is no u | se doing what you li | ke, you have | got to like what you do. | | |
| Use 'bec | ause'. | | | | |
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2. Broadly speaking, human beings may be divided into three classes: those who are toiled to death, those who are worried to death, and those who are bored to death.

Use the active voice.

3. The most economical age to capture an elephant for training is between fifteen and twenty years.

Use the comparative degree.

4. It is well known that where the white man has invaded a primitive culture the most destructive effects have come not from physical weapons but from ideas.

Use a simple sentence.

5. Science and technology have come to pervade every aspect of our lives and, as a result, society is changing at a speed which is quite unprecedented.

Talk about 'society' before 'science'.

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6. We cannot think outside the particular patterns that our brains are conditioned to, or, to be more accurate, we can think only a very little way outside, and then only if we are very original.

Use 'Only' in the beginning and invert your word order.

7. By a cough he pushed the tissue off the table.

Use 'cough' as a transitive verb.

8. I cannot open the door.

Begin by 'the door', making your sentence genuine/natural English.

Once the existence of this wave-length had been discovered, it was not long before its use as
the uniquely recognizable broadcasting frequency for interstellar communication was
suggested.

Begin with 'with' phrase.

10. For some time Paris had been swarming with countless other discharged foreign soldiers.

Begin by 'other discharged foreign soldiers'.

Part III Reading Comprehension (50 points)

Directions: There are 4 passages in this part. Each passage is followed by four questions or incomplete statements. For each question or statement, there are four choices marked A, B, C, and D. Choose only ONE that best answers the question or finishes the incomplete statement.

Passage 1

A study of nearly 140,000 women in the U.S. showed that regular helpings of a small portion

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of nuts can have a powerful protective effect against a disease that is threatening to become a global epidemic. Women who consumed a 28 gram packet of walnuts at least twice a week were 24 per cent less likely to develop type 2 diabetes than those who rarely or never ate them. Eating walnuts just two or three times a week can reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes by almost a quarter.

The latest findings, published in the Journal of Nutrition, are not the first to highlight the anti-diabetic effects of walnuts, with earlier research showing similar benefits. However, this is thought to be one of the largest studies to fmd regularly snarling on them can help prevent the condition. Although the latest research was carried out on female nurses, it's likely that the same benefits apply to men.

According to the charity Diabetes UK, at the current rate of increase, the numbers affected by type 2 diabetes in the UK will rise from around 2.5 million currently to four million by 2025 and five million by 2030. Left untreated, it can raise the risk of heart attacks, blindness and amputation (截肢). Being overweight, physically inactive and having a poor diet are major risk factors for the disease.

Scientists at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, U. S., tracked 137,893 nurses aged from 35 to 77 over a ten year period to see how many developed type 2 diabetes. Their dietary habits were closely monitored, including details on how often they ate nuts, particularly walnuts. After allowing for body fat and weight, the researchers found eating walnuts one to three times a month reduced the risk by four per cent, once a week by 13 per cent and at least twice a week by 24 per cent.

In a report on the findings the researchers said: "These results suggest higher walnut consumption is associated with a significantly lower risk of type 2 diabetes in women."

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Walnuts are rich in healthy fatty acids(脂肪酸)which have been shown to reduce inflammation (炎症) in the body and protect against heart disease, cancer and arthritis(关节炎). Last year, experts at the University of California Los Angeles also found young men in their twenties and thirties who ate walnuts every day increased their sperm count and boosted their fertility.

The research comes just after a Louisiana State University study which showed that eating nuts can reduce people's risk of obesity. The study found that those who consumed varieties such as almonds and pistachios(开心果) demonstrated a lower body weight, body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference compared to non-consumers. They were also at lower risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome.

- 1. According to the passage, what does "a global epidemic" (Line 3, Para. 1) refer to?
 - A. A disease. B. Type 2 diabetes. C. Cancer. D. Obesity.
- 2. According to the passage, the research published in the Journal of Nutrition ______.
 - A. was carried out on male nurses
 - B. is considered as the largest study of walnuts' anti-diabetic effects
 - C. emphasizes walnuts' anti-diabetic effects
 - D. is the first study of walnuts' anti-diabetic effects
- 3. Which of the following can be inferred from Paragraph 3?
- A. The number of diabetes patients in the UK will double by 2025.
- B. Type 2 diabetes is mainly triggered by childhood overweight.
- C. Diet and exercise may reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes.
- D. Type 2 diabetes will cause a significant increase of weight.
- 4. Which of the following is TRUE about the 137,893 nurses tracked by scientists at the Harvard?

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- A. Most of them are female.
- B. Their eating habits were closely inspected for over ten years.
- C. Their age is ranging from 35 to 77 years old.
- D. They have about the same body fat and weight.
- 5. It has been proved that eating nuts can _____.
- A. lower people's body weight, BMI and waist circumference
- B. reduce inflammation in the body
- C. lower people's risk of heart disease, cancer and arthritis
- D. increase young men's sperm count and boost their fertility

Passage 2

Most young people enjoy some form of physical activity. It may be walking, cycling or swimming, or in winter, skating or skiing. It may be game of some kind football, hockey, golf, or tennis. It may be mountaineering.

Those who have a passion for climbing high and difficult mountains are often looked upon with astonishment. Why are men and women willing to suffer cold and hardship, and to take risks on high mountains? This astonishment is caused probably by the difference between mountaineering and other forms of activity to which men give their leisure.

Mountaineering is a sport and not a game. There are no man-made rules, as there are for such games as golf and football. There are, of course, rules of a different kind which it would be dangerous to ignore, but it is this freedom from man-made rules that makes mountaineering attractive to many people. Those who climb mountains are free to use their own methods.

If we compare mountaineering and other more familiar sports, we might think that one big

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| difference is that mountaineering is not a 'team game'. We should be mistaken in this. There |
| are, it is true, no 'matches' between 'teams' of climbers, but when climbers are on a rock face |
| linked by a rope on which their lives may depend, there is obviously teamwork. |
| The mountain climber knows that he may have to fight forces that are stronger and more |
| powerful than man. He has to fight the forces of nature. His sport requires high mental and |
| physical qualities. |
| A mountain climber continues to improve in skill year after year. A skier is probably past |
| his best by the age of thirty, and most international tennis champions are in their early twenties. |
| But it is not unusual for man of fifty or sixty to climb the highest mountains in Alps. They may |
| take more time than younger men, but they probably climb with more skill and less waste of |
| effort, and their certainly experience equal enjoyment. |
| 6. Mountaineering involves |
| A. cold B. hardship C. physical risk D. all of the above |
| 7. The difference between a sport and a game has to do with the kind of |
| A. activity B. rules C. uniform D. participants |
| 8. Mountaineering can be called a team sport because |
| A. it is an Olympic event |
| B. teams compete against each other |
| C. mountaineers depend on other while climbing |

C. other teams D. international standards

D. there are 5 climbers on each team

9. Mountaineers compete against_____.

A. nature

B. each other

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- 10. Choose the best title for the passage_____
 - A. mountaineering is different from golf and football
 - B. mountaineering is more attractive than other sports
 - C. mountaineering
 - D. mountain climbers

Passage 3

Women's minds work differently from men's. At least, that is what most men are convinced of. Psychologists view the subject either as a matter or frustration or a joke. Now the biologists have moved into this minefield, and some of them have found that there are real differences between the brains of men and women. But being different, they point out hurriedly, is not the same as being better or worse.

There is, however, a definite structural variation between the male and female brain. The difference is in part of the brain that is used in the most complex intellectual processes – the link between the two halves of the brain.

The two halves are linked by a trunkline of between 200 and 300 million nerves, the *corpus* callosum. Scientists have found quite recently that the *corpus* callosum in women is always larger and probably richer in nerve fibres than it is in men. This is the first time that a structural difference—has been found between the brains of women and men and it must have some significance. The question is "What?", and, if this difference exists, are there others? Research shows that present-day women think differently and behave differently from men. Are some of these differences biological and inborn, a result of evolution? We tend to think that is the influence of society that produces these differences. But could we be wrong?

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| Research showed that these two halves of the brain had different functions, and that the con- | r |
| pus | |
| callosum enabled them to work together. For most people, the left half is used for word-handing | 5, |
| analytical and | d |
| logical activities; the right half works on pictures, patterns and forms. We need both halve | S |
| working together. And the better the connections, the more harmoniously the two halves work | Ξ. |
| And, according to research findings, women have the better connections. | |
| But it isn't all that easy to explain the actual differences between skills of men and women | |
| on this basis | S . |
| In schools throughout the world girls tend to be better than boys at "language subjects" and boy | S |
| better at math and physics. If these differences correspond with the differences in th | e |
| hemispheric thunkline, there is an unalterable distinction between the sexes. | |
| We shan't know for a while, partly because we don't know of any precise relationship | p |
| between abilities in school subjects and the functioning of the two halves of the brain, and w | e |
| cannot understand how the two halves interact via the corpus callosum. But this striking | g |
| difference must have some effect and, because the difference is in the parts of the brain involv | e |
| in intellect, we should be looking for differences in intellectual processing. | |
| 11. Which of the following statements is CORRECT? | |
| A. Biologists are conducting research where psychologists have given up. \square | |
| B. Brain differences point to superiority of one sex over the other. | |
| C. Results of scientific research fail to support popular belief. \Box | |
| D. The structural difference in the brain between the sexes has long been known. | |
| 12. According to the passage it is commonly believed that brain differences are caused by | у |
| factors. \[\square \] | |

| A. biological | B. psychological | C. physical | D. social | |
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| 13. "These | e differences" in Parag | graph 5 refer | to those in | |
| A. skill | s of men and women | | B. school subjects □ | |
| C. the b | orain structure of men | and women | D. activities carried out by the brain | |
| 14. At the | end of the passage the | author prop | ooses more work on | |
| A. the b | orain structure as a wh | ole B | . the functioning of part of the brain \square | |
| C. the c | listinction between the | e sexes D | . the effects of the corpus callosum | |
| 15. What i | s the main purpose of | the passage | ? 🗆 | |
| A. To o | utline the research fin | dings on the | brain structure.□ | |
| B. To explain the link between sex and brain structure. \Box | | | | |
| C. To d | iscuss the various fact | ors that caus | se brain differences. | |
| D. To s | uggest new areas in b | ain research | | |
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Passage 4

To the 19th-century French poet Charles Baudelaire, there was no such thing as a bad smell. What a squeamish, oversensitive bunch he would have deemed the denizens of the 20th-century America, where body odors are taboo, strong aromas are immediately suppressed with air freshener and perfume, long celebrated for its seductive and healing powers, is banned in some places to protect those with multiple chemical sensitivities.

Indeed, in the years since Baudelaire set pen to paper, civilization has played havoc with the natural state of all the human senses, technology providing the ability not only to tame and to mute but also to tease and over-stimulate. Artificial fragrances and flavors trick the nose and tongue. Advertisers dazzle the eyes with rapid-fire images. Wailing sirens vie with the beeping of pagers to challenge the ears' ability to cope.

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Yet even as we fiddle with the texture and scope of our sensibilities, science is indicating it might behoove us to show them a bit more respect. Growing evidence documents the surprising consequences of depriving or overwhelming the senses. And failing to nurture our natural capabilities, researchers are discovering, can affect health, emotions, even intelligence. Hearing, for example, is intimately connected to emotional circuits: When a nursing infant looks up from the breast, muscles in the middle ear reflexively tighten, readying the child for the pitch of a human voice. The touch of massage can relieve pain and improve concentration. And no matter how we spritz or scrub, every human body produces a natural odor as distinctive as the whorls on the fingertips, an aroma that research is showing to be a critical factor in choosing a sexual partner.

Beyond their capacity to heal and delight, the senses have also opened a window on the workings of the human brain. A flood of studies on smell, sight, hearing, touch and taste in the last two decades have upended most of theories about how the brain functions. Scientists once believed, for example, that the brain was hard-wired at birth, the trillions of connections that made up its neural circuits genetically predetermined. But a huge proportion of neurons in a newborn infant's brain, it turns out, require input from the senses in order to hook up to one another properly.

It is a similar case with a scientific theory until recently held that the sense organs did the lion's share of processing information about the world: The eye detected movement; the nose recognized smell. But researchers now know that ears, eye and fingers are only way stations, transmitting signals that are then processed centrally. "The nose doesn't smell, the brain does," says Richard Axel, a molecular biologist at Columbia University. Each of our sense shatters

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experiences into fragments, parsing the world like so many nouns and verbs, then leaving the brain to put the pieces back together and make sense of it all.

In labs across the country, researchers are drafting a picture of the sense that promises not only to unravel the mysterious tangle of the nerves in the brain but also to offer reasons to revel in sensuous experience. Cradling a baby not only feels marvelous, scientists are finding, but it is absolutely vital to a newborn's emotional and cognitive development. And the results of this research are beginning to translate into practical help for people whose senses are impaired: Researchers in Boston last year unveiled a tiny electronic device called a retinal chip that one day may restore sight to people blinded after childhood. Gradually, this new science of the senses is redefining what it means to be a feeling and thinking human being. One day it may lead to an understanding of consciousness itself.

- 16. The author in the first two paragraphs intends to argue that ______.
 - A. technology has disrupted the natural states of the human senses
 - B. using perfume to suppress body odors is not correct
 - C. what French poet Charles Baudelaire said is true to our life
 - D. our noses and tongues have been tricked by artificial fragrances
- 17. Research findings indicate that if our senses are ill-treated, _____.
 - A. our physical health can be affected
 - B. a person can be affected enormously
 - C. our intelligence can be influenced
 - D. our emotional states can be disturbed

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- 18. Which of the following statements if true?
 - A. The sense organs process the world information.
 - B. The eyes discover movement.
 - C. The nose determines smells.
 - D. The sense organs cannot process information.

Passage 5

So what have they taught you at college about interviews? Some courses go to town on it, others do very little. You may get conflicting advice. Only one thing is certain: the key to success is preparation.

There follow some useful suggestions from a teacher training course coordinator, a head of department and a head teacher. As they appear to be in complete harmony with one another despite never having met, we may take their advice seriously.

Oxford Brookes University's approach to the business of application and interview focuses on research and rehearsal. Training course coordinator Brenda St evens speaks of the value of getting students "to deconstruct the advertisement, see what they can offer to that school, and that situation, and then write the letter, do their CVs and criticize each other's." Finally, they role play interviewer and interviewee.

This is sterling stuff, and Brookes students spend a couple of weeks on it. "The better prepared students won't be thrown by nerves on the day," says Ms Stevens. "They'll have their strategies and questions worked out." She also says, a trifle disconcertingly, "the better the student, the worse the interviewee." She believes the most capable students are less able to put themselves forward. Even if this were tree, says Ms Stevens, you must still make your own

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case.

"Beware of infernality," she advises. One aspirant teacher, now a head of department at a smart secondary school, failed his first job interview because he took his jacket off while waiting for his appointment. It was hot and everyone in the staffroom was in shirtsleeves but at the end of the day they criticized his casual attitude, which they had deduced from the fact that he took his jacket off in the staffroom, even though he put it back on for the interview.

Incidentally, men really do have to wear a suit to the interview and women really cannot wear jeans, even if men never wear the suit again and women teach most days in jeans. Panels respond instantly to these indicators. But beware: it will not please them any better if you are too smart.

Find out about the people who will talk to you. In the early meetings they are likely to be heads of departments or heads of year. Often they may be concerned with pastoral matters. It makes sense to know their priorities and let them hear the things about you that they want to hear.

During preliminary meetings you may be seen in groups with two or three other applicants and you must demonstrate that you know your stuff without putting your companions down. The interviewers will be watching how you work with a team.

But remember the warning about informality: however friendly and co-operative the other participants are, do not give way to the idea that you are there just to be friends.

Routine questions can be rehearsed, but "don't go on too long," advises the department head. They may well ask: "What have been your worst/best moments when teaching?", or want you to "talk about some good teaching you have done." The experts agree you should recognize your weaknesses and offer a strategy for over coming them. "I know I've got to work

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on classroom management — I would hope for some help," perhaps. No one expects a new teacher to know it all, but they hope for an objective appraisal of capabilities.

Be warned against inexpert questioning. You may be asked questions in such a way that it seems impossible to present your best features. Some questions may be plain silly, asked perhaps by people on the panel who are from outside the situation. Do not be thrown, have ways of circumnavigating it, and never, ever let them see that you think they have said something foolish.

You will almost certainly be asked how you see the future and it is import ant to have a good answer prepared. Some people are put off by being asked what they expect to be doing in five or ten years' time. On your preliminary visit, says the department head, be sure to give them a bit of an interview of your own, to see the direction the department is going and what you could contribute to it.

The head teacher offers his thoughts in a nine-point plan. Iron the application form! Then it stands out from everyone else's, which have been folded and battered in the post. It gives an initial impression which may get your application to the top of the pile. Ensure that your application is tailored to the particular school. Make the head feel you are writing directly to him or her. Put yourself at ease before you meet the interviewing panel: if you are nervous, you will talk too quickly. Before you enter the room remember that the people are human beings too; take away the mystique of their roles. Listen. There is a danger of not hearing accurately what is being said. Make eye contact with the speakers, and with everyone in the room. Allow your warmth and humanity to be seen. A sense of humour is very important.

Have a portfolio of your work that can link theory to practice. Many schools want you to show work. For a primary appointment, give examples from the range of the curriculum, not

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| | | ng pictures on your teaching practice is important.) Prepare o give a talk. Have prompt cards ready, and don't waffle. |
| You | r speech must be clear | and articulate, with correct grammar. This is important: they to hear how well you can communicate with children. Believe |
| | elf and have confidence | • |
| Son | ne of the people asking | the questions don't know much about what you do. Be ready to |
| help the | n. | |
| Thu | s armed, you should ha | ve no difficulty at all. Good luck and keep your jacket on! |
| 19. Ms. | Brenda Stevens suggest | s that before applying job applicants should |
| A. go | through each other's C' | Vs |
| B. reh | earse their answers to q | uestions |
| C. uno | derstand thoroughly the | situations |
| D. go | to town to attend training | ng course |
| 20. The | best way to deal with or | dd questions from the interviewers is to |
| A. rer | nain smiling and kindly | point out the inaccuracies |
| B. kee | ep calm and try to be tac | etful in your answers |
| C. say | frankly what you think | about the issues raised |

D. suggest something else to get over your nervousness

Part IV Linguistics (30 points)

 $(I)\$ Define the following terms with examples where necessary. $(9\ points)$

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| Pragmatics Ideational function | |
| 3. Negative face | |
| (II)"Rose by any other name would smell as sweet." What nature of language d statement demonstrate? (8 points) | oes this |
| (III) Exemplify the difference between SENSE and REFERENCE. (8 points) | |
| (IV) Tell which of the following is true and which is false. (5 points) | |
| 1. Arbitrariness refers to the unmotivated relationship between the concept | and the |
| sound-image of a sign, while rules deal with the combinations of signs. (| |
| 2. According to John Austin (1962), performative utterances must always take a first | t-person |
| singular subject and a simple present tense verb. (| |
| 3. It's associative meaning rather than conceptual meaning that determines the sense r | elations. |
| | |
| 4. Paradigmatic relation is a semantic term that studies sentence structure. () | |
| 5. According to Finch (1998), a large part of the pleasure we derive from language con | nes from |
| the successful exploitation of linguistic novelty at different levels of the la | ınguage. |
| () | |
| Part V British and American Literature (30 points) | |
| (I) Fill in the following blanks with appropriate items of information. (10 points) | |

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| | Christopher Marlowe was well-known for his plays such as <i>The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus</i> and |
| 2. | Francis Bacon's essays such as "Of Marriage and Single Life" and(2) are still widely read today. |
| 3. | The Bronte Sisters are well-known to Chinese readers for their novels such as(3) and(4) |
| 4. | Virginia Woolf was best-known for her modernist novels such as <i>To The Lighthouse</i> and (5) |
| 5. | Mark Twain's masterpiece(6) has a great influence on many American writers of younger generation. |
| 6. | (7), a novel written by John Steinbeck, is set in the Great Depression. |
| 7. | Moby Dick has been considered(8)'s masterpiece. |
| 8. | Sister Carrie, written by, has been considered a great book of Naturalism. |
| | The Lost Generation was best represented by such American authors as Hemingway and (10) |
| (II) | Comment briefly on ANY ONE of the following topics. (20 points) 1. Humanism 2. Defoe's Robinson Crusoe 3. Robert Frost's poetry |
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