2013 年研究生入学考试英语二真题与解析

英语二完型

Section I Use of English

Directions: Read the following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and
mark A, B, C or D on ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)
Given the advantages of electronic money, you might think that we would move quickly to
the cashless society in which all payments are made electronically1, a true
cashless society is probably not around the corner. Indeed, predictions of such a society
have been2 for two decades but have not yet come to fruition. For example,
Business Week predicted in 1975 that electronic means of payment "would soon
revolutionize the very3 of money itself," only to4 itself several years later.
Why has the movement to a cashless society been so5 in coming?
Although e-money might be more convenient and may be more efficient than a payments
system based on paper, several factors work6 the disappearance of the paper
system. First, it is very7 to set up the computer, card reader, and
telecommunications networks necessary to make electronic money the8 form of
payment. Second, paper checks have the advantage that they9 receipts,
something that many consumers are unwilling to10 Third, the use of paper
checks gives consumers several days of "float"-it takes several days11 a check is
cashed and funds are12 from the issuer's account, which means that the writer of
the check can earn interest on the funds in the meantime13 electronic payments
are immediate, they eliminate the float for the consumer. Fourth, electronic means of
payment14 security and privacy concerns. We often hear media reports that an
unauthorized hacker has been able to access a computer database and to alter
information15 there.
Because this is not an16 occurrence, unscrupulous persons might be able to
access bank accounts in electronic payments systems and17 funds by moving
them from someone else's accounts into their own. The18 of this type of fraud is
no easy task, and a whole new field of computer science has developed to19
security issues. A further concern is that the use of electronic means of payment leaves an
electronic20 that contains a large amount of personal data on buying habits.
There are worries that government, employers, and marketers might be able to access
these data, thereby encroaching on our privacy.
1. [A] However [B] Moreover [C] Therefore [D] Otherwise
2. [A] off [B] back [C] over [D] around
3. [A] power [B] concept [C] history [D] role
4. [A] reward [B] resist [C] resume [D] reverse
5. [A] silent [B] sudden [C] slow [D] steady
6. [A] for [B] against [C]with [D] on
7. [A] imaginative [B] expensive [C] sensitive [D] productive
8. [A] similar [B] original [C] temporary [D] dominant
9. [A] collect [B] provide [C] copy [D] print
10. [A] give up [B] take over [C] bring back [D] pass down
11. [A] before [B] after [C] since [D] when

- 12. [A] kept [B] borrowed [C] released [D] withdrawn
- 13. [A] Unless [B] Until [C] Because [D] Though
- 14. [A] hide [B] express [C] raise [D]ease
- 15. [A] analyzed [B] shared [C] stored [D] displayed
- 16. [A] unsafe [B] unnatural [C] uncommon [D] unclear
- 17. [A] steal [B] choose [C] benefit [D] return
- 18. [A] consideration [B] prevention [C] manipulation [D] justification
- 19. [A] cope with [B] fight against [C] adapt to [D] call for
- 20. [A] chunk [B] chip [C] path [D] trail

英语二阅读原文及出处:

Text 1

In an essay, entitled "Making It in America," in the latest issue of The Atlantic, the author Adam Davidson relates a joke from cotton country about just how much a modern textile mill has been automated: The average mill has only two employees today, "a man and a dog. The man is there to feed the dog, and the dog is there to keep the man away from the machines."

Davidson's article is one of a number of pieces that have recently appeared making the point that the reason we have such stubbornly high unemployment and sagging middle-class incomes today is largely because of the big drop in demand because of the Great Recession, but it is also because of the quantum advances in both globalization and the information technology revolution, which are more rapidly than ever replacing labor with machines or foreign workers.

In the past, workers with average skills, doing an average job, could earn an average lifestyle. But, today, average is officially over. Being average just won't earn you what it used to. It can't when so many more employers have so much more access to so much more above average cheap foreign labor, cheap robotics, cheap software, cheap automation and cheap genius. Therefore, everyone needs to find their extra — their unique value contribution that makes them stand out in whatever is their field of employment. Average is over.

Yes, new technology has been eating jobs forever, and always will. As they say, if horses could have voted, there never would have been cars. But there's been an acceleration. As Davidson notes, "In the 10 years ending in 2009, [U.S.] factories shed workers so fast that they erased almost all the gains of the previous 70 years; roughly one out of every three manufacturing jobs — about 6 million in total — disappeared."

And you ain't seen nothin' yet. Last April, Annie Lowrey of Slate wrote about a start-up called "E la Carte" that is out to shrink the need for waiters and waitresses: The company "has produced a kind of souped-up iPad that lets you order and pay right at your table. The brainchild of a bunch of M.I.T. engineers, the nifty invention, known as the

Presto, might be found at a restaurant near you soon. ... You select what you want to eat and add items to a cart. Depending on the restaurant's preferences, the console could show you nutritional information, ingredients lists and photographs. You can make special requests, like 'dressing on the side' or 'quintuple bacon.' When you're done, the order zings over to the kitchen, and the Presto tells you how long it will take for your items to come out. ... Bored with your companions? Play games on the machine. When you're through with your meal, you pay on the console, splitting the bill item by item if you wish and paying however you want. And you can have your receipt e-mailed to you. ... Each console goes for \$100 per month. If a restaurant serves meals eight hours a day, seven days a week, it works out to 42 cents per hour per table — making the Presto cheaper than even the very cheapest waiter. "

What the iPad won't do in an above average way a Chinese worker will. Consider this paragraph from Sunday's terrific article in The Times by Charles Duhigg and Keith Bradsher about why Apple does so much of its manufacturing in China: "Apple had redesigned the iPhone's screen at the last minute, forcing an assembly-line overhaul. New screens began arriving at the [Chinese] plant near midnight. A foreman immediately roused 8,000 workers inside the company's dormitories, according to the executive. Each employee was given a biscuit and a cup of tea, guided to a workstation and within half an hour started a 12-hour shift fitting glass screens into beveled frames. Within 96 hours, the plant was producing over 10,000 iPhones a day. 'The speed and flexibility is breathtaking,' the executive said. 'There's no American plant that can match that.'"

And automation is not just coming to manufacturing, explains Curtis Carlson, the chief executive of SRI International, a Silicon Valley idea lab that invented the Apple iPhone program known as Siri, the digital personal assistant. "Siri is the beginning of a huge transformation in how we interact with banks, insurance companies, retail stores, health care providers, information retrieval services and product services."

There will always be change — new jobs, new products, new services. But the one thing we know for sure is that with each advance in globalization and the I.T. revolution, the best jobs will require workers to have more and better education to make themselves above average. Here are the latest unemployment rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Americans over 25 years old: those with less than a high school degree, 13.8 percent; those with a high school degree and no college, 8.7 percent; those with some college or associate degree, 7.7 percent; and those with bachelor's degree or higher, 4.1 percent.

In a world where average is officially over, there are many things we need to do to buttress employment, but nothing would be more important than passing some kind of G.I. Bill for the 21st century that ensures that every American has access to post-high school education.

亚当•戴维森(Adam Davidson)《在美国制造》一文中提到南部种棉地区的一个笑话,内容

涉及现代纺织厂自动化的程度:如今的普通工厂只有两个雇员,"一个人外加一条狗。人是负责喂狗的,狗是让人不要靠近机器的。"

我们的失业率为何居高不下、中产阶级收入为何下降,其实大部分是由于大衰退造成的需求大幅下降。这其中也有全球化和信息科技革命巨大进步的推动:机器或者外国工人取代劳力的速度空前。最近有大量文章都在讨论这些,戴维森的文章只是其中一篇而已。

过去,只要有个一般的手艺,做份普通的工作,工人生活就过得还凑合。但如今,拥有一般水平不行了。不出众就没法像过去一样活着了。因为现在越来越多的雇主有大把的机会接触到不错的外国廉价劳动力、便宜的机器人、廉价的软件、低廉的自动化设备和要价低的人才。因此,人人都需要有另外的价值:异于常人的独特价值能够让他们在各自的雇佣市场上脱颖而出。靠平庸就能过日子的时代结束了。

是的,新技术一直就在吞噬我们的工作,将来还会继续吞噬。而且吞噬的速度在加快。俗话说,如果马会投票,那就永远不会有小轿车了。如戴维森所言,"2009 年之前的十年内,美国工厂裁撤工人速度之快,基本上等于过去 70 年新增的工人数量;大概每三个工作岗位就有一个岗位消失了,总共约有 600 万之多。"

还有好戏呢。去年四月,Slate 杂志的安妮·洛瑞(Annie Lowrey)写了一篇初创公司 Ela Carte 的文章,其目标是减少对服务生的需要:这家公司"已经生产出了一种增强版的 iPad,它可以让您在桌边点菜和买单。也许很快在身边的餐馆里你就会见到这个麻省理工工程师们的杰作、时髦的发明 Presto 了。你可以选择你想吃的,把它放进小推车里。根据餐馆的选择,控制设备会显示营养信息、成分清单和图片等。你也可以有具体的需求,比如说'调料放在边上'或者'五倍的熏肉'。你都决定好之后,订单立马会传到厨房,Presto 会告诉你所点的东西花多长时间可以出来。... 与同伴等得不耐烦了?那就再 iPad 上玩玩游戏吧。吃完饭之后,你可以在控制设备上付款,如果你愿意,你可以一个菜一个菜地分割账单付款,你也可以选择付款方式。你还可以要求将收据发邮件给你。... 使用每个控制设备每月需要 100美金。如果一家餐馆每天营业 8 小时,每周营业 7 天,那么每张餐桌每小时的成本只有 42美分:因此 Presto 比最廉价的服务员都便宜。"

iPad 不能以超常方式做的,中国工人都可以做。来看看查尔斯•杜赫(Charles Duhigg) 和基斯?布拉德舍(Keith Bradsher)在周日在本报(《纽约时报》)上的一篇美文吧,文中有一段讲述了苹果公司为什么将那么多的生产环节放在中国:"最后一刻,苹果公司重新设计了iPhone 的屏幕,因此装配线需要全部调整。午夜时分左右,新屏幕开始到达中国工厂。根据这位执行官的叙述,一名领班立即叫醒了公司宿舍的 8000 名工人。每人领了一份饼干和一杯茶后,就被带到一个车间,半小时内,他们就开始了 12 小时的轮班,将玻璃屏幕装到斜面框架中。96 小时之后,这家工厂每天就能生产 1 万台 iPhone.'这种速度和灵活性令人目瞪口呆。'这位执行官说,'在美国找不到这样的工厂。"

自动化也不仅仅发生在生产领域,硅谷科技公司孵化器斯坦福国际研究院(SRIInternational)的首席执行官柯蒂斯•卡尔森(CurtisCarlson)说。该公司发明了苹果iPhone 的个人数字助理服务 Siri 程序。"在改变我们与银行、保险公司、零售商店、医疗保健提供商、信息检索服务公司和产品生产公司的关系方面,Siri 只是这个巨大转变的开始。"

变化总是会存在的,新工作、新产品和新服务都会出现。但我们确信无疑的是,全球化和科学技术每前进一步,最好的工作都会要求工人接收过更多的更优质的教育,这样他们才会超于常人。下面是美国劳工局对美国 25 岁以上人群的最新失业率统计:高中学历都没有的失业率为 13.8%;有高中学历,但没大学学历的为 8.7%;有大学或大专学历的为 7.7%;有学士甚至更高学位的只有 4.1%。

在一个平庸者已经无法生存的时代,我们需要做的促进就业的事情有很多,但没有哪个比通过像《退伍军人权利法案》之类的法案来得重要。只有这样,才能保证 21 世纪的每个美国都能接受高中之后的教育。

Text 2

Imagine a new immigration policy

A century ago, the immigrants from across the Atlantic included settlers and sojourners. Along with the many folks looking to make a permanent home in the United States came those who had no intention to stay, and who would make some money and then go home. Between 1908 and 1915, about 7 million people arrived while about 2 million departed. About a quarter of all Italian immigrants, for example, eventually returned to Italy for good. They even had an affectionate nickname, "uccelli di passaggio," birds of passage.

Today, we are much more rigid about immigrants. We divide newcomers into two categories: legal or illegal, good or bad. We hail them as Americans in the making, or brand them as aliens fit for deportation. That framework has contributed mightily to our broken immigration system and the long political paralysis over how to fix it.

We don"t need more categories, but we need to change the way we think about categories. We need to look beyond strict definitions of legal and illegal. To start, we can recognize the new birds of passage, those living and thriving in the gray areas. We might then begin to solve our immigration challenges.

Crop pickers, violinists, construction workers, entrepreneurs, engineers, home health-care aides and particle physicists are among today"s birds of passage. They are energetic participants in a global economy driven by the flow of work, money and ideas. They prefer to come and go as opportunity calls them. They can manage to have a job in one place and a family in another.

With or without permission, they straddle laws, jurisdictions and identities with ease. We need them to imagine the United States as a place where they can be productive for a while without committing themselves to staying forever. We need them to feel that home can be both here and there and that they can belong to two nations honorably.

Imagine life with a radically different immigration policy: The Jamaican woman who

came as a visitor and was looking after your aunt until she died could try living in Canada for a while. You could eventually ask her to come back to care for your mother.

The Indian software developer could take some of his Silicon Valley earnings home to join friends in a little start-up, knowing that he could always work in California again. Or the Mexican laborer who busts his back on a Wisconsin dairy farm for wages that keep milk cheap would come and go as needed because he could decide which dairy to work for, and a bi-national bank program was helping him save money to build a better life for his kids in Mexico.

Accommodating this new world of people in motion will require new attitudes on both sides of the immigration battle. Looking beyond the culture war logic of right or wrong means opening up the middle ground and understanding that managing immigration today requires multiple paths and multiple outcomes, including some that are not easy to accomplish legally in the existing system.

A new system that encourages both sojourners and settlers would not only help ensure that our society receives the human resources it will need in the future, it also could have an added benefit: Changing the rigid framework might help us resolve the status of the estimated 11 million unauthorized migrants who are our shared legacy of policy failures.

Currently, we do not do gray zones well. Hundreds of thousands of people slosh around in indeterminate status because they"re caught in bureaucratic limbo or because they have been granted temporary stays that are repeatedly extended. President Barack Obama created a paler shade of gray this summer by exercising prosecutorial discretion not to deport some young people who were brought to this country illegally as children. But these are exceptions, not rules.

The basic mechanism for legal immigration today, apart from the special category of refugee, is the legal permanent resident visa, or green card. Most recipients are people sponsored by close relatives who live in the United States. As the name implies, this mechanism is designed for immigrants who are settling down. The visa can be revoked if the holder does not show "intent to remain" by not maintaining a U.S. address, going abroad to work full time or just traveling indefinitely. Legal residents are assumed to be on their way to becoming Americans, physically, culturally and legally. After five years of living here, they become eligible for citizenship and a chance to gain voting rights and full access to the social safety net.

This is a fine way to deal with people who arrive with deep connections to the country and who resolve to stay. That can and should be most immigrants. But this mechanism has two problems: The nation is not prepared to offer citizenship to every migrant who is offered a job. And not everyone who comes here wants to stay forever.

It may have once made sense to think of immigrants as sodbusters who were coming to settle empty spaces. But that antique reasoning does not apply when the country is looking at a long, steep race to remain competitive in the world economy, particularly not when innovation and entrepreneurship are supposed to be our comparative advantage. To succeed, we need modern birds of passage.

The challenges differ depending on whether you are looking at the high end of the skills spectrum, the information workers or at low-skilled laborers.

A frequent proposal for highly skilled workers comes with the slogan, "Staple a green card to the diploma." That is supposed to ensure that a greater share of brainy international students remain in the United States after earning degrees in science and technology. But what if they are not ready for

a long-term commitment? No one would suggest that investment capital or design processes need to reside permanently in one nation. Talent today yearns to be equally mobile. Rather than try to oblige smart young people from abroad to stay here, we should allow them to think of the United States as a place where they can always return, a place where they will spend part, not all, of their lives, one of several places where they can live and work and invest.

Temporary-worker programs are a conventional approach to meeting low-skilled labor needs without illegal immigration. That's what President George W. Bush proposed in 2004, saying the government should "match willing foreign workers with willing American employers." An immigrant comes to do a particular job for a limited period of time and then goes home. But such programs risk replacing one kind of rigidity with another. The relatively small programs currently in place don't manage the matchmaking very well.

Competing domestic workers need to be protected, as do the migrant workers, and the process must be nimble enough to meet labor market demand. Nobody really has pulled that off, and there is no reason to believe it can be done on a grand scale. Rather than trying to link specific migrants to specific jobs, different types of temporary work visas could be pegged to industries, to places or to time periods. You could get an engineering visa, not only a visa to work at Intel®

Both short-term visas and permanent residence need to be part of the mix, but they are not the whole answer. Another valuable tool is the provisional visa, which Australia uses as a kind of intermediary stage in which temporary immigrants spend several years before becoming eligible for permanent residency. The U.S. system practically obliges visitors to spend time here without authorization when they"ve married a citizen, gotten a job or done something else that qualifies them to stay legally.

We also could borrow from Europe and create long-term permission to reside for certain migrants that is contingent on simply being employed, not on having a specific job.

And, legislation could loosen the definitions of permanent residency so that migrants could gain a lifetime right to live and work in the United States without having to be here (and pay taxes here) more or less continuously.

The idea that newcomers are either saints or sinners is not written indelibly either in our hearts or in our laws. As the size of the unauthorized population has grown over the past 20 years or so, the political response has dictated seeing immigration policy through the stark lens of law enforcement:

Whom do we lock up, kick out, fence off? Prominent politicians of both parties, including both presidential candidates, have engaged in macho one-upmanship when it comes to immigration. So, President Obama broke records for deportations. Mitt Romney, meanwhile, vows to break records for border security. Breaking out of the either/or mentality opens up many avenues for managing future immigration. It could also help break the stalemate over the current population of unauthorized migrants. No election result will produce a Congress that offers a path to citizenship for everybody, but there is no support for total deportation, either.

If we accept that there are spaces between legal and illegal, then options multiply.

Citizenship could be an eventual outcome for most, not all, people here illegally, but everyone would get some kind of papers, and we can engineer a way for people to work their way from one status to another. The newly arrived and least attached could be granted status for a limited time and receive help with returning to their home countries. Others might be offered life-long privileges to live and work here, but not citizenship. We'd give the fullest welcome to those with homes, children or long time jobs.

By insisting that immigrants are either Americans or aliens, we make it harder for some good folks to come and we oblige others to stay for the wrong reasons. Worse, we ensure that there will always be people living among us who are outside the law, and that is not good for them or us $_{\circ}$

Text 3

Beyond the Blink

When the Supreme Court announced its decision on the Affordable Care Act last month, the media went wild. The rush to judgment took seconds. CNN and Fox News initially described the decision incorrectly, saying five justices had struck down the law. Even after corrections, the snap analysis that followed wasn't very helpful. The multipart decision is complex, and its ramifications will take months or even years to understand.

The blink response to this case is only the latest example of a troubling increase in the speed of our reactions. E-mail, social media and the 24-hour news cycle are

informational amphetamines, a cocktail of pills that we pop at an increasingly fast pace — and that lead us to make mistaken split-second decisions. Economists label the problem "present bias": we are vulnerable to fast, salient stimulation.

Fortunately, there is an antidote: the conscious pause. Scientists have found that although we are prone to snap overreactions, if we take a moment and think about how we are likely to react, we can reduce or even eliminate the negative effects of our quick, hard-wired responses.

For example, countless studies have shown that physicians' immediate, unconscious reactions to racial minorities lead them to undertreat black patients. In one study published in the Journal of General Internal Medicine in 2007, researchers asked several hundred doctors about a hypothetical 50-year-old male patient who showed up with chest pain. The researchers gave the doctors a photograph of the man, randomly varying his race. Half saw him as white; half saw him as black.

Sure enough, although the doctors insisted they were not racially biased, they were more likely to prescribe thrombolysis, an anti-blood-clotting procedure, for the white patient, while giving the black patient a less-aggressive prescription. The doctors didn't appear racist, yet their unconscious snap reactions led them to treat blacks differently — the very definition of racism.

However, about one in four of the doctors guessed that the study was designed to test racial bias. They stopped for a moment and considered how they might react differently depending on race. The researchers found that this "aware" subgroup did not treat patients differently. Once they paused to consider whether race was an issue, race was no longer an issue.

Snap decisions can be important defense mechanisms; if we are judging whether someone is dangerous, our brains and bodies are hard-wired to react very quickly, within milliseconds. But we need more time to assess other factors. To accurately tell whether someone is sociable, studies show, we need at least a minute, preferably five. It takes a while to judge complex aspects of personality, like neuroticism or open-mindedness. If we need to understand how nine justices resolved a difficult legal issue, we need even more time.

But snap decisions in reaction to rapid, even subliminal stimuli aren't exclusive to the interpersonal realm. Sanford DeVoe and Chen-Bo Zhong, psychologists at the University of Toronto, found that viewing a fast-food logo for just a few milliseconds primes us to read 20 percent faster, even though reading has little to do with eating. We unconsciously associate fast food with speed and impatience and carry those impulses into whatever else we're doing. Subjects exposed to fast-food flashes also tend to think a musical piece lasts too long.

Yet we can reverse such influences. If we know we will overreact to consumer products or housing options when we see a happy face (one reason good sales representatives and real estate agents are always smiling), we can take a moment before buying. If we know female job screeners are more likely to reject attractive female applicants, as a study by the economists Bradley Ruffle and Ze'ev Shtudiner shows, we can help screeners understand their biases — or hire outside screeners.

John Gottman, the marriage guru made famous in Malcolm Gladwell's best-selling book "Blink," explains that we quickly "thin slice" information reliably only after we ground such snap reactions in "thick sliced" long-term study. When Dr. Gottman really wants to assess whether a couple will stay together, he invites them to his island retreat for a much longer evaluation: two days, not two seconds.

Our ability to mute our hard-wired reactions by pausing is what differentiates us from animals: primates and dogs can think about the future only intermittently or for a few minutes. But historically we have spent about 12 percent of our days contemplating the longer term.

The beginning of summer is supposed to be the time for us to slow down and take a breath. Go to the beach with a few books. Spend downtime with family. Tune out. But instead of jumping into the swimming pool, we have leapt into a whirlpool of news.

Still, although technology might change the way we react, it hasn't changed our nature. We still have the imaginative capacity to rise above temptation and reverse the high-speed trend. There are a couple of summer months left, and no time to waste.

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Text 4

Scientists have found that although we are prone to snap overreactions, if we take a moment and think about how we are likely to react, we can reduce or even eliminate the negative effects of our quick, hard-wired responses.

46.英语二翻译

I can pick a date from the past 53 years and know instantly where I was, what happened in the news and even the day of the week, I've been able to do this, since I was four.

I never feel overwhelmed with the amount of information my brain absorbs. My mind seems to be able to cope and the information is stored away neatly. When I think of a sad memory. I do what everybody does-try to put it to one side. I don't think it's harder for me

just because my memory is clearer. Powerful memory doesn't make my emotions any more acute or vivid. I can recall the day my grandfather died and the sadness I felt when we went to the hospital the day before. I also remember that the musical play Hair opened on Broodway on the same day-they both just pop into my mind in the same way.

47 Writing suppose your class is to hold a charity sale for kids in need of help. write your classmates an email to

- 1) inform them about the details and
- 2)encourage them to participate 100 words use LiMing.Don"t write your address.
- 48 Write an essay based on the following chart in your writing, you should
- (1)interpret the chart, and
- (2)give your comments

You should write about 150 words.

2013 考研英语二真题解析

1.【答案】A (However)

【解析】空前作者讲到"鉴于电子货币的优势,你也许会认为,我们将快速步入非现金社会,实现完全电子支付。"而空后说"真正的无现金社会很可能不会马上到来"这两句话语义是转折的,因此答案 A。 B. moreover 表递进 C. therefore 表结果 D. Otherwise 表对比

2.【答案】D (around)

【解析】由空格所在句的"but"得知,句子前后是转折关系。事实上,这样的预测已经 二十年了,但迄今还没有实现。A. off 停止 B. back 返回 C. over 结束,与后文均不构成转折,故答案选 D. around 出现。

3.【答案】B (concept)

【解析】空格所在的句子意思为例如, 1975 年《商业周刊》预测电子支付手段不久将"彻底改变货币本身的_____"将四个选项带入,能够彻底改变的对象只能是金钱的概念(定义),而 A"力量",C"历史",D"角色",语义都不恰当,并且如果选择 role 的话,应该是复数 roles,因为是金钱的作用不止一个,故答案选 B。

4. 【答案】D (reverse)

【解析】空格填入的动词跟前面的动词 revolutionize (变革)意思上应该是同义替换的,要选择含有变革,彻底改变意思的词汇,四个选项中 A. reward 奖励 B. 抵抗 C. resume 重新开始,继续,都不合适,只有 D 选项 reverse"颠覆"最为贴切,本句译为"电子支付方式不久将改变货币的定义,并将在数年后颠覆货币本身。"

5.【答案】C (slow)

【解析】根据前面的句意得知,早在 1975 年就预测了无现金社会将到来,而实际上作者讲到"真正的无现金社会很可能不会马上到来",因此也得出这种变革是一个缓慢的过程,故答案选择 C。 A. silent 沉寂的, B. sudden 突然的, D. steady 稳定不变的。

6.【答案】B (against)

【解析】上一段末句提出本段的论点,即人们进入无现金时代的速度缓慢的原因。因此本段应围绕纸币系统不会消失来阐述。而且由句首的 Although 得知,空格所在句与前一句是转折关系。尽管电子支付手段可能比纸币支付方式更加高效,然而以下几个方面解释了纸币系统"不会"消失的原因,故答案选 B,work against 妨碍,对…产生消极影响。A. work for 为…而工作 C. work with 与…共事,对…起作用 D. work on 从事…工作,对…起作用,都不合适。

7.【答案】B (expensive)

【解析】本句陈述的原因都是关于上句提到的传统支付方式的优点,即推广电子支付方式不利之处。所以根据这个基调,得出选项 productive 不对,最后根据空后的内容推理出消极意思的选项 expensive,其他选项意思放到空格处不合理,imaginative,意思是"虚构的、富于想象力的";sensitive,意思是"敏感的、容易受伤的"。故本题正确答案为 B。

8. 【答案】D(dominant)

【解析】空格所在句译为...使得电子货币成为_____支付方式,将四个选项带入,C, D 是比较恰当的,再结合本文章的主旨,应该选择"占主导地位的,支配地位"这层意思的 D 选项。A. similar 相似的 B. original 原始的,独创的,都不合适。

9.【答案】B (provide)

【解析】 纸质支票支付能够____收据,这是和电子支付相比的一大优势, A. collect 收集收据, C. copy 复印收据, D. print 打印收据都和实际生活不符合。应该是 B. provide 提供收据。

10. 【答案】A (give up)

【解析】该动词短语的宾语是前文的 something,指代上文的 advantage,纸质支票支付能够提供收据这一优势,肯定是消费者不愿放弃的。和优势相搭配的动词短语不能是 B. take over 接管,也不能是 C. bring back 拿回来, D. pass down 传递、遗传也不符合。A. give up 放弃一种优势,符合语境,为正确答案。

11. 【答案】A (before)

【解析】这里考查的是时间连词的应用。句子意思是"在支票兑换成现金之前要花上好几天",符合句意的只有 before,其它三项都不符合。

12. 【答案】D (withdrawn)

【解析】这里考查动词辨义。原文句子意思是"资金是从发卡机构的账户里提取的",withdraw 有"提款、取款"的意思,这里是指纸币从银行账户中"被取出"故为正确答案。

13. 【答案】C (Because)

【解析】这里考查的是连词的应用。从原文可以看出空后的两个句子在意思上存在着因果关系,"因为电子支付是即付的,所以消除了客户的付款"。四个选项中只有 C because 可以表因果,其他三项均不能表因果。故答案为 C。

14. 【答案】C(raise)

【解析】 这里考查的是动词辨析以及上下文语义衔接。[A] hide "隐藏,隐瞒",[B] express "表达,表示",[C] raise "举起,提高,引发",[D] ease "减轻,缓和",四个选项中能和 concerns 构成搭配的只有 raise,故正确答案为[C]。

15. 【答案】C.(stored)

【解析】这句讲了 an unauthorized hacker has been able to access a computer database and to alter information______ there. "一些黑客入侵电脑数据库并且更改______信息"根据空前信息可知是入侵电脑数据库,所以 information 是被储存在电脑数据库中的信息。

16. 【答案】C.(uncommon)

【解析】此题考查一致性。空格所在句"The fact that this is not an__16_occurrence means that..."中 this 指代上文中 that 从句的内容,即黑客能够获取电脑数据库和更改储存的信息。因此 not an_16_occurrence 应该能体现这一行为的特征,而上文提到"We often hear media reports that...",其中的 often 正是对这一行为的特征解释,即 not an__occurrence 等于 often 的含义,对比选项,只有 C 选项 uncommon 符合,带入后意为"经常发生的事情"。

17.【答案】A (steal)

【解析】本题缺少谓语动词,通过语法结构可以看出,主语是 dishonest persons,并通过后面的其他人的帐户,可以推定为答案是负向的,只有 A steal 符合题意,语义上也说得通,故为正确答案。

18. 【答案】B.(prevention)

【解析】文章最后一段首句谈论电子付费方式的又一个缺陷:会引起安全和隐私问题。接下来就开始解释这个现象。空格所在句提到"对这种欺诈的_18__ 绝非易事,而且一个新的电脑科学领域正在形成来_19__安全问题。"因此,本句在谈论对问题的解决应对。18 空格与 19 空格所填内容语意上应该是一致的。浏览选项,18 空只能选 prevention,即防止这种欺诈行为发生并非易事,而 C 选项 manipulation 是"操纵"的意思,D 选项 justification 意为"解释,证明……合理",均不合理。

19.【答案】A.(cope with)

【解析】此空格解释同 18 空格,应选有"处理,解决"意思的选项,只有 A 选项 cope with 合适。B 选项 fight against 意为"对抗,抵制",而宾语是 security issues,因此不符合。

20. 【答案】D.(trail)

【解析】此空所在句提出了使用电子付费方式的又一个担心,即会留下__20_,空格后的定语从句解释了空格内容,即它包含大量个人数据。浏览选项,只有 trail 符合,意为"痕迹"。B 碎片从语义上均说不通,C 路径有一定的干扰性,但相比较 D 而言,痕迹更为合适,故为正确答案

Section II Reading Comprehension

Part A

Text 1

21.【答案】A

【解析】第一段第二行指出笑话是关于纺织厂自动化程度的,后一句具体说明了笑话的内容:工厂平均每天只有两个人,一人一狗。人的工作是喂狗,狗的工作是看机器,暗示了工厂所有的生产工作都是由机器自动完成的。因此,这个笑话是用来说明技术进步的影响,故选 A。

22.【答案】D

【解析】事实细节题,通过题干"根据第3段,要想成为一个成功的雇员,一个人得……",我们首先可以定位到文章第三段,由第三段的最后一句话"Therefore, everyone needs to find their extra-their unique value contribution that makes them stand out in whatever is their field of employment."意思是"因此,人人都需要有另外的价值,异于常人的独特价值能够让他们在各自的雇佣市场上脱颖而出。",我们可以得出,题于中"to be a successful

employee"与第三段的最后一句话中的"that makes them stand out in whatever is their field of employment"是同义替换,"everyone needs to find their extra-their unique value contribution"与 D 选项中的"contribute something unique"是同义替换,所以 D 选项正确。

A、B 两个选项与第三段的倒数第二句话意思不符,是干扰选项。C 选项与第三段的第一、二句话意思相反,重点关注的是"But ,today ,average is officially over.",意思是"现如今,拥有一般水平不行了。"

23. 【答案】B

【解析】根据题干定位到第四段,第一句 technology has been eating jobs(技术使工作机会减少)也反映了该段的主旨。而根据题干 quotation 一词,我们读到引号里有"shed workers (解雇工人)"、"roughly one out of every three manufacturing jobs-about 6 million in total -disappeared (大约 1/3 的手工生产工作机会消失,总计 6 百万)",可推断出 B 选项。

24. 【答案】B

【解析】细节题。根据题干 reduce unemployment 减少失业,可以定位到文章中最后一段,这段出现了与之类似的表达"support employment" 促进就业,而题干表述"the most important"与文章"nothing would be more important than"相对应,指出促进就业最重要的是颁布类似于"G.I.Bill"的法案来保障人们接受高等教育的权利,选项 C 与之吻合,故正确。A 项加速信息技术产业变革,C 项促进经济全球化,均未提及,故排除。D 项是干扰项,虽提及要颁布更多法案,但颁布法案的目的实际是为了保障教育,故也排除。

25.【答案】C

【解析】该题是主旨大意题,主要考查考生根据文章内容凝练主旨大意的能力。从整个文章的脉络来看,第一段以亚当•大卫森一篇论文中关于现代工厂自动化与仅需要一人一狗两个员工的一则笑话,揭示了科技进步给人们带来的影响。第二三段是科技的进步引起工厂自动化水平提高,普通员工如果没有竞争力和突出优势,就很容易失去工作,因此也对员工提出了更高的要求(extra-unique value contribution)。第四段就是员工只有不断地提高自己的教育水平,才能让自己脱颖而出(to have more and better education to make themselves above average)。最后一段点明主题,average is officially over。由此可见,全文一直在围绕这一宏观主线展开,这一主线也统领全文,所以正确答案为 C。

Text 2

26. 【答案】C (stay in a foreign temporarily)

【解析】词义句意题。根据题干,首先定位到首段末句。在这句中,birds of passage 是前面一句中的 1/4 的意大利移民的昵称,他们只在美国居住了一段时间,但最终还是返回意大利。A 项的内容在首段首句有提及,但是它突出强调的是横跨大西洋的移民,这也是一世纪前的情况,而如今 birds of passage 可能来自世界各个角落,并非局限于大西洋两岸。B 项与段意不符,D 项文中未提及。

27. 【答案】C (should be adopted to meet challenges)

【解析】推理判断题。根据题干,直接定位到第二段。解题关键可定位到"…, but we need to change the way we think about categories. We need to look beyond stick definitions of legal and illegal. To start, we can recognize the new birds of passage, …We might then begin to solve our immigration challenges."大意是"我们需要改变的是关于分类的思考方式,突破合法和非法的严格限制。首先承认短暂移民者的存在,然后解决移民问题面临的挑战。"C 项高度总结了以上几点。A 项与原文意思不符。B、D 项在文中未提及。

28. 【答案】D (the freedom to stay and leave)

【解析】事实细节题。根据题干,可定位到第三段。解题关键在于对"They prefer to come and go as opportunity calls them .They can manage to have a job in one place and a

family in another."大意是"他们跟着机会走,来去自如。他们可以在一个地方立业,在另一个地方成家"。强调的是工作机会,而不在乎工作地点。D 项是这句意思的高度概括。A 项是对原文的片面理解,吸引短暂移民者的不仅仅是来自金钱的激励(financial incentives),还有工作机会和工作理念。B 项在文中未提及。C 项中的 regular jobs(一般工作)在文中未提及,也是对文意的曲解。

29. 【答案】C (with legal tolerance)

【解析】推理判断题。根据题干,可定位到第五段。题干问到"根据作者的意思,我们(美国)应该怎样对待这些短暂移民者?"在本段中,作者写道我们应该"Looking beyond the culture war logic of right or wrong means opening up the middle ground and understanding that managing immigration today requires multiple paths and multiple outcomes. Including some that are not easy to accomplish legally in the existing system",大意是"我们应该超越移民合法性方面的文化之争,重现看待中间地段,充分意识到当今的移民管理体系需要各种途径,从而取得多样化的结果,来解决现今移民体系下用法律手段很难解决的问题",暗含了 C 项中的 tolerance 也就是对 multiple paths and multiple outcomes 的改写。A、B 和 D 项在文中未提及。

30. 【答案】D (legal or illegal: big mistake)

【解析】主旨大意题。文章第二段第二句中提到"我们把新移民分成两类:合法移民和不合法移民",同时作者认为"我们不需要局限于合法与不合法这样严格的定义",这说明了从合法和不合法角度对于移民的分类是错误的。另外,文章最后一段最后一句"包括在现行的移民体系中不容易合法的实现的一些事情"也反映了文章的中心。即,从合法和不合法角度对于移民的分类是错误的。故选 D(合法或非法:大错误)。 A 项谈到短暂移民者的移动是个错误,偏离了文章主旨。B 和 C 项说的是 risk(风险),文中并未提及,偏离文章主旨。

Text 3

31. 【答案】 [D] predetermine the accuracy of our judgment

32. 【答案】[A] can be associative

【解析】细节题。题干问的是"我们对于快餐商标的反应速度表明决定是______样的",由题干的"fast-food logo"我们可以定位到第三段。第二段说处理人际关系问题时人们会仓促决定,第三段开头就说了,让人做出仓促决定的刺激因素不仅限于人际关系范围内。紧接着一句说人们对快餐商标的反应速度比一般阅读速度快。下一句阐述了原因:因为人们无意识地(unconsciously)将"快餐"与"速度"和"心急"联系在一起,并将这些冲动付诸行动。A 说决定是有联系性的,正确,因为人们将"快餐"与"速度","心急"联系在了一起。B 说决定是无意识的,与原文意思相反,错。C 说决定是危险的,原文未提及,排除。D 说决定是不冲动的,与原文意思相悖,故排除。

33. 【答案】[C] think before we act

【解析】细节题。先看题干说"为了逆转仓促决定所带来的影响,我们可以做______",根据题干定位到第四段。第四段通过两个例子说明我们应该怎样克服负面影响,第一个例子表示"如果我们会对消费产品或者房产选择做出"过度反应",我们可以在购买之前先思考一会儿",由此可说明我们应该在行动之前先思考来消除负面影响,因此选择答案 C。其他选项:A 项"相信我们的第一印象";B 项"按照人们通常所做的去做";D 项"征求专家意见"均不符合题意。

34. 【答案】[D] adequate information

35.【答案】[C] optimistic

【解析】态度题。根据 35 题题干 reversing the high-speed trend 是全文的最后一句,所以解此题可先定位到全文的最后一段。最后一段最后两句: Although technology might change the way we react, it hasn't changed our nature. We still have the imaginative capacity to rise above temptation and reverse the high-speed trend.译为: 尽管技术可能改变我们反应的方式,但是它并没有改变我们的本性。我们仍然有能力去克服诱惑并扭转这种高速度的趋势。由此我们可以看出作者的态度是非常确定的,因此 B 选项 uncertain(不确定)首先排除;We still have the imaginative capacity...表面作者对于我们的能力是有信心的。因此[C] optimistic(乐观的)是正解。A 选项 tolerant(容忍的)、D 选项 doubtful(怀疑的)在原文中没有体现,属于无中生有的选项。

Text 4

36. 【答案】B men have the final say

【解析】根据题干 corporate workplace 定位到第一段。首句就说欧洲性别不平等,in particular 进一步指出 corporate workplace,说明工作中性别尤其不平等。紧接着说欧洲公司高管职位 remain overwhelmingly male,说明以男性为主导。Indeed 进一步解释,指出女性在欧洲公司董事会只占有 14%的席位。所以,B 选项是基于首段信息给出的推论。A 项 women take the lead 和 D 项 senior management is family-friendly 都与原文相反;C 选项是对文章 overwhelm 这个词出的干扰项。

37. 【答案】A a reflection of gender balance

【解析】根据题干,定位到第二段首句,intended legislation 是对 is now considering legislation 的同义改写。该句意思为"欧洲国家现在考虑立法来迫使公司董事让妇女的比例达到 60%",因此立法是为了保持性别的平衡。B 选项的 reluctant 是对第 5 段的 Reding's reluctance 出的干扰项,并不是说 European union 的立法。C 选项 a response to Reding's call 不正确,Reding 号召的是 voluntary action, D 也是干扰项,而真正的立法缘由是对 gender balance 的反思,所以 A 项正确,也是文章中心的反映。

38. 【答案】A get top business positions

【解析】定位至第 4 段,Reding 说自己不喜欢 quotas,后面出现了 but,他真正的观点在 but 之后,他说他喜欢 quotas 所做的事情,即 get action,后面的冒号是对 get action的解释。核心的答案在 a result seen in France and other coutries with legally binding provisions on placing women in top business positions。a result 是前面内容的同位语,进一步补充说明,所以选 A。B 项 see through the glass ceiling 是对原文 break through the glass ceiling 的望文生义,属于肤浅选项,也和原文意思不符。C 和 D 选项属于无中生有。

39.【答案】D approval

【解析】本题问的是作者对 Reding 的呼吁的态度。Reding 的 appeal 最早出现在第 2 段,即呼吁在董事会中有 40%的女性,以实现性别均衡。而第四段再一次提到 Reding 的观点即"他自己也不喜欢 quotas,但是 quotas 本身确实起到了作用";接着作者在第五段给出了自己的观点,先是说可以理解 Reding,自己本身也不喜欢 quotas,但是"既然现在 meritocratic ideal(精英管理的理想)有障碍,确实需要一种强制的手段,即强制设定男女比例。"所以可以看出作者是持"赞成"的态度。

40. 【答案】C suitable public policies

【解析】题干中的 women entering top management become headlines 是对第 6 段第二句话 when women do break through to the summit of the corporate power 的同义改写,become headlines 是对后面 for example 所举的 Sheryl Sandberg 的事例的概括。答案出现在第 7 段开头。第 7 段是提出一种解决措施,"If appropriate pubic choices were in place to help all women, ...Sandberg would be no more newsworthy...",这个句子是 if 虚拟条件句,是对未来的一种美好展望,也是提出观点的一种方式,意思是"如果有合理的公共政策来帮助所有的女性,Sandberg 也就没有报道价值了"。所以正确答案是 C,因为缺少"suitable public policies"。

Part B

41. 【答案】F Planning is everything

【解析】段落首句谈到"Impulsive spending isn't an option, so plan your work's menu in advance…",其表达的含义是: 冲动消费不是一个好的选择,所以提前计划你一周的菜单,为你所需材料的具体数量做一个购物清单。首句中出现了因果逻辑关联词 so,而下文又没有出现明显转折,因此首句是本段的中心句。文章进而提及作者为此专门做一个 Excel 表格,并且认为这样做不仅花钱少并且有助于均衡饮食。显然文章的中心在于首句谈到的"plan",而中心不是选项 B 表达的"balance your diet",故答案为 F。

42. 【答案】E Stick to what you need

【解析】段落第二句话中的代词"them"指代第一句中的"supermarkets and their anonymity"。该句通过这一指代顺接第一句,表达了一个否定的含义,即你不需要在小贩那里感到尴尬。紧接着第三句用肯定的语气指出"if you plan properly, you'll know that you only need... 350g of shin of beef... "即如果你合理的规划,你就会清楚知道你想要什么,比如你只需要 350 克牛肉。作者通过语义上层层递进的方式指出了这一段的中心:你需要什么就买什么,要对你所需要购买的东西的分量要坚持。因此选项 E 为正确选项。

43. 【答案】G Waste not, want not

【解析】本段内容首先谈到"你可能骄傲的说冰箱里只有冷冻的青豆,但是这还不够"。这句话中虽然没有明显的转折词,但在语义上属于隐性转折,因此段落的重点应该在后面。第二句提到"Mine is filled with...",其中 Mine 等于 my freezer,通过指代顺接上一句话。接着第三句前半句指出"提前做好计划可以避免浪费",后半句具体陈述了怎样避免浪费。其中 "eliminate wastage"与选项 G 中的"waste not"构成同义替换。虽然该句中出现了 planning,

但是本段的主要内容是谈到对于剩余的食物要尽可能充分利用,从而避免浪费。所以选项 **G** 谈到"不浪费,不愁缺"为正确选项。

44. 【答案】C Shopkeepers are your friends

【解析】该段首句的句内出现转折,重点在转折之后。第一句 but 转折之后提到"it really is a top tip",即这真的是一个好的提议。那么首先要还原 it 所指代的内容。句前没有提供信息,句后第二句提到"shop at butchers,...regularly, ..and be super friendly"。其中"be friendly" 通过词性转换和选项 C 中的"are your friends"够成同义替换。同时,根据就近指代原则,这也是 it 所指代的内容。最后一句通过具体的信息描述了购物时表现出友好的态度所带来的好处: they will let you have for free(通常他们都会免费给你),因此选项 C 为正确选项。

45. 【答案】D Remember to treat yourself

【解析】该段首句句内出现转折,重点在转折之后。第一句 but 后提到"save your pennis and once every few months treat yourself to a set lunch",其表达的含义是要节省钱,但可以每几个月款待自己一次。而该句也是本段落的中心句。段落余下的信息都是在用数据来解释这个道理。选项 D 中出现了"treat yourself",属于原词复现。因此选项 D 为正确选项。

Section III Translation

46. 翻译

参考译文

从过去的 **53** 年间任选一天,我能立刻回想起当时我身在何方,当天新闻中发生何事,甚至那天是周几。自从四岁,我就具备这种能力。

我从不会因大脑吸信息量过大而感到难以承受。我的大脑似乎可以处理它们,并将其有序地存储于脑中。每当忆及忧伤往事,和其他人一样,我会尽量将其搁置一旁。我不认为因为我的记忆更为清晰,自己就比其他人更难做到此事。好记性并没有让我的情感体验更鲜活生动。祖父去世那天的情景和之前那天我去医院看望他时的伤心欲绝都历历在目。我也还记得当天在音乐剧《毛发》百老汇开场演出。这两件事都以同样的方式跃入我的脑海。

【解析】

1.I can pick a date from the past 53 years and know instantly where I was, what happened in the news and even the day of the week.

【词汇】instantly:立即、马上:

【分析】句子主干为 I can pick a date...and know...;宾语部分为 where...,what...and even...。句子中并列结构突出。

【译文】从过去的 53 年间任选一天,我能立刻回想起当时我身在何方,当天新闻中发生何事,甚至那天是周几。

2.I've been able to do this, since I was four.

【分析】句子主干为 I've been able to do this, since 引导时间状语从句

【译文】自从四岁,我就具备这种能力。

3. I never feel overwhelmed with the amount of information my brain absorbs.

【词汇】overwhelmed:压垮,压倒,淹没; absorb:吸收

【分析】句子主干为 I never feel overwhelmed with…,省略关系词的定语从句 my brain absorbs 作后置定语修饰 information

【译文】我从不会因大脑吸信息量过大而感到难以承受。

3.My mind seems to be able to cope and the information is stored away neatly.

【词汇】cope:处理; store:存储; neatly:整齐的,整洁的

【分析】句子主干为 My mind seems to be...and the information is...

【译文】我的大脑似乎可以处理它们,并将其有序地存储于脑中。

4. When I think of a sad memory, I do what everybody does---try to put it to one side.

【词汇】think of:考虑,想起;

【分析】句子主干为 I do what...what 引导宾语从句,破折号后 try to put it to one side 对其进行解释说明;when 引导时间状语从句。

【译文】每当忆及忧伤往事,和其他人一样,我会尽量将其搁置一旁。

5.I don't think it's harder for me just because my memory is clearer.

【词汇】clear:清晰的

【分析】句子主干为 I don't think its harder for me, because 引导原因状语从句。It 指代上句话内容。

【译文】我不认为因为我的记忆更为清晰,自己就比其他人更难做到此事。

6. Powerful memory doesn't make my emotions any more acute or vivid.

【词汇】powerful:强大的,权力大的; emotion:情感,情绪; acute:敏锐的,敏感的; vivid: 生动的,形象的

【分析】句子主干为 Powerful memory doesn't make...

【译文】好记性并没有让我的情感体验更鲜活生动

7.I can recall the day my grandfather died and the sadness I felt when we went to the hospital the day before.

【词汇】recall:回忆起,回想起

【分析】句子主干为 I can recall the day...and the sadness...省略引导词的定语从句my grandfather died 作后置定语修饰 the day;同样省略引导词的定语从句 I felt 修饰sadness(定语从句关系词做宾语时可以省略);when 引导时间状语从句对 the sadness I felt 进行修饰。

【译文】祖父去世那天的情景和之前那天我去医院看望他时的伤心欲绝都历历在目

8. I also remember that the musical play Hair opened on Broadway on the same day---they both just pop into my mind in the same way.

【词汇】musical play:音乐剧; Hair:《毛发》(1968 年上演,是对美国百老汇音乐剧的颠覆,获得托尼奖); Broadway:百老汇; pop:突然出现

【分析】句子主干 I also remember that...,that 引导的宾语从句主干为 the musical play Hair opened...;破折号后 they 指代前两句话的内容,表示同一天发生的两件截然不同的事件,突出前面提到的好记性并未使我的情感体验更鲜活生动。

【译文】我也还记得当天在音乐剧《毛发》百老汇开场演出。这两件事都以同样的方式跃入我的脑海。

Section IV Writing

47. 应用文范文

Dear my beloved classmates,

On the evening of January 4th, 2013, we will hold a charity sale for children who need help at the school auditorium.

The kids come from remote areas where they can not be educated properly. Our assistance may change their destinies. Many pop stars, such as Jay and Jackie Chan, will attend the activity. The school master and most of the teachers of our school will also join us.

I trust you will be disengaged and able to give the poor children a hand. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Yours sincerely

Li Ming

48. 大作文写作

Emerging from the bar-chart above is a popular phenomenon that the proportion of the students having par-time jobs has changed during the four years' study. The proportion increases slightly from the first year to the third year, however, the fourth year has witnessed a fast increase, surging to 88.24%.

As they are about to enter into the society, more people think that concurrent post after school benefits greater than disadvantage, cast aside making money to no comment. The bar-chart above serves to remind us that qualifications are something essential if you want to find a good job after you leave school, but on the other hand, college students can get some working experience which is as valuable as their academic achievement.

Anyway, in my point of view, it is difficult to judge whether taking part time jobs is good or bad. It depends on how you deal with the relationship between working and learning. If you can balance it well, you are sure to get enough knowledge as well as experience, so as to get ready for your future success.