

2023 年江苏省无锡市锡山区天一中学中考英语四模试卷

1. Giant panda Ya Ya returned to its home in Beijing Zoo early on Monday _____ spending 20 years in the US. ()
- A. until B. before C. after D. during
2. — "Peter, when taking notes in class, we needn't keep _____ down."
— "Exactly! Time never allows." ()
- A. nothing B. anything C. something D. everything
3. — "A week off ? It _____ be true!"
— " Too good to be true ? In fact, it is from the manager himself. So get ready!" ()
- A. can B. can't C. must D. mustn't
4. — "Great! The C919 has been in service. I wonder _____ the flight between Shanghai and Beijing is."
— "About two hours and 25 minutes." ()
- A. how fast B. how long C. how soon D. how far
5. _____ understanding of other civilizations (社会文明) can help us better review the characteristics of our own. ()
- A. A deeper B. The deeper C. A deepest D. The deepest
6. Many people have donated that type of blood. _____, the blood bank needs more. ()
- A. Instead B. However C. Moreover D. Otherwise
7. Last Tuesday, China launched (发射) the Shenzhou XVI manned spaceship, _____ three astronauts to its space station. ()
- A. sends B. to send C. sending D. sent
8. — Mary, why don't you join us in the camping?
— What a kind _____, but I have to prepare for the important test. ()
- A. decision B. promise C. praise D. offer
9. — Have you seen Slam Dunk recently?
— Of course! _____ exciting the film is! ()
- A. How B. How an C. What D. What an
10. — I fell off my bike yesterday. I will not ride to school any more.
— I don't think that's a good idea. That's just _____. ()
- A. It never rains but pours
- B. out of sight, out of mind

C. old habits die hard

D. throwing the baby out with the bathwater

11. Van Gogh succeeded in selling only one painting in his lifetime, and _____ was sold to his brother. ()

A. some

B. those

C. that

D. one

12. — I won't _____ any more of your time. But would you give me a direct "yes" or "no"?

— Calm down. Let me think it over. ()

A. take up

B. put up

C. stay up

D. set up

13. — Could you tell me _____?

— Certainly, and the earlier, the cheaper. ()

A. how long it will take to get to Paris

B. if I can book a direct flight to Paris online

C. where I can buy a ticket for the direct flight to Paris

D. when I can buy a ticket to Paris without my passport

14. - There are a great number of historical and cultural treasures in the Palace Museum.

- _____. I think we'd better hire an explainer so that we can learn more. ()

A. It depends.

B. I'm with you on that.

C. In some ways.

D. Don't mention it.

When I was a boy, our extended immigrant (移民) family would

sometimes gather at my great aunt's tiny house over the summer. (1)

_____ from all over the country would come in to visit. The adults would crowd together in the living room to catch up on each other's lives. All of us kids would be sent out into the front yard to (2) _____ while dinner was being prepared.



Those were the days before video games and smart phones, so we often (3) _____ playing a good old-fashioned game of tag (标签). I was the youngest and (4) _____ of all the kids, so I always got caught first. Although I tried hard to chase after my brothers and cousins, they were all too (5) _____ for me. I grew more and more upset. Finally, one day, I nearly got my brother, but I fell to the ground just before I could (6) _____ with tears in my eyes. Then I saw one of my cousins standing just in front of me. She started to run away but was going much (7) _____ than before. I easily caught up and tagged her. Then she turned to me, smiled, and said, "I'm it. You'd better run!" I ran off laughing as she turned to chase one of my older brothers.

I see now how her act of (8) _____ saved me from sadness and returned me to joy. It didn't matter that we had (9) _____ seen each other before. We were family, and she loved me.

Like the actress Roma Downey wrote in the book, " We are all one.We all belong to each other.We are one big, beautiful family." Perhaps it is time that we all (10) _____ our love, kindness, laughter and joy with everyone, without fear.It is time to bring this world together as one big family finally.

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| 15. | A. Tourists | B. Customers | C. Relatives | D. Strangers |
| 16. | A. play | B. chat | C. draw | D. study |
| 17. | A. gave up | B. ended up | C. insisted on | D. carried on |
| 18. | A. greatest | B. heaviest | C. smallest | D. strongest |
| 19. | A. hard | B. quick | C. terrible | D. smart |
| 20. | A. ran away | B. went away | C. showed up | D. got up |
| 21. | A. farther | B. slower | C. faster | D. closer |
| 22. | A. courage | B. spirit | C. bravery | D. kindness |
| 23. | A. hardly | B. already | C. always | D. recently |
| 24. | A. brought | B. exchanged | C. shared | D. experienced |

You must have many hobbies, reading, painting and so on.One day, you happen to see a poster, "World Book Day".Interested, you stop and read the poster.

Hello and Welcome to World Book Day

World Book Day is here to change lives through a love of books and shared reading, and bring books to the children who need them most. World Book Day is an excellent chance for everyone to celebrate the joy of reading.

Share A Story Live.

—our exciting digital events programme,
beaming authors (作家) straight into
your school.

Raising money, raising reader

—our fundraising ideas to help us change lives through reading

World Book Day Book Club

—a new online reading community.

Share A Story Corner

— stories to encourage families to read together.

Happy World Book Day!

For up-to-date information, visit our website worldbookday.com!

Discover all
you need to
know inside.



Celebrate
reading for
pleasure in
your school
— all year round!

25. World Book Day is a special day for people to _____.
A. celebrate the joy of reading
B. change lives by raising money
C. meet famous authors at home
D. enjoy writing in local communities
26. According to the poster, if you want to read stories with your parents, you can join _____.
A. Share A Story Live
B. Share A Story Corner
C. World Book Day Book Club
D. Raising money, raising readers
27. The designer uses words and pictures in the poster to _____.

- A. catch readers' eyes
- B. encourage families to write books
- C. help readers form reading habits
- D. recommend different types of books

Q

This is a typical (典型的) day for Yang Jinlong.

At 9 a.m., he drives to primary schools and middle schools in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, to teach students about Shaanxi kuaiban. It is a traditional Chinese form of storytelling to the rhythm (节奏) of bamboo clappers (响板), which the art form is named after. Sometimes, he helps students prepare for competitions. Usually, his classes run until about 6 p.m., and then he returns home to prepare classes for the next day.

On June 10, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism announced 325 national intangible cultural heritage (非物质文化遗产) items in Beijing, increasing the list to 1,557 items. Shaanxi kuaiban, which appeared during the late Qing Dynasty, has been included. The art form has been introduced to local schools as part of their art education.

Yang has been teaching young people the art form since 2003 after graduating from the National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts in Beijing. He studied quyi there. Quyi is a general term for Chinese folk art forms, including storytelling, crosstalk and clapper talk.

"Art education is important for students in China. Just as many students learn to play Western musical instruments like the piano and violin, there are many people learning traditional Chinese folk arts, including Shaanxi kuaiban, which I'll work for my whole life," he said.

Kuaiban is popular in northern China, including Beijing and Tianjin. According to Yang, Shaanxi kuaiban was influenced by the art of different areas. The art form can be played by a group of players or only one. With one or two pairs of kuaiban of different sizes in hand, the players speak in the local dialect (方言) while telling stories, which are usually about heroes. The player tells stories while playing kuaiban, and it's easy for the watchers to remember the stories since all the lines rhyme.

Thanks to artists like Yang, this traditional Chinese form of storytelling is passed on and stays alive in our country.

28. Why is today a typical day for Yang Jinlong? _____

- A. He is teaching students about kuaiban as usual.
- B. His work starts at 9 and lasts 6 hours like every day.
- C. He is preparing for a kuaiban competition today.
- D. His life today is as busy and boring as every day.

29. Which of the following about Shaanxi kuaiban is TRUE? _____

- A. It is named after the Shaanxi dialect.
- B. It is listed in the national intangible cultural heritage.
- C. It is more popular than the piano and violin in northern China.
- D. It is played to tell stories usually about common people.

30. Why does the writer report Yang Jinlong? _____

- A. To show how to play Shaanxi kuaiban in the local dialect.
- B. To tell the difference between Chinese and Western arts.
- C. To prove that kuaiban players are living a busy life.
- D. To praise the work of spreading traditional Chinese art.

R

In university I had a part-time job at a shop that sold doughnuts (炸面圈) and coffee. Situated on a block where several buses stopped, it served the people who had a few minutes to wait for their bus.

Every afternoon around four o'clock, a group of schoolchildren would burst into the shop, and business would come to a stop. Adults would glance in, see the crowd and pass on. But I didn't mind if the children waited for their bus inside. Sometimes I would hand out a bus fare (车费) when a ticket went missing — always repaid the next day. On snowy days I would give away some doughnuts. I would lock the door at closing time, and we waited in the warm shop until their bus finally arrived.

I enjoyed my young friends, but it never occurred to me that I played an important role in their lives — until one afternoon when a man came and asked if I was the girl working on weekdays around four o'clock. He named himself as the father of two of my favorites.

"I want you to know I appreciate what you do for my children. I worry about them taking two buses to get home. It means a lot that they can wait here and you keep an eye on them. When they are with the doughnut lady, I know they are safe." I told him it wasn't a big deal, and that I enjoyed the kids.

So I was the Doughnut Lady. I not only received a title, but became a landmark.

Now I think about all the people who keep an eye on my own children. They become, well, Doughnut Ladies. Like the men at the skating rink (滑冰场) who let my boys ring home; Or the bus driver who drove my daughter to her stop at the end of the route at night but wouldn't leave until I arrived to pick her up; Or that nice police officer who took pity on my boys walking home in the rain when I was at work — even though the phone rang all the next day with calls from curious neighbors. "Was that a police car I saw at your house last night? "

That wasn't a police car. That was a Doughnut Lady.

31. According to the passage, the author sometimes _____ .

- A. sold bus tickets to the children
- B. did business with the children's help