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Comprehension ( 40 minutes ) Part A Directions: Read the following three texts. Answer the questions on each text by choosing A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on the ANSWER SHEET by drawing a thick line across the corresponding letter in the brackets.

Text I Fifteen years ago, I entered the Boston Globe, which was a temple to me then. It wasn't easy getting hired. But once you were there, I found, you were in. Globe jobs were for life-guaranteed until retirement. For 15 years I had prospered there moving from an ordinary reporter to foreign correspondent and finally to senior editor. I would have a lifetime of security if I stuck with it. Instead, I had made a decision to leave. I entered my boss's office. Would he rage? I wondered. He had a famous temper. " Matt, we have to have a talk, " I began awkwardly. " I came to the Globe when I was twenty-four. Now I'm forty. There's a lot I want to do in life. I'm resigning. " " To another paper? " he asked. I reached into my coat pocket, but didn't say anything. I handed him a letter that explained everything. It said that I was leaving to start a new media company. We were at a rare turning point in history. I wanted to be directly engaged in the change. " I'm glad for you, " he said, quite out of my expectation. " I just came from a board of directors meeting and it was seventy-five percent discouraging news. Some of that we can deal with. But much of it we can't, " he went on. " I

wish you all the luck in the world, ” he concluded. “ And if it doesnt work out, remember, your star is always high here. ” Then I went out of his office, walking through the newsroom for more good-byes. Everybody was saying congratulations. Everybody even though Id be risking all on an unfamiliar venture: all the financial security I had carefully built up. Later, I had a final talk with Bill Taylor, chairman and publisher of the Boston Globe. He had turned the Globe into a billion-dollar property. “ Im resigning, Bill, ” I said. He listened while I gave him the story. He wasnt looking angry or dismayed either. After a pause, he said, “ Golly, I wish I were in your shoes. ”

46. From the passage we know that the Globe is a famous \_\_\_\_\_. [A] newspaper [B] magazine [C] temple [ D ] church

47. If the writer stayed with the Globe \_\_\_\_\_. [ A ] he would be able to realize his lifetime dreams. [ B ] he would let his long-cherished dreams fade away. [ C ] he would never have to worry about his future life. [ D ] he would never be allowed to develop his ambitions.

48. The writer wanted to resign because \_\_\_\_\_. [A] he had serious trouble with his boss. [ B ] he got underpaid at his job for the Globe. [ C ] he wanted to be engaged in the new media industry. [ D ] he had found a better paid job in a publishing house.

49. When the writer decided to resign the Globe was faced with \_\_\_\_\_. [ A ] a trouble with its staff members [ B ] a shortage of qualified reporters [ C ] an unfavorable business situation [ D ]an uncontrollable business situation

50. By “ :I wish I were in your shoes. ” ( in the last paragraph ) Bill Taylor meant that \_\_\_\_\_. [ A ] the writer was to fail. [ B ] the writer was stupid [ C ]

he would do the same if possible [D] he would reject the writers request

Text 2 Do you find it very difficult and painful to get up in the morning? This might be called laziness, but Dr. Kleitman has a new explanation. He has proved that everyone has a daily energy cycle. During the hours when your labor through your work you may say that youre “ hot ” . Thats true. The time of day when you feel most energetic is when your cycle of body temperature is at its peak. For some people the peak comes during the forenoon. For others it comes in the afternoon or evening. No one has discovered why this is so, but it leads to such familiar monologues as: “ Get up, Peter! Youll be late for work again! ” The possible explanation to the trouble is that Peter is at his temperature-and-energy peak in the evening. Much family quarrelling ends when husbands and wives realize what these energy cycles mean, and which cycle each member of the family has. You cant change your energy cycle, but you can learn to make your life fit it better. Habit can help, Dr. Kleitman believes. Maybe youre sleepy in the evening but feel you must stay up late anyway. Counteract your cycle to some extent by habitually staying up later than you want to. If your energy is low in the morning, but you have an important to do early in the day, rise before your usual hour. This wont change your cycle, but youll get up steam and work better at your low point. Get off to a slow start which saves your energy. Get up with a leisurely yawn and stretch. Sit on the edge of the bed a minute before putting your feet on the floor. Avoid the troublesome search for clean clothes by laying them out the night before. Whenever possible, do routine work in the

afternoon and save requiring more energy or concentration for your sharper hours. 51. If a person finds getting up early a problem, most probably \_\_\_\_\_. [A] he is a lazy person. [ B ] he refuses to follow his own energy cycle. [C] he is not sure when his energy is low. [D] he is at his peak in the afternoon or evening. 52. Which of the following may lead to family quarrels according to the passage? [A] Unawareness of energy cycles. [B] Familiar monologues. [C] A change in a family members energy cycle. [D] Attempts to control the energy cycle of other family members. 53. If one wants to work efficiently at his low point in the morning, he should \_\_\_\_\_. [A] change his energy cycle [B] overcome his laziness [C] get up earlier than usual [D] go to bed earlier 54. You are advised to rise with a yawn and stretch because it will \_\_\_\_\_. [A] help to keep your energy for the days work. [B] help you to control your temper early in the day [C] enable you to concentrate on your routine work [D] keep your energy your energy cycle under control all day 55. Which of the following statements is NOT true? [A] Getting off to work with a minimum effort helps save ones energy. [B] Dr. Kletman explains why people reach their peaks at different hours of day. [C] Habit helps a person adapt to his own energy cycle. [D] Children have energy cycles, too. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)