

《英语（一）》2016年4月真题

一、阅读判断（本大题共10小题，每题1分，共10分）

1.

The Truth about Left-Handed People

About 90% of people in the world today are right-handed. The other 10% are left-handed, including Obama, the president of the US. Each day, left-handed folks quietly face problems. It could be something as simple as driving a car or using a can opener.

Why are so few of us left-handed? One theory is that handedness (hand preference) could be a result of genetics. Scientists say that there are two genes (基因) associated with handedness. One is the D gene. It is more frequent in the population and promotes (促成) right-hand preference. The other is the C gene. It has the ability to promote a preference for either hand. When the C gene is present, there is a 50% chance that the person could be right-or left handed.

Another theory has to do with human brains, which are made up of two halves. If the left half is more powerful, then one is most likely right-handed. But with left-handers, it is more complicated. Seventy percent of them are also left-brain dominant (占优势的). The other 30% have right-side dominant brains.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, left-handedness was considered a disability. But not all of the myths about left-handers are bad. One myth suggests that they are more creative and smarter than the right-handers. So far scientific research has yet to find any truths to these claims. In fact, a survey out of New Zealand found that left-handers and right-handers were the same.

Life might be more complicated for left-handers when it comes to cutting a piece of paper or opening a bottle of wine. However, it seems to be a good sign if you are trying to make it to the White House.

1) The right-handers are nine times as many as the left-handers.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

2) Using a can opener could be a problem for left-handers.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

- 3) Men are more likely to be left-handed than women.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given
- 4) Some scientists believe that handedness is decided by genes.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given
- 5) Most left-handers are right brain dominant.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given
- 6) In the 19th century, left-handedness was no longer considered abnormal.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given
- 7) Right-handers live longer than left-handers.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given
- 8) Left-handers are proved to be cleverer.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given
- 9) The New Zealand survey found left-handers differ greatly from right-handers.
- A. True
B. False
C. Not Given

10) There are not enough specially-designed tools for left-handers.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

二、阅读选择（本大题共 5 小题，每题 2 分，共 10 分）

1.

The Story of Milton Hershey

Almost every kid in the US has eaten a famous Hershey chocolate bar. But few people know that Hershey chocolate factory is only about 100 years old. Even fewer know that its founder, Milton Hershey, had suffered many failures before he started his famous company.

Milton grew up in the farm country of Pennsylvania. He was first trained to become a printer. After working for a small newspaper for a short time, He decided that printing was not for him. Then he got a job at a candy factory. After a few years, he decided to open his own candy business. But this first business had to close down because it was not making money. Then, Milton travelled to Denver to learn how to make caramels (黄油奶糖). He took his new skills to New York City and sold candies on the street. But this second business also failed.

Soon afterwards, he moved back to his hometown. Then he experimented with all sorts of candies and chocolates. By 1893, he was selling a million dollars' worth of caramel candy each year. Since his chocolate-flavored (巧克力口味的) caramels were the best-selling, he decided to make chocolate himself. He learned how to make delicious chocolate by adding fresh milk. His milk chocolate turned out to be a great success. So he sold his caramel factory and focused on making chocolate only.

In 1903, Milton Hersey built a huge chocolate factory and an entire town to go with it. Today, the town of Hersey is still the home of the Hersey chocolate factory. You can smell the delicious chocolate smells just by driving through the town.

1) Milton's first job was working as a(n) _____.

- A. printer
- B. candy seller
- C. farmer
- D. editor