

2012 National English Contest for College Students

(Level A – Sample)

Part I Listening Comprehension (略)

Part II Vocabulary and Structure

31—35 BCAAD 36—40 CCCAC 41—45 DBDBC

Part III Cloze

46. to; 47. reluctant; 48. dismissed; 49. at; 50. themselves;
51. particularly; 52. income; 53. equality; 54. turn; 55. flexible

Part IV Reading Comprehension

Section A

56. find new trade routes; 57. conditions below the surface; 58. early diving suits; 59. two laboratories;
60. a great breakthrough;

Section B

61. Industrialization development.
62. Suspicion whether solar power can provide human beings with enough electricity.
63. Tiny self-replicating microscopic robots and a prototype that would convert waste into bricks and other building materials.
64. Tiny microchips injection into human bodys and people's providing skin cells when shopping.
65. To examine people's genes for sign of future illness, find the disease early enough and prevent it.

Section C

66. F; 67. T; 68. F;
69. 它们作为送给喜爱动物的小孩的绝佳的生日礼物或注重形象的郊区家庭的上等的物品在市场上出售。
70. 对猴子和黑猩猩的需求将刺激野生动物的非法捕抓及交易这一点也引起了关注。

Section D

71. aviation development; 72. the length of the flight; 73. re-examination; 74. flight safety;
75. overwork/working longer hours

Part V Correction

- 76. has 改为 have;
- 77. me 改为 mine;
- 78. Along 改为 Against;
- 79. √;
- 80. desert 改为 deserted;
- 81. salvaged 改为 salvage;
- 82. companion 改为 companions;
- 83. look on to 删除 to;
- 84. seeing 改为 see;
- 85. sailed away 后加 from

Part VI Translation

- 86. Through gene biology, the genes of plants can be modified so that they will be disease-resistant and pest-resistant and still produce the same amount.
- 87. Some people believe that the use of English is threatening the purity of their native language.
- 88. Estimates of the expenditure by employers on the formal training of their employees, and of the paid time employees spent receiving formal training were collected by them.
- 89. Although you might expect that certain factors lead to job satisfaction when they are present, and dissatisfaction when they are absent, this is not the case.
- 90. Doctors of traditional Chinese medicine believe that the parts of the body are interconnected and must be treated as a whole.

Part VII IQ Test

91. 3S, 33E; 92. F; 93. ZIGZAG; 94. 48; 95. D

Part VIII Writing

I

One Possible Version:

In 1950 almost 600 million hectares of grain were harvested world-wide. During the 1950s the Russia initiated a Virgin Lands Program which greatly increased the area harvested to around 650 billion hectares. From this point until the mid-1970s the area harvested increased slowly, with some fluctuations, to just over 700 million hectares. Then around 1975 the price of grain doubled and this caused a rapid increase in the amount of land devoted to grain production until 1980. From 1980 to 1995 there was a gradual decrease in the amount of land used for grain cultivation. After this the area harvested again began to rise.

In summary, we can see that the area devoted to grain production was affected by both government policy and market forces.

II

One Possible Version:

There're an increasing number of people tending to use the same language, which is known as lingua franca, to trade and have dealings with people from different countries. On one hand, it's beneficial. Obviously, people with various backgrounds get better understood, which contributes a lot to the unity of people all over the world. The communication is strengthened and it in turn stimulates the development of economy and enrichment of culture. On the other, it has some disadvantages as well. We all know that there're about 6,000 languages in the world. Nevertheless, fewer people are aware of the gradual extinction of some languages. People incline to communicate in the widespread language due to its convenience. Therefore, the population of commanders for the native language is getting smaller and smaller. Language, as a significant factor of culture, plays an important role in our life. It's unique for a specific community and a symbol of a definite culture and custom. Its decrease in quantity will definitely impair the diversity of the world. In summary, as far as I'm concerned, people are supposed to develop the lingua franca and meanwhile take measures to protect and preserve their unique language.