

## 高二英语第二十期·语法填空自测

注意：限时 8 分钟

### 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.

Ever been just about to call someone when the phone rings and the person in question is on the other end? Or have you experienced a sudden feeling of unease or danger, \_\_1\_\_ you're in a perfectly harmless situation? If you're a sceptic(无神论者), you will put it down to coincidence and an overactive imagination. But some people believe it is evidence that there is a sixth sense \_\_2\_\_ smell, taste, touch, hearing and sight. Now scientists are carrying out experiments to prove not only that exists, but also to find out how you can use it to your advantage.

Dean Radin, a researcher in California has set up the Boundary Institute in Los Altos and is currently using its website to recruit 4,000 people in 57 countries to find out \_\_3\_\_ there are any true instances of sixth sense or, as he calls it, 'precognition'—the ability to predict outcomes. The results so far are extraordinary. In a card test, \_\_4\_\_ you have to guess which of the five cards on a computer screen will be turned over to reveal a picture, the top scores hit the right card 48% of the time—the chances against this happening are 2,669 to 1.

Meanwhile, Radin's most famous study involves subjects \_\_5\_\_ (look) at a variety of images that are designed to provoke a specific response. The results show that some people start to respond in the appropriate way several seconds before the image is revealed. In the experiment, subjects sit alone in a room in front of a computer, with electrodes(电极) \_\_6\_\_ (attach) to their bodies to measure changes in skin resistance and blood flow, which are measures of arousal. The computer randomly selects an image that either provokes emotion (for example, a road accident) or calms (trees). Radin has found that one in six people has a consistent rise in arousal before they see the road-accident-type pictures, while remaining calm before the tree-type pictures.

It is hardly surprising that the scientific establishment remains sceptical (怀疑的) about the whole area, 'While these experiments do show interesting results, you can't rule out the influence of what we call "sensory cueing" \_\_7\_\_ the results—that the subjects are subconsciously picking up the answers from the researchers. It's also impossible to do these experiments with a proper control group', said Dr Richard Wiseman, a psychologist at the University of Hertfordshire.

But even if you do accept that a sixth sense exists, the question is, does it actually serve any purpose? Radin says it does. 'The future of our civilization depends on decisions that \_\_8\_\_ (make) now, whether it's about how we farm our food, how we get rid of our waste or whether we allow chemicals to be included in everyday products. We don't have answers to these important questions, yet the decisions will affect our lives for decades or longer. Anything we can do to improve our ability to predict future events is well worth the effort', he says, ' \_\_9\_\_ it turns out that some people can genuinely forecast the future some of the time, \_\_10\_\_ I believe the data shows, then understanding this capability is as important as cutting edge science.'

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