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Read the following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and mark [A], [B], [C] or [D] on ANSWER SHEET1. Generally speaking, a British is widely regarded as a quiet, shy and conservative person who is _____21 only among those with whom he is acquainted. When a stranger is at present, he often seems nervous, _____22 embarrassed. You have to take a commuter train any morning or evening to _____23 the truth of this. Serious-looking businessmen and women sit reading their newspapers or dozing in a corner. hardly anybody talks, since to do so would be considered quite offensive.来源：www.100test.com
_____24, there is an unwritten but clearly understood code of behavior which, _____25 broken, makes the offender immediately the object of _____26 It has been known as a fact that a British has a _____27 for the discussion of their weather and that, if given a chance, he will talk about it _____28. Some people argue that it is because the British weather seldom _____29 forecast and hence becomes a source of interest and _____30 to everyone. This may be so. _____31 a British cannot have much _____32 in the weathermen, who, after promising fine, sunny weather for the following day, are often proved wrong _____33 a cloud over the Atlantic brings rainy weather to all districts! The man in the street seems to be as accurate or as inaccurate as the weathermen in his _____34 Foreigners may be surprised at the number of references

_____35 weather that the British make to each other in the course of a single day. Very often conversational greetings are _____36 by comments on the weather. "Nice day, isn't it? Beautiful day!" may well be heard instead of "Good morning, how are you?" _____37 the foreigner may consider this exaggerated and comic, it is worthwhile pointing out that it could be used to his advantage. _____38 he wants to start a conversation with a British but is _____39 to know where to begin, he could do well to mention the state of the weather. It is a safe subject which will _____40 an answer from even the most reserved of the British.

21. A . relaxed B . frustrated C . amused D . exhausted
 22. A . yet B . otherwise C . even D . so
 23. A . experience B . witness C . watch D . undergo
 24. A 1 Deliberately B . Consequently C . Frequently D . Apparently
 25. A . unless B . once C . while D . as
 26. A . suspicion B . opposition C]criticism D . praise
 27. A . emotion B . fancy C . likelihood D . judgement
 28. A . at length B . to a great extent C . from his heart D . by all means
 29. A . follows B . predicts C . defies D . supports
 30. A . dedication B . compassion C . contemplation D . speculation
 31. A . Still B . Also C . Certainly D . Fundamentally
 32. A . faith B . reliance C . honor D . credit
 33. A . if B . once C . when D . whereas
 34. A . propositions B . predictions C 1 approval D . defiance
 35. A . about B . on C . in D . to
 36. A . started B . conducted C . replaced D . proposed
 37. A . Since B . Although C . However D . Only if
 38. A . Even if B . Because C . If D . For
 39. A . at a loss B . at last C . in group D . on the occasion
 40. A . stimulate B . constitute C . furnish D

. provoke来源：考试大的美女编辑们 参考译文 一般说来，人们普遍认为英国人安静、害羞和保守，只有面对熟人时才觉得放松。当有陌生人在场时，英国人似乎总是很紧张，甚至感到尴尬。在任何一个早上或是晚上，你坐上一辆通勤列车，就能体会到这是真的。神情严肃的商业男女坐着读他们的报纸，或在角落里打盹，几乎没人交谈，因为这样做将会被认为是相当无礼的。很明显，有一种不成文但却被大家明确理解的行为准则。一旦这种行为准则被打破，冒失鬼便会立即成为受批评的对象。众所周知，英国人有一种癖好，那就是爱讨论他们的天气。一旦有机会，他们会一直谈下去。有人辩解说，这是因为英国的天气从来无法预测，所以便成为所有人都感兴趣和乐于猜测的话题。也许是这样吧。当然，英国人无法过于相信天气预报员，因为，在他们预报了第二天有晴朗的好天气后，通常他们的预报就会被给各地区带来降水的一片大西洋上空的云彩推翻。街上的行人似乎在预言天气方面和天气预报员一样准确或一样不准确。外国人也许会对英国人每天提到天气的次数之多感到惊讶。通常，英国人用谈论天气来代替见面打招呼。人们常听到这样的对话：“好天气呀!你说呢?”“天气好极了!”，而不是“早上好，你好吗?”。尽管外国人也许认为这有点夸张和可笑，值得指出的是他们可以对这一点加以利用。如果有人想和一个英国人谈话，但却不知先说些什么，他就可以谈谈天气状况。即使是从最保守的英国人那里，这个话题也一定能得到答案。点击进入论坛查看答案及解析 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