

考点集训(二十五) Unit 2 The universal language

一、在空白处填入 1 个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

1. It's romantic to love an excellent man _____ first sight.
2. The nobleman is _____ (mercy) to his slaves.
3. It's unfair _____ (condemn) her to death, because she killed the man for self-defense, not deliberately.
4. She said it as loudly as she _____ (dare).
5. It's high time we _____ (seek) advice from lawyers.
6. Nothing in the world is _____ (value) than books.
7. The director has cast her _____ a beautiful princess in his latest movie.
8. The interviewee declined _____ (provide) his contact details.
9. The manager demanded that the workers _____ (work) extra hours to complete the task ahead of time.
10. When you break up _____ somebody you love, that's awful; and it takes time to get over.
11. The criminal covered her mouth to stop her from _____ (scream).
12. When I am unhappy, I have a _____ (tend) to go shopping and buy anything I want.
13. He took _____ the responsibility for collecting evidence for the trial.
14. _____ (gradual), the teacher became more patient with the students.
15. Many high-rise buildings _____ (spring) up all over the city in the past few years.

二、阅读理解

阅读下列短文,从每题所给的 A、B、C 和 D 四个选项中,选出最佳选项。

A

Have you ever thought about why malls, restaurants, and even theaters play music? Well, to understand this, you simply just look back on how you felt when you heard music in these places. Music is known for improving the moods of people. Often music helps us pay attention to what we are doing. Music helps patients feel good and helps them recover faster and better.

Depression(沮丧) is a state of mind that most of us experience at some points of time. There are some periods in our life when everything seems difficult. It seems that everything is getting worse and we have no control over our life. Studies have shown that music can be an important mood lifter in such situations. Music also plays a great role in making

us feel less nervous or worried. Anxiety can often cause loss of sleep and other illnesses.

Music is often known as an international language. We may not know the language another person is speaking, but most of us respond to music in the same way. Music can often be the best way to connect with someone.

Music is one of the best ways to improve your moods, but this can depend largely on the kind of music you listen to. While happy music can certainly make you feel better, sad music can further lower your spirits. Listening to classical music can often make you feel a lot more powerful, while soft music can be the perfect way to relax at the end of a long day. If you want to use music to change the way you are feeling, you need to understand the role of it, learn to recognize the kind of music that lifts your mood and helps you feel better. Once you realize the kind of music you can use, you can use it to change the way you feel. The right kind of music can be the perfect way to help us feel happier.

()16. The passage is mainly about _____.

- A. what meanings music has
- B. how we control our moods
- C. how music affects our moods
- D. what kind of music we listen to

()17. According to the passage, playing music in restaurants is to _____.

- A. welcome the customers
- B. make customers feel good
- C. make customers dance
- D. make customers feel powerful

()18. From the passage, we can know that _____.

- A. most of us suffer depression all the time
- B. most of us respond to music in different ways
- C. music can be a good way to connect with others
- D. any kind of music will help us improve our moods

()19. According to the passage, which kind of music can relax people from a long day's work?

- A. Soft music.
- B. Classical music.
- C. Sad music.
- D. Rock music.

B

Probably no other musical instrument is as popular as the guitar around the world. Musicians use the guitar for almost all kinds of music. Country and western music would not be the same without the guitar. The traditional Spanish folk music called Flamenco could not exist without a guitar. The

sound of American blues music would not be the same without the sad cry of the guitar. And rock and roll music would almost be impossible without this instrument.

Music experts do not agree about where the guitar was first played. Most agree it is ancient. Some experts say an instrument very much like a guitar was played in Egypt more than 1,000 years ago. Most experts say that the ancestor of the modern guitar was brought to Spain from Persia sometime in the 12th century. The guitar continued to develop in Spain. In the 1700s it became similar to the instrument we know today.

Many famous musicians played the instrument. The famous Italian violinist Niccolò Paganini played and wrote music for the guitar in the early 1800s. Franz Schubert used the guitar to write some of his famous works. In modern times Spanish guitarist Andres Segovia helped make the instrument extremely popular.

In the 1930s, Les Paul began experimenting to make an electric guitar. He invented the solid-bodied electric guitar in 1946. The Gibson Guitar Company began producing its famous Les Paul Guitar in 1952. It became a powerful influence on popular music. The instrument has the same shape and the same six strings as the traditional guitar, but it sounds very different. Les Paul produced a series of extremely popular recordings that introduced the public to this music. Listen to this Les Paul recording. It was the fifth most popular song in the United States in 1952. It is called "Meet Mister Callaghan".

- ()20. What can we infer from the first paragraph?
- The guitar plays a very important role in music.
 - The choice of musical instruments is important for a band.
 - The guitar was the most popular music instrument in the past.
 - Every musician likes playing the guitar.
- ()21. According to most experts, the guitar developed into a modern form like today in _____.
- Egypt
 - Persia
 - Spain
 - Italy
- ()22. In Paragraph 3, the author introduces _____.
- the method of playing the guitar
 - the exact time of the guitar's origin
 - the way that the guitar was made
 - some musicians who played the guitar
- ()23. Where does the passage probably come from?
- A newspaper.
 - A broadcast.
 - A magazine.
 - A history book.

三、根据短文内容,从短文后的选项选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

Lifelong Musicians Have Better Hearing

Playing a musical instrument throughout your life protects your hearing, a Canadian study suggests. The study, which was published in *Psychology and Aging*, carried out hearing tests on 74 adult musicians and 89 non-musicians. 24. _____

Research on Hearing Loss showed all people—including musicians—should try to prevent hearing damage. 25. _____ By sixty, 10-30% of people have moderate hearing loss. By eighty, that goes up to as many as 60%.

Then a research, by a team at the Rotman Research Institute in Toronto, looked at adults of all ages to see how people were affected as they aged. They chose both musicians and non-musicians from the age of 18 to 91 and divided them into different groups based on the age. Again musicians were significantly better at picking out speech against noise in all the age ranges.

26. _____ Benjamin Zendel, who was part of the research team, said, "We found that being a musician may contribute to better hearing in old age, probably due to musicians using their hearing systems at a high level on a regular basis. This advantage widened considerably for musicians as they got older when compared to similar-aged non-musicians."

This study suggests that musicians might be more able to deal with the consequences of hearing loss. 27. _____ As Dr. Ralph Holme said, all people—including musicians—should try to prevent hearing damage in the first place. It's necessary for everyone who plays a musical instrument or listens to loud music to wear hearing protection. 28. _____

- Hearing normally declines as people age.
- Previous studies explained the reasons for hearing loss.
- That can effectively reduce the risk of damaging their hearing permanently.
- Still, it is far better to minimize damage by using appropriate ear protection.
- They believed musicians are also likely to experience age-related hearing problems.
- The researchers concluded that lifelong musicianship delays age-related changes in hearing.
- It found a 70-year-old musician's hearing was as good as that of a 50-year-old who didn't play.

四、阅读下面短文,从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C 和 D 四个选项中,选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

When I was a little child, my favorite musical 29 is piano, but when I started my middle school, I was forced to give up 30 I could concentrate more on my studies.

It's one of my biggest 31 to stop practicing the piano when I recall sadly today. During the following years, I kept telling my piano teacher that I would 32. However, I didn't keep my promise because I was 33 with my study. 34 I lost touch with my teacher. Some years later, my teacher died. I was very sad because I lost such a good teacher. She was a very warm and gentle person. It hurts me to think she may have been 35 that I never returned. I haven't taken lessons since then. But to be honest, I 36 to. Sitting at the piano, I couldn't help recalling many 37 of my practicing at home and playing before my teacher and one time my teacher 38 me after I played entire pieces of music wrong in front of her colleagues. I was so 39 that I could hardly say anything. But her 40 helped me ease my shame. These memories, 41, good or bad, never caused my 42 to play the piano again.

This thought then led me to think that 43 is like music, and that we all try to play different 44 in the instrument of our life. Sometimes the pitch(音高) is 45 when we play it well, but sometimes we are out of tune. However, we all continue to create our own 46 style of music. No matter what style our music is, it is 47 that we sing the songs of joy, quietness and love. Though I may never make it back to piano lessons, it doesn't 48 that I've stopped making music.

- () 29. A. stage
C. room
() 30. A. so that
C. now that
() 31. A. successes
C. regrets
() 32. A. fight
C. leave
() 33. A. angry
C. satisfied
() 34. A. Actually
C. Gradually
() 35. A. astonished
C. glad
() 36. A. liked
C. decided
() 37. A. dreams
C. words
() 38. A. hurt
C. punished
() 39. A. frightened
C. embarrassed
- B. performance
D. instrument
B. as if
D. in case
B. decisions
D. hobbies
B. return
D. graduate
B. occupied
D. patient
B. Constantly
D. Suddenly
B. disappointed
D. amazed
B. needed
D. wanted
B. expressions
D. memories
B. instructed
D. respected
B. moved
D. excited

- () 40. A. comfort
C. happiness
() 41. A. however
C. therefore
() 42. A. hope
C. excuse
() 43. A. attitude
C. life
() 44. A. roles
C. cards
() 45. A. surprising
C. hard
() 46. A. common
C. unique
() 47. A. unnecessary
C. possible
() 48. A. matter
C. report
- B. anger
D. sigh
B. meanwhile
D. instead
B. courage
D. effort
B. learning
D. enjoyment
B. sports
D. games
B. wonderful
D. complex
B. boring
D. similar
B. strange
D. important
B. appear
D. mean

五、阅读下面短文,在空白处填入 1 个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

A dance team from Atlanta, US, used the beautiful Jiangsu folk song *Jasmine Flower* (*Molihua*) in their performance on the TV show *Amazing Chinese*. The song 49. _____ (compose) during the Qing Dynasty (AD 1616-1912), was one of the first Chinese 50. _____ (song) to become popular abroad.

The true origin of the song, which has many regional variations, wasn't discovered 51. _____ two scholars published an article, which showed the history between the folk song and Yangzhou Ditty(小调), 52. _____ old-fashioned type of folk music.

The popularity of the song makes it a symbol to present Chinese culture 53. _____ the world stage. A world-famous Italian composer added the song to his opera *Turandot*. 54. _____ (appear) in the opera's first public performance in 1926 helped improve 55. _____ (it) global fame.

In the closing ceremony of the 2004 Athens Olympics, a Chinese girl 56. _____ (instant) impressed audience with her wonderful singing of the song. It 57. _____ (choose) as music played at the awards ceremony in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, bringing us both national 58. _____ (proud) and great artistic enjoyment.

六、短文改错

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