

初级样卷

Intercultural Competence Test (ICT)

Elementary Level

(120 minutes)

I. Multiple Choice

Directions: *In this part, there are 75 questions in five sections. Read the following questions carefully and, for each question, choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.*

Section 1 Knowledge of self (3'×15)

1. The Silk Road was formally established during _____. ()
A. Tang Dynasty
B. Han Dynasty
C. Ming Dynasty
D. Qing Dynasty
2. The Lugou Bridge Incident (卢沟桥事变), as the beginning of the World Anti-Fascist War, happened in _____. ()
A. 1977
B. 1937
C. 1973
D. 1947
3. In June 1900, the Eight-Power Allied Forces (八国联军) used the excuse to suppress the Boxers (义和团) and jointly launched a war of aggression against China. Which of the following countries is NOT in the Eight-Nation Alliance? ()
A. France
B. Spain
C. Italy
D. Germany
4. The well-known educational idea “Freedom of thought and all-embracing” (思想自由, 兼容并包) was put forward by _____. ()
A. Tao Xingzhi
B. Zhou Enlai
C. Cai Yuanpei
D. Hu Shi
5. Which of the following is the earliest educational monograph (专著) in China?()
A. *The Great Learning* 《大学》
B. *The Note of Learning* 《学记》

- C. *The Analects of Confucius* 《论语》
- D. *The Doctrine of the Mean* 《中庸》

6. According to the *Compulsory Education Law of the People's Republic of China* (中华人民共和国义务教育法) revised in 2018, how many years of compulsory education are school-age children and adolescents (青少年) obliged to have? ()

- A. Six
- B. Eight
- C. Nine
- D. Twelve

7. Which of the following traditional festivals comes from the 24 solar terms? ()

- A. Lantern Festival
- B. Mid-Autumn Festival
- C. Dragon Boat Festival
- D. Tomb-Sweeping Day

8. Which of the following was originally the main function of the spring festival couplet (春联)? ()

- A. To decorate the house
- B. To exorcise (驱除) evil spirits
- C. To create the festive atmosphere
- D. To pray for fortune

9. Which of the following does NOT belong to the main activities of the Dragon Boat Festival? ()

- A. Dragon boat race (赛龙舟)
- B. Eat rice dumplings (粽子)
- C. Drink realgar wine (雄黄酒)
- D. Drink chrysanthemum wine (菊花酒)

10. Tea plays a significant part in the daily life of Chinese people. Which of the following behaviors is NOT in line with the Chinese tea ceremony? ()

- A. Avoid slurping (出声地喝) tea
- B. Offer a full cup of tea
- C. Serve tea with both hands
- D. Refill the tea cup for the elders first

11. Which statement in the following about handshaking in China is NOT true? ()

- A. A handshake is becoming a standard Chinese business greeting, particularly when meeting foreigners.
- B. It is often the hosts that offer their hands first when meeting guests.
- C. Chinese handshakes are often prolonged (持续很久的), strong rather than weak.
- D. It is rude to refuse someone's handshake, especially the elders.

12. Which of the following is the thinking pattern of most Chinese people? ()
- A. Linear thinking
 - B. Objective thinking
 - C. Holistic (整体的) thinking
 - D. Abstract thinking
13. Which one is the highest moral principle (道德原则) advocated (提倡) by Confucian culture? ()
- A. Righteousness (义)
 - B. Courtesy (礼)
 - C. Benevolence (仁)
 - D. Loyalty (忠)
14. Which value of the following is NOT advocated by Laozi? ()
- A. Naturalness and non-action
 - B. Non-contention
 - C. Returning to a newborn state
 - D. Heaven is the source of everything
15. Which of the following is NOT the basic contents of core socialist values in China? ()
- A. Prosperity, democracy, civility (文明), harmony
 - B. Freedom, equality, justice, the rule of law
 - C. Loyalty, courtesy, diligence, righteousness
 - D. Patriotism (爱国), dedication, integrity, friendship

Section 2 Knowledge of others (3'×15)

16. As the largest and most thorough (彻底的) revolution in modern world history, the French Revolution began in _____. ()
- A. 1789
 - B. 1769
 - C. 1879
 - D. 1799
17. The United Nations was established _____. ()
- A. after the Second World War
 - B. after the First World War
 - C. during the Cold War Period
 - D. after the Collapse of the Soviet Union (苏联解体)
18. Most of the birthplaces of world civilization originated in large river basins, and some originated in the ocean. Which of the following civilizations originated in the ocean? ()
- A. Ancient Greece
 - B. Ancient Egypt
 - C. Ancient India

D. Ancient China

19. Which of the following does NOT belong to the Ivy League (常春藤联盟) school?

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- A. University of Pennsylvania
- B. Princeton University
- C. Duke University
- D. Yale University

20. Which of the following does NOT belong to the G5 super-elite in Britain (英国 G5 超级精英大学)? ()

- A. University of Oxford
- B. University of Cambridge
- C. University of Bath
- D. University College London

21. Which one of the following is regarded as the college entrance examination of America? ()

- A. ACT
- B. SAT
- C. GRE
- D. TOEFL

22. In Malaysia, Malay and aboriginal people (土著人) often_____. ()

- A. eat with their right hand directly
- B. eat with their left hand directly
- C. eat with chopsticks
- D. eat with forks

23. Which of the following is NOT a color taboo in Brazil? ()

- A. Red
- B. Purple
- C. Yellow
- D. Dark brown

24. Which of the following is a cultural taboo in Italy? ()

- A. Wearing a sleeveless blouse to visit a Catholic (罗马天主教) museum.
- B. Being late for a banquet (宴会).
- C. Women start to eat before men.
- D. Booking a seat with the number 11.

25. When you talk to British people, which situation is less likely to happen? ()

- A. They often associate accents with one's social class and educational level.
- B. They rarely use indirect, ambiguous (模棱两可的) language and humor.
- C. They avoid direct confrontation (对抗) to save face.
- D. They tolerate and even encourage individual eccentricities (怪癖) at times.

26. Which statement in the following about Gender Roles in France is NOT true? ()
- A. Nearly all French women engage in paid labor and the dual-career family (双职工家庭) is becoming the norm.
 - B. Many women are still expected to fulfill more traditional gender-stereotypical roles (刻板性别角色), such as cooking, cleaning, and child-rearing.
 - C. Women face expectations to uphold a stereotypical view of “feminine” (女性化) in terms of dress, physique, and demeanor.
 - D. Women are often still seen as the primary income earners of a family.
27. People in Nigeria will give others a thumbs-up to express their feelings when there is a quarrel. What does the thumbs-up probably mean in this circumstance?()
- A. Praise
 - B. Catch a ride
 - C. Insult
 - D. Agree
28. Which of the following is NOT the core value of the *Declaration of Human Rights* (《人权宣言》) enacted in the French Revolution? ()
- A. Human rights and equality
 - B. Democracy and rule of law
 - C. Human rights and rule of law
 - D. Freedom and gender equality
29. Which of the following is NOT treasured by most British people? ()
- A. Respecting for birthright and hierarchy
 - B. Encouraging fairness and justice for all
 - C. Seldom showing off material possessions
 - D. Aiming for an ideal but not realistic in practice
30. In *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword* (《菊与刀》) written by Benedict, which is NOT the characteristic of Japanese? ()
- A. Loyalty to the emperor (天皇)
 - B. Emphasis on the honor
 - C. Rigid hierarchy (等级森严)
 - D. Free love and be faithful to the wife

Section 3 Communicative skills (4'×15)

31. You are a gourmet blogger (美食博主). When you ate in an American restaurant, you wanted a glass of hot water, but the waiter apologized that they provided only ice water. In your opinion, what would be the difference between Chinese and American drinking habits? ()
- A. Most Chinese are more casual than most Americans on drinking habits.
 - B. Most Americans drink ice water to lose weight while most Chinese need hot water to drive out the chill.

C. Most Chinese tend to drink hot water while most Americans are used to drinking ice water.

D. Most Americans think hot water destroys nutrients (营养) while most Chinese regard ice water as the source of all diseases.

32. You are studying at Duke University, USA. During the COVID-19 pandemic, wearing masks was mandatory at university. However, you found that most American students didn't wear masks. What do you think of this phenomenon? ()

A. American people don't care about their health and safety.

B. Most American people believe that wearing masks is a very obscene (不雅的) behavior.

C. In the face of the pandemic American people are more courageous.

D. American people think that not wearing masks embodies (体现) freedom and humanity.

33. You are a Chinese employee working at a Sino-German joint venture. Today, you are having an online meeting at ZOOM with your German colleagues. During the speech of a German colleague, it's hard to catch and understand his words due to the unstable network. What would you do? ()

A. Inform him of the situation.

B. Keep listening carefully and take notes.

C. Interrupt his speech directly.

D. Mute him and prepare my speech.

34. You are on a business trip in Germany. One of your German friends decides to invite you to have dinner at a high-end (高级) restaurant in Berlin. When you begin to eat your meal, what would you do? ()

A. Talk with your friend with your mouth full of food.

B. Fill your plate with food.

C. Make noise with your knife and fork.

D. Eat gently.

35. You are working for a catering company (餐饮公司) cooperating with an Iranian company. One day, you are appointed to entertain an Iranian customer, and you decide to introduce him Chinese food. Now you are about to order dishes. What would you do? ()

A. Order some wine and drinks for him.

B. Order sliced pork fillet for him.

C. Order chicken roll for him.

D. Order meat bun for him.

36. One day, you went to meet an Indonesia customer at the PEK (北京首都国际机场). When the Indonesian customer showed up and came up to you, how would you greet him? ()

- A. Shake hand with him gently.
- B. Greet him with a kiss on the cheek.
- C. Ask him about how his family is.
- D. Hug him.

37. Your company assigns you to Turkey to find some reliable suppliers of blankets. When you first meet the Turkish suppliers, what would you do? ()

- A. Wear shorts and sleeveless tops.
- B. Sit with your legs apart.
- C. Do not wear modest clothing.
- D. Talk about football with them.

38. Wang Qiang is taking an MBA course at Zhejiang University and there is a Brazilian girl Keyla in his class. At the end of the semester, his classmates had a party together in a restaurant and Wang Qiang took his girlfriend Luo Fang with him. When Keyla saw Luo Fang, she greeted her with a hug. But Luo Fang was shocked and backed away, which made Keyla very embarrassed (尴尬的). If you were Luo Fang, what would you do? ()

- A. Tell Keyla a joke to relieve the embarrassment (尴尬).
- B. Talk with Keyla about the plans for the next semester.
- C. Say sorry to Keyla and tell her the Chinese way of greeting.
- D. Feel awkward and talk with other friends.

39. Simon, an American, and his Chinese friend Xiao Tong often study together. One day, while Xiao Tong and Simon were discussing the content and notes of the lecture after class, Simon left for a while. During Simon's absence, Xiao Tong found that he had missed some notes in class, so he picked up Simon's notes to have a look. At this time, Simon came back and saw Xiao Tong holding his notebook. However, Xiao Tong didn't notice that and still looked at Simon's notebook, which made Simon feel uneasy. If you were Xiao Tong, what would you do? ()

- A. Pretend not to notice that and continue to read his notebook.
- B. View Simon as a stingy person and return the notebook to Simon.
- C. Apologize to Simon and explain your behavior.
- D. Hand your notes to him and learn from each other.

40. Wang Xiao is studying in Australia. On his birthday, Wang Xiao received a clock from his Australian classmate James. However, a clock as a gift is taboo in Chinese culture. If you were Wang Xiao, what would you do? ()

- A. Ask James why he chose the clock as a gift and get angry with him.
- B. Receive the gift and tell him your cultural taboo.
- C. Tell him that you prefer other gifts.
- D. Give back James' gift.

41. You are an employee in a Sino-Japanese joint venture. One day, your Japanese colleague invited you and his friends to his house. When you arrived, you walked into

his house straightly without taking off your shoes. Meanwhile, you found that other guests took off their shoes. What would you do now? ()

- A. Pretend not to notice that.
- B. Tell him directly that it makes you uneasy to take off shoes in someone else's home.
- C. Go back to the porch (门廊) and take off your shoes.
- D. Feel very embarrassed and talk with other guests.

42. Bruce, a ten-year-old boy who grew up in the United States, came to China with his parents to visit his Chinese grandfather. One day, at the dinner table, Bruce seemed to have no interest in the food and stuck chopsticks uprightly (垂直地) in rice. If you were the grandfather, what would you do? ()

- A. Get annoyed and blame your grandson directly.
- B. Smile and tell Bruce that sticking chopsticks is thought to bring misfortune in China.
- C. Feel hurt and leave the table immediately.
- D. Ignore Bruce's behavior but criticize his parents.

43. Jia Jun is headmaster of an international school in China. This week he was invited to visit a Japanese school and a Korean school. In Japan, he was welcomed by the school's headmaster and his wife, and he called them Mr. Irie and Mrs. Irie. When he arrived in Korea, he was also warmly welcomed by the headmaster of the Korean school and his wife. When he called them Mr. Kim and Mrs. Kim, the wife looked a little embarrassed. If you were Jia Jun, what would you do? ()

- A. Apologize to the wife of the Korean headmaster and politely ask for her first name.
- B. Walk up to Mrs. Kim and compliment her on her beauty.
- C. Smile to the wife of the Korean headmaster although you think she is sentimental.
- D. Tell a joke to Mr. Kim and Mrs. Kim.

44. You are a science teacher in a British middle school. In class, you asked one of your British students Sophie to answer a question. But Sophie didn't reply at once and started to chat with her classmate, which made you a little bit embarrassed. What would you do? ()

- A. Stop Sophie and criticize her in class.
- B. Say her name loudly until she answers your question.
- C. Ignore Sophie and interact with other students.
- D. Ask another student to answer and understand Sophie's behavior.

45. Song Li, a Chinese girl, came to visit her uncle who lived in Finland. During the stay, her uncle showed her around Finnish schools. She found that Finnish pupils in middle and primary school have a special class of home economics, which includes many everyday household chores, such as collecting clothes, cleaning, shopping, and learning about home technology. If you were Song Li, how would you evaluate such a phenomenon? ()

- A. Finnish people attach great importance to the cultivation of students' daily living skills.

- B. In Finland, doing housework is viewed as a virtue (美德).
- C. Finnish students are taught to be business-minded from childhood.
- D. Studying hard and rote-memorization are encouraged in Finland.

Section 4 Cognitive skills (1'×15)

46. You are a freshman at Harvard University. One day, when you returned to your dormitory at dusk, you found that your roommate facing west kneeled and kowtowed (叩头) three times. How do you explain his behavior? ()

- A. He may be a Buddhist and he's praying.
- B. He may be a Muslim and he's praying.
- C. He may be a Christian and he's praying.
- D. He may be a Catholic and he's praying.

47. You are traveling in Russia. One day, a black cat walked by on the street, and you found most of the pedestrians bypassed it. How would you explain this phenomenon? ()

- A. Russians think black cats are holy and sacred.
- B. Russians think black cats will bring misfortune to them.
- C. Russians cherish little animals and don't often bother them.
- D. Russians don't like cats.

48. You are studying in the UK and your roommate is a Muslim. In September, you found that he didn't eat anything during the day for nearly a week. How would you explain his behavior? ()

- A. He is on a diet.
- B. He is punishing himself for making a religious mistake.
- C. He is in a bad mood and doesn't want to eat.
- D. He is observing Ramadan (斋月).

49. You were invited to your American friend's engagement party. You found his fiancée was much older than him. And to your surprise, your friend's parents approved their marriage. What can you learn from this situation? ()

- A. In America, most parents are open-minded to their children's marriage.
- B. In America, most parents put more emphasis on the fortune instead of age.
- C. In America, mature women are more attractive to men.
- D. In America, the engagement party is held in a casual way.

50. You were studying at Queensland University, Australia. At the first meet you addressed your supervisor (导师) "teacher". He felt very awkward and told you to call him by his name. What can you learn from this situation? ()

- A. Australians are easygoing.
- B. Australians are casual about the addressing way.
- C. Australians have low power distance.
- D. Australians have high power distance.

51. You are a sales representative who is about to have a business meeting with a Brazil client at 6 pm. You arrive half an hour before the appointed time, but he arrives at nearly 7 pm. What could you learn from this experience? ()

- A. Brazilians are casual about time.
- B. Brazilians spend much time on their dressing and images for business meeting.
- C. Brazilians pay less attention to business etiquettes.
- D. Brazilians arrive late to show their respect.

52. Keemo was a Vietnamese studying in China. One day he found in the school library a book he wanted to read. So he asked the librarian, "Excuse me, may I borrow this book?" The librarian answered, "Why not? Of course. Just give me your card." Keemo smiled at her and nodded his head politely. Then, he said, "I would like to borrow this book today. Could you please tell me how to apply for a library card?" The librarian looked confused. "Oh, I thought you already had one." If you were the librarian, what would you learn from this situation? ()

- A. Vietnamese tend to smile and nod their heads when encountering difficulties.
- B. Vietnamese tend to use non-verbal language to communicate with others.
- C. Vietnamese use a smile and nodding to express their agreement.
- D. Vietnamese use a smile and nodding to show their attention.

53. You are working in Siemens in Germany. During work time, you find it is common that German colleagues mainly talk about business whereas Indian colleagues often chat. What can you learn from the above differences? ()

- A. In German culture, it is forbidden to talk about personal matters during work.
- B. In Indian culture, daily life is more emphasized than business.
- C. Most Germans separate their private life from their professional life.
- D. Most Germans value business more than daily life.

54. One weekend, you invited your American friend John and his little son to go camping. John's son played on the ground but fell down. When you were going to help him up, John stopped you and said, "Let him do it by himself". What can you learn from this situation? ()

- A. Most Americans are stricter with their children.
- B. Most Americans attach great importance to cultivating children's independence.
- C. Most Americans value the help from the family rather than that from others.
- D. Most Americans tend to analyze the situation faced by their children.

55. You are on a business trip to Slovakia, and you find that the streets are almost empty on Sundays. What can you learn from this experience? ()

- A. In Slovakia, residents are not allowed to go to the streets on weekends.
- B. Slovaks think Sunday is a day to reunite with family at home.
- C. Slovaks usually go to faraway places on Sundays.
- D. Most Slovaks are Catholics and go to church for Mass on Sundays.

56. You were invited to an American friend's house for dinner, and you found that your friend directly called his parents by their names. What can you learn from this experience? ()

- A. Americans usually don't respect their parents.
- B. Americans and their parents are equal individuals.
- C. Americans call their parents' names to express love.
- D. Americans usually treat their parents as friends.

57. Your family has recently moved to Texas, USA, and you find that your new neighbor often asks his child to do chores such as cleaning the garden. What do you learn from this experience? ()

- A. It's normal for children to help with housework in America.
- B. Children have to take full responsibility for the housework in America.
- C. Americans regard housework as more important than study.
- D. In America, parents usually use this way to teach their children to be filial.

58. One day, you and your Indian colleague went to McDonald's for dinner in India. You ordered a hamburger, and then you picked up the hamburger with your left hand and stuffed it into your mouth, but your Indian colleague looked confused. What do you learn from this conflict? ()

- A. Indians get used to eating a hamburger with the source.
- B. Indians consider the left hand unclean.
- C. Indians think that stuffing food into the mouth is indecent.
- D. Indians don't like eating fast food.

59. Janice is a young American engineer working for a manufacturing joint venture in Nanjing. She was eager to acquaint herself with some Chinese people, so she invited one of her Chinese colleagues, Wu Xue, to her home for dinner. After dinner, Wu Xue and Janice began chatting, but when Wu Xue asked about Janice's family and her private life in the US, Janice looked a bit uneasy. If you were Wu Xue, what can you learn from this conflict? ()

- A. Americans share less information with others.
- B. Americans tend to keep some distance from people.
- C. Americans separate work from personal life.
- D. Americans put an emphasis on their privacy.

60. You were assigned to meet a French client at Beijing Airport. When you first met, he greeted you with a kiss and you felt very uncomfortable about it. What can you learn from this conflict? ()

- A. French people don't pay attention to manners.
- B. French people have low power distance.
- C. In France, people often greet others with light cheek kisses.
- D. In France, a kiss is a sign to express loving care.

Section 5 Awareness (3'×15)

61. Li Peng is working in Germany. One day, when he visited his German friend Jack, he found that Jack's son Lucas, a senior high school student, was dating a girl. Li told this to Jack but Jack wasn't worried at all and didn't stop his son. How do you think of it? ()

- A. Jack didn't intervene too much in his son's life.
- B. Jack wanted to maintain a good relationship with his son at a rebellious age.
- C. Jack thought it was normal and natural for Lucas to date girls at his age.
- D. Jack was spoiling his son and it might turn Lucas into a disorderly person.

62. Li Hua immigrated to America eight years ago and his wife Cindy is an American. Li Hua's father lives alone in China and he is getting older, so Li Hua decides to take his father to America. However, Cindy suggests that Li Hua send his father to a nursing home or assisted-living community. How do you think of Cindy's decision? ()

- A. She thinks the living habits of Li Hua's father are unbearable.
- B. She does not want to shoulder the responsibility of taking care of her father-in-law.
- C. She does not want Li Hua's father to interrupt their happy life.
- D. She thinks Li Hua is an independent married man and should not live with the parents anymore.

63. Li Jiaqi is an intern in China South Airlines. She is asked to attend a meeting with her manager to negotiate with Singapore Airlines on a new route program in Singapore. When the meeting is over, what is the most appropriate way for Li Jiaqi to say goodbye to the counterparts from Singapore? ()

- A. She shakes hands with them with a slight bow.
- B. She gives them a tight hug.
- C. She bows low to them.
- D. She waves hands to them.

64. Wang Rong is studying at a university in Rio, Brazil. On New Year's Eve, she and her Chinese classmate go to the beach to celebrate the New Year. When she gets there, she finds most Brazilian people wear white clothing. How do you think of their white clothing? ()

- A. They wear white clothing to wish for peace and happiness.
- B. They wear white clothing in memory of a historical character.
- C. They wear white clothing to express their love for white color.
- D. They wear white clothing to say goodbye to the past.

65. Mr. Sun is a Chinese manager at a multinational corporation in Shanghai. He and his team are going to Kuala Lumpur to negotiate with a Malay company. Sun's business partner is a Malay lady. When he meets the lady, which of the following is the most appropriate way for Sun? ()

- A. He shakes hands with her.
- B. He bows while placing his right hand over his heart.
- C. He hugs her excitedly.
- D. He kisses her on her cheeks.

66. Zhang Liang has been working in Spain for a month. On Three Kings Day, he takes a walk nearby after dinner and enjoys the beautiful evening. When he walks across a community, he notices that some children's shoes are left outside the doors. How do you think of it? ()

- A. The shoes are left outside to ward off evil spirits.
- B. The shoes are left outside to pray for happiness and health in the coming year.
- C. The shoes are left outside to be filled with gifts.
- D. The shoes are left outside for convenience.

67. Zhao Jia gives a presentation of research articles assigned by the teacher in class. After her presentation, her classmate Tom who is an international student from America challenges her with some tough questions. How do you think of Tom's behavior? ()

- A. He is used to expressing ideas in a direct way.
- B. He is not friendly to Zhao Jia and intends to embarrass her.
- C. He is a little stubborn and never gives up his ideas.
- D. He intends to leave a good impression on the teacher.

68. Prof. Zhang attended the M.A. thesis defense of her department yesterday. During the thesis defense meeting, she found a male Pakistani student wearing slippers. How do you think of the Pakistani student's behavior? ()

- A. He wanted to be cool and attract other's attention.
- B. He wore slippers for religious reasons.
- C. He used to wear slippers in his country.
- D. He didn't take the thesis defense seriously.

69. Liu Fang is a Chinese boy who has been studying in the Netherlands for one month. One day when he was walking in the park with his local classmate Eva, Eva came across her friend Sarah and they gave three kisses on each other's cheek; however, Sara greeted Liu Fang with a handshake. How do you think of it? ()

- A. Sara did not greet foreigners by kissing on the cheek.
- B. Sara did not want to make friends with Liu Fang.
- C. Sara would feel shy if she gave kisses on Liu Fang's cheek.
- D. Sara thought it was appropriate to greet strangers with a handshake.

70. Wu Kang is the newly appointed director of the American subsidiary of Lenovo. He requires his staff member John to work overtime to complete a project, but John refuses. Which of the following do you think is appropriate? ()

- ① Wu Kang allows John to complete the project the next day.
- ② Wu Kang cuts John's bonus that month.
- ③ Wu Kang finds another one to do John's work.
- ④ Wu Kang promises extra pay for John's work.

- A. ①②
- B. ②③

- C. ①
- D. ①④

71. Wang Meng invites her French friend Rick to her house for dinner. However, when her father uses his chopsticks to pick up food for Rick, Rick looks kind of uncomfortable. Which of the following could best explain Rick's reaction? ()

- A. He doesn't respect Wang's father.
- B. He doesn't like using chopsticks.
- C. He is not used to other people picking up food for him.
- D. He doesn't like the food very much.

72. Liu Yang and her American husband John Smith were visiting her parents in China. One day, Liu Yang's parents told her that her grandmother was diagnosed with terminal cancer and she should keep this secret, but John suggested that her grandmother should be informed of the truth. How do you think of John's reaction? ()

- A. He thought people should never lie to family members.
- B. He didn't respect Liu Yang's parents.
- C. He thought Liu Yang's grandmother had the right to know the truth.
- D. It was so cruel of him to do this to Liu Yang's grandmother.

73. Yang Le travels to America with his friends. When he enters the hotel, the hotel receptionist helps him to move his luggage into the room. After that, the receptionist still stands in front of the door. How do you think of the receptionist's behavior? ()

- A. He is not sure whether Yang needs more help.
- B. He is waiting for his colleagues.
- C. He is waiting for Yang's tip.
- D. He is looking into Yang's privacy.

74. Li Hao's German friend Ben, an international student at his university (Hainan University), has just passed Master thesis defense (硕士学位论文答辩). In order to celebrate this, he invites Li Hao to have dinner with him at a restaurant. When Li Hao finishes dinner, Ben only pays his own bill. How do you think of Ben's behavior? ()

- A. He is very mean and does not want to pay for Li Hao's bill.
- B. It is normal in his culture that people split the bill.
- C. He does not treat Li Hao as a true friend.
- D. He is too poor to pay for Li Hao's bill.

75. Guo Ming invites his American friend Jack who believes in Judaism to his house for the weekend. Which of the following do you think is probably NOT appropriate? ()

- A. Guo Ming offers Jack a cup of hot water.
- B. Guo Ming cooks beef for Jack.
- C. Guo Ming prepares forks and knives for Jack.
- D. Guo Ming removes pin bones from fish fillets.

II. Short Answer Questions (45')

Directions: *In this part there are six short-answer questions which describe situations of intercultural communication. Write your answer to each question and your answer may require a word, a phrase, a sentence or a paragraph. What is required is usually indicated by the amount of space allowed for your answer and the number of marks (weighting) of the question.*

76. Wang is a Chinese opera singer. One day, when her parents arranged a blind date for her, she told them that she actually had a foreign boyfriend and would marry him. If you were one of Wang's parents, what's your reaction to it? Why? (6')

77. You have just started working in a subsidiary in Myanmar (缅甸). It is Tazaungdaing Light Festival today. If you were free, would you like to celebrate it with the local people? Why/Why not? (6')

78. In the English writing class in China, your teacher asked the class to do presentations through group work. He assigned an international student John to join your group. How do you work with him? Why? (6')

79. There is a new international student Sam from Vietnam in your class. In the first English class, Sam came to the classroom wearing a green hat. How do you think of his behavior? Why? What would you do? (9')

80. Evan is an international student in your university who is from Iceland. You two get along well and often hang out together. But you notice that every time you stand close to him, he will step backward instantly. How do you think of his behavior? Why? What would you do? (9')

81. Ben is an international student in your class who comes from Brazil. Today, you and Ben are going to meet together in a cafe at 6:00 pm, but he is late for an hour without informing you in advance. When he arrives, he doesn't offer an apology or explanation. How do you feel about it? Why? What would you do? (9')

III. Case Analysis

Directions: *For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to analyze the following two cross-cultural cases. Each case is followed by question(s). You should write your answers to the questions.*

Case I (15')

When travelling in Singapore, you made friend with a German girl named Anna. After you came back to China you still kept close contact with her. One day, you received messages from Anna on *WeChat*:

Anna: I just got back to celebrate Oktoberfest with my family in Frankfurt. How are you doing these days?

You: Not bad...The Mid-Autumn Festival is approaching, and recently I have been helping my mother prepare for the festival.

Anna: Mid-Autumn Festival? What's that?

You: Well, the Mid-Autumn Festival is ...

Q: Please give a detailed introduction of the Mid-Autumn Festival to Anna.

Case II (30')

Sugimoto, a Japanese, was praised in public by his American manager Mr. Jones for his good performance recently. The conversation is listed as follows:

Mr. Jones: Mr. Sugimoto, I have noticed that you are doing an excellent job on the assembly line. I hope that the other workers could learn from you.

Sugimoto: (*He is uneasy*). It's my duty and I am only doing my job.

Mr. Jones: You are one of the most excellent and dedicated workers in our company.

Sugimoto: ... (*He blushes and nods his head several times, and keeps working.*)

Mr. Jones: ... (*He seems confused about Sugimoto's reaction to his praise.*)

Sugimoto: Excuse me, Mr. Jones. May I leave for five minutes?

Mr. Jones: Sure. (*He looks a little uncomfortable when Sugimoto walks away. He thinks Japanese workers are so rude and impolite.*)

Q1: Please describe the cross-cultural conflicts in this case. (8')

Q2: What are the possible solutions to these conflicts? (8')

Q3: Please evaluate this case with cross-cultural theories. (14')