

全国 2019 年 4 月高等教育自学考试
英语国家概况试题
课程代码:00522

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选择题部分

注意事项:

1. 答题前,考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。
2. 每小题选出答案后,用 2B 铅笔把答题纸上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动,用橡皮擦干净后,再选涂其他答案标号。不能答在试题卷上。

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Read the following unfinished statements or questions carefully. For each unfinished statement or question, four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D are given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or answers the question. Blacken the letter corresponding to your choice on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 1 point each)

1. The UK's climate is of the _____ type, characterized by cool temperatures, frequent cloudy days and rainstorms.
A. maritime
B. tropical
C. subtropical
D. continental
2. _____ were the last important linguistic group to enter Britain.
A. The West Germans
B. The Normans
C. The Danes
D. The Celts
3. During the reign of _____, Britain lost the port of Calais, the last British possession on the Continent.
A. Mary Tudor
B. Elizabeth I
C. Anne Tudor
D. Edward VI
4. The only surviving large mammals in Britain today are _____ and roe deer.
A. wolves
B. tigers
C. red deer
D. wild pigs

5. _____ describes a group of pilgrims going to visit Thomas Becket's tomb.
- A. *The Merchant of Venice* B. *Murder in the Cathedral*
C. *The Pilgrim's Progress* D. *The Canterbury Tales*
6. The religious reform of the Church in England began as Henry VIII's struggle for a divorce and ended in _____.
- A. freedom from the Papacy
B. hatred towards Henry VIII's offspring
C. wars with the continental monarchs
D. conflicts between Henry VIII and Parliament
7. Women's _____ was included for the first time in the 2012 Summer Olympics held in London.
- A. hockey B. baseball
C. boxing D. soccer
8. In 1979, Margaret Thatcher's _____ formed a new government.
- A. Labor Party B. Conservative Party
C. Liberal Democrats D. Scottish Nationalist Party
9. The Open University in the UK provides courses of study for _____ through TV, radio, and local study programs.
- A. adults
B. teenagers
C. primary school students
D. secondary school students
10. In the US, _____ is called "father of waters" or "old man river."
- A. the Potomac River B. the Rio Grande River
C. the Missouri River D. the Mississippi River
11. _____ is America's most important agricultural area and the nation's leading center of heavy industry.
- A. New England B. The American West
C. The Midwest D. The Pacific Coast
12. Which of the following territories of the US was bought from Napoleon?
- A. Florida. B. Louisiana.
C. New Mexico. D. California.

13. The American Civil War ended in April 1865 when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to _____.
- A. General Ulysses S. Grant B. President Abraham Lincoln
C. President Andrew Johnson D. General "Stonewall" Jackson
14. The clash between the Soviet Union and the US during the early stage of the Cold War was over the control of _____.
- A. the Eastern European countries B. the North Eastern Asia
C. the Western European countries D. the South Eastern Asia
15. What was the impact of McCarthyism in the US?
- A. Its proponent won the respect of the American people.
B. Its proponent was removed from his senator position.
C. It aroused full-scale, anti-Communist hysteria.
D. It allowed arrest of any suspects.
16. The US president heads the executive branch which _____.
- A. enforces laws
B. passes laws
C. interprets laws
D. approves the justices
17. "This nation asks for action, and action now." is from the inaugural speech by President _____.
- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt B. Theodore Roosevelt
C. John F. Kennedy D. Herbert Hoover
18. _____, celebrated on November 11, was originally called Armistice Day and established to honor Americans who had served in World War I.
- A. Memorial Day B. Veterans Day
C. Independence Day D. New Year's Day
19. By 1893, _____ had made the first successful gasoline-driven automobile in the US.
- A. Henry Ford B. the Wright brothers
C. the Duryea brothers D. John D. Rockefeller
20. The largest city in Canada is _____.
- A. Montreal B. Vancouver
C. Gatineau D. Toronto

非选择题部分

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用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔将答案写在答题纸上,不能答在试题卷上。

II. BLANK FILLING

Choose 10 answers from the box and write the correct letter in the blanks 31–40 on the ANSWER SHEET. (20 points, 2 points each)

31. More than half of the foreign-born people in Britain live in _____.
32. The seven principal kingdoms of Kent, Essex, Sussex, Wessex, East Anglia, Mercia and Northumbria in British history have been given the name of _____.
33. English oppression and _____ of 1845–1849 drove 1.5 million Irishmen from their homeland to the United States in the decade of 1845–1854.
34. In 1820, US Congress reached an agreement known as _____, allowing Maine to enter the Union as a “free” state—one that prohibited slavery.
35. In Canada, people legally defined as Indians are known as _____ Indians.
36. _____ operates national television and radio networks in both English and French.
37. Aborigines gained Australian _____ in 1967.
38. _____ acts as the final court of appeal for New Zealand.
39. In 1944, New Zealand and Australia signed _____, claiming a voice in the postwar affairs of the Pacific.
40. Ireland’s entry into _____ in 1973 was a great boon to the nation’s economy.

- A. the Missouri Compromise
- B. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- C. the Potato Famine
- D. Greater London
- E. the European Communities
- F. Heptarchy
- G. citizenship
- H. Inner London
- I. the Canberra Pact
- J. nonstatus
- K. The British Privy Council
- L. status

III. TERM EXPLANATION

Define the following terms in English. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in around 40 words. (10 points, 5 points each)

- 41. The Divine Right of Kings
- 42. penal colony

IV. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Give a brief answer to each of the following questions. You are required to use complete sentences. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 3 points each)

- 43. What is the effect of the UK's climate on the Englishman's character?
- 44. Who were at the bottom of the feudal scale in England under the rule of William the Conqueror?
- 45. Why didn't the Romans totally occupy Britain?
- 46. What were the effects of Elizabeth I's foreign policy in her reign?
- 47. Why was October 19, 1987 called Black Monday in American history?
- 48. Why did over 200,000 people gather in Washington, DC on August 28, 1963?
- 49. Why was the North American Free Trade Agreement significant in Canadian history?
- 50. What are New Zealand's major imports?
- 51. What was the significance of the cultural revivalism in the 19th and early 20th centuries in Ireland?
- 52. What are the major agricultural activities in the Republic of Ireland?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

Write 100–120 words on the following topic on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

- 53. Why is it said that the American people are always on the move?