

高二英语第五期·语法填空自测

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II. Grammar and Vocabulary

Section A

Directions: After reading the passages below, fill in the blanks to make the passages coherent and grammatically correct. For the blanks with a given word, fill in each blank with the proper form of the given word; for the other blanks, use one word that best fits each blank.

If you were to examine the birth certificates of every soccer player in 2016 UEFA European Championship, you would most likely __1__ (find) a noteworthy strange thing: elite soccer players are more likely to have been born in the earlier months of the year than in the later months. If you then examined the European national youth teams __2__ feed the World Cup and professional ranks, you would find this strange phenomenon to be even __3__ (pronounced).

What __4__ account for this strange phenomenon? Here are a few guesses: a) certain astrological signs confer superior soccer skills; b) winter-born babies tend to have higher oxygen capacity, which increases soccer stamina; c) none of the above.

Anders Ericsson, a 58-year-old psychology professor at Florida State University, says he believes strongly __5__ “none of the above.” Ericsson grew up in Sweden, and studied nuclear engineering until he realized he would have more opportunity to conduct his own research __6__ he switched to psychology. His first experiment, nearly 30 years ago, involved memory: training a person to hear and then repeat __7__ random series of numbers. “With the first subject, after about 20 hours of training, his digit span had risen from 7 to 20,” Ericsson recalls. “He kept improving, and after about 200 hours of training he had risen to over 80 numbers.”

This success, coupled with later research showing that memory __8__ is not genetically determined, led Ericsson to conclude that the act of memorizing is more of a cognitive exercise than an intuitive one. In other words, __9__ inborn differences two people may exhibit in their abilities to memorize, those differences are swamped by how well each person “encodes” the information. And the best way to learn how to encode information meaningfully, Ericsson determined, was a process known __10__ deliberate practice. Deliberate practice entails more than simply repeating a task. Rather, it involves setting specific goals, obtaining immediate feedback and __11__ (concentrate) as much on technique as on outcome.

Ericsson and his colleagues have thus taken to studying expert performers in a wide range of jobs, including soccer. They gather all the data they can, not just performance statistics and biographical details but also the results of their own laboratory experiments with high achievers. Their work makes a rather startling assertion: the character __12__ we commonly call talent is highly overestimated. Or, put another way, expert performers - whether in memory or surgery, ballet or computer programming - are nearly always made, not born.

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1. has become 2. that 3. in 4. whose
5. who 6. between 7. worsening 8. could