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英 语

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第一部分 听力（共两节，满分 30 分）

做题时，先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后，你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

第一节（共 5 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 7.5 分）

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题，从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听完每段对话后，你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. How did the man get to the party?

- A. By motorbike. B. By car. C. By bus.

2. When does Michelle usually get up?

- A. At 6:00 a.m. B. At 6:30 a.m. C. At 7:00 a.m.

3. What will the man probably do next Monday?

- A. Buy a book. B. Borrow a novel. C. Visit a writer.

4. How much did the woman spend on the dress?

- A. \$120. B. \$280. C. \$400.

5. Why does the woman want to quit her job?

- A. To work more flexibly.
B. To spend more time reading.
C. To take care of her family.

第二节（共 15 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 22.5 分）

听下面 5 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题，从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听每段对话或独白前，你将有时间阅读各个小题，每小题 5 秒钟；听完后，各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听第 6 段材料，回答第 6、7 题。

6. Why does Kate choose the first part of the work?

- A. To watch a video. B. To realize her dream. C. To shoot campus life.

7. What will Marie be responsible for?

- A. Interviewing. B. Shooting. C. Editing.

听第 7 段材料，回答第 8、9 题。

8. What does the woman say about the room?

- A. It rents for 25 pounds a month.
B. It doesn't have a refrigerator.
C. It faces north.

9. What is the probable relationship between the speakers?

- A. Landlady and customer. B. Boss and employee. C. Guide and tourist.

听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。

10. What is the exhibition about?

- A. The science behind everyday devices.
B. The application of virtual reality.
C. The history of workshops.

11. What particularly attracts the woman to the exhibition?

- A. Prices of smart phones.
B. Displays on smart home technology.
C. Workshops on making simple devices.

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12. What is the benefit of buying tickets early according to the man?

- A. Receiving small gifts.
B. Having special discounts.

听第9段材料, 回答第13至16题。

13. What kind of work does the woman want to get?
A. Temporary work B. Part-time work C. Permanent work
14. When can the woman start to work?
A. On July 8th. B. On July 10th. C. On July 11th.
15. Which job does the woman prefer to do?
A. An assistant animal keeper. B. An assistant cook C. A café wait
16. What will the man do next?
A. Give the woman an offer. B. Pass the application on. C. Make a phone call.

听第10段材料, 回答第17至20题。

17. Which place will probably attract secondary school pupils?
A. The City Library. B. The Norchester Theatre C. The Conference Centre.
18. What can visitors to Science in a Suitcase do?
A. Have a singing competition.
B. Watch crazy experiments
C. Make other people laugh.
19. Which event is about building a bridge?
A. Waterworld B. Ropes and Hangings C. Paper and Time.
20. What does the speaker mainly talk about?
A. The origin of the festival.
B. Tickets and transport to the festival.
C. Detailed information about the festival.

第二部 分阅读 (共两节, 满分 50 分)

第一节 (共 15 小题: 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 37.5 分)

阅读下列短文, 从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出最佳选项。

A

Summer camps everywhere are filling up fast, but opportunities remain open for camps where the fun and games center around food—growing it, that is. Your kids will learn how to tend to vegetables and livestock(家畜) and almost certainly taste the fruits of their labor.

Here's a small sampling of what's out there.

Muscoot, New York

This farm offers a half-day Wrangler Camp for kids (a livestock-centred experience) and a six-week-long Young Farmers camp for kids in grades one through eight. Camps range from \$150 for weeklong half-day sessions to \$350 for full-day sessions.

Sproutin' Up, Colorado

An agriculture farm with a focus on education, Sproutin' Up offers skill-building programs for teens throughout the year, but their summer camp for kids is all about fun. In addition to farm activities, the kids spend time at a local climbing gym.

Three weeklong half-day sessions are available for \$200 each.

Humboldt, California

Located north of San Francisco, this sleepaway camp spreads out over several hundred acres in the coastal hills of Sonoma County. The lodging(住处) is tent-style, with outdoor showers. A range of farm activities are available throughout the summer.

Alegre, Georgia

Your kids will clean and brush a horse, and learn to milk a goat at this camp. Three-day sessions (mornings only) cost \$125, and parents can attend with their children for an extra fee.

21. Which camp best suits kids who enjoy climbing?
A. Muscoot B. Sproutin' Up C. Humboldt D. Alegre

22. What can kids do in Alegre?

- A. Interact with animals.
- B. Have sessions in the afternoon.
- C. Sleep in tents at night.
- D. Enjoy the scenery of coastal hills.

23. What do the four camps have in common?

- A. They provide full-day camps.
- B. They offer farm-themed camps.
- C. They are located in the same state.
- D. They focus on health education.

B

Deforestation—by clear-cutting or wildfires—has massive consequences both on climate and health. But leaving reforestation to Mother Nature can take decades, particularly as disastrous wildfires are increasing in frequency and intensity. And the time, cost and labour involved makes traditional methods of tree planting not as practical as they once were.

Bryce Jones knows how hard it is to replant forests. For four months in 2013, he worked as a tree planter throughout Canada. “There’s no technology there,” he says. “The only way you can automate reforestation is through the air.” But it wasn’t until 2019 that he hit on the one that he thought had potential: use drones (无人机) to fire specially designed seed pods (荚) into the ground—at 10 times the normal rate and costing 20 percent less than traditional methods. He proposed the idea to his brother and Flash Forest was born. His first goal was to plant a billion trees by 2025.

The team took out a loan, bought a drone and used 3D printers at Jones’ school to make casts of the pods. Now, only two and a half years later, the company has a group of drones with each able to carry several thousand pods per flight. Three operators work in a field, controlling five drones, whose flights take 15 to 20 minutes. Flash Forest’s big draw is its seed pod, which contains everything seedlings (幼苗) need to promote survival. And its technology allows them to reach post-burn sites or remote areas that are difficult for traditional tree planting.

There are challenges every day, Jones says, as they work to improve the engineering, hardware, software and seed pod recipes. Then there are the challenges presented by the climate—this year, record temperatures, record wildfires and drought. “That was something that was totally out of our control,” he says.

Unlike some traditional forms of reforestation, Flash Forest is focused on biodiversity. For Jones, the target of planting a billion trees by 2025 is just the beginning. “I have a dream that the company will plant on six continents—everywhere where our technology is needed,” he says.

24. What does the author intend to tell us in paragraph 1?

- A. The benefits of reforestation.
- B. The power of Mother Nature.
- C. The way of putting out wildfires.
- D. The necessity of using new planting methods.

25. What contributes to the particular appeal of Flash Forest?

- A. Its drone operators.
- B. The frequent flights.
- C. Its seed pod.
- D. The low cost of seedlings.

26. What does the underlined word “that” in paragraph 4 refer to?

- A. Extreme weather.
- B. Drone technology.
- C. 3D equipment.
- D. Computer software.

27. What can we infer about Flash Forest from the last paragraph?

- A. It changed its focus in the past.
- B. It will achieve its final target in 2025.
- C. It might be available worldwide one day.
- D. It has replaced traditional forms of reforestation.

C

The human voice is a delicate thing. Each person’s distinctive sound is produced when air from the lungs causes the vocal cords (声带) to vibrate (震颤). These vocal cords can easily get damaged. According to a 2005 study, 30% of the population will experience a voice disorder at some point in their life.

In a study published in the journal Nature Communications this week, a group of bioengineering researchers from the University of California have put forward an attractive solution. They have designed and tested a soft patch (小片) that can

be stuck onto a person's neck, where it will pick up muscle movements and, with the help of machine-learning algorithms (算法) that process the signals, translate them into speech.

When a person loses their voice today, the easiest fix is to turn to typing, texting, or writing notes to communicate. Typing can be slow and inconvenient, says Jun Chen, the paper's lead author, and writing notes is only possible in good lighting. The new solution would theoretically be able to clear all these hurdles.

Dr. Chen's device works based on something called the magnetoelastic effect. Essentially, when tiny magnetic (磁性的) bits are placed into soft materials, their magnetic properties can change as the material is stretched.

When the throat muscles move under the soft patch, the resulting magnetic-field variations can be changed into electrical signals. In a test with eight participants, the researchers recorded the signals as the subjects spoke and mouthed five different sentences. They then trained a machine-learning model which was then able to predict which of the five sentences the participants spoke—whether aloud or in silence—with more than 90% accuracy.

There is a way to go yet, for now the device can only recognize the five phrases it was trained on. Plus, to make it practical at scale, the researchers will need to collect a lot more data.

28. In paragraph 1, the author mainly wants to tell us that _____.

- A. lungs are easily damaged
- B. the human voice is unique
- C. vocal cords vibrate to produce sound
- D. voice disorders are a problem worthy of attention

29. Why does the author mention the magnetoelastic effect?

- A. To explain the working principle
- B. To present a solution
- C. To introduce the challenge
- D. To make a comparison

30. What is the function of the soft patch?

- A. Predicting five different sentences
- B. Destroying the background magnetic field
- C. Slowing the movements of throat muscles
- D. Helping turn muscle movements into electrical signals

31. Which of the following is a suitable title for the text?

- A. Predicting the Importance of Voice Restoration
- B. Using Algorithms in Bioengineering Research
- C. Overcoming Voice Loss with an Innovative Patch
- D. Finding the Principle of Communication Devices

D

In recent years, much of my life, as a consumer, has shifted to what I like to call background spending. As I've subscribed to more apps and streaming platforms, significant sums of my money tend to slip away each month without my ever thinking about it.

Think of it as automated trade. Spending without the trouble of spending. Acquisition without action. Or thought.

But while this flood of subscriptions was sold to me on the condition that it would make my life more trouble-free, there was a certain shock I felt upon discovering how much I was spending without realizing each month (\$179.45).

You see, the thing about background spending is that it tends to happen, well, in the background without your full attention. And there lies the point.

"Hand over your credit card details and let us take care of the rest," these companies promise us. But by agreeing to this trade, we've become lazy passive consumers. And this laziness breeds (导致) more laziness because most of us can't be bothered with conducting regular reviews of our subscription spending. We're too lazy to even notice or cancel!

I know it's not just me who is suddenly living life as a smooth-brained subscriber. The average consumer spends \$273 per month on subscriptions, according to a 2021 study of 2,500 by digital services firm West Monroe. Not a single person surveyed knew what his actual monthly spending was.

It's understandable why this model is so attractive to businesses. As companies questioned traditional advertising models, subscriptions offered the promise of "selling once and earning forever." And while subscription services have been around for decades (think Wine of the Month Club), more customers have been willing to sign up thanks to the widespread

While these subscriptions promise ease and happiness, not all of us are satisfied. Last year, the Kearney Consumer Institute found 40 percent of consumers believe they have too many subscriptions. Almost half of us also think we pay too much for streaming video-on-demand subscriptions.

32. What can we know about background spending in paragraph 2?

- A. Its purpose. B. Its feature. C. Its procedure. D. Its requirement.

33. What makes it possible for background spending to happen?

- A. Its attractive price. B. Some people's poor habit.
C. Its secure service. D. Some people's addiction to it.

34. Why is the subscription model appealing to businesses?

- A. It offers good home delivery services.
B. It is like traditional advertising models.
C. It is popular among smartphone producers.
D. It brings repeated profits through a single sale.

35. What's the author's attitude towards background spending?

- A. Supportive. B. Optimistic. C. Critical. D. Unclear.

第二节 (共5小题; 每小题2.5分, 满分12.5分)

阅读下面短文, 从短文后的选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

If you are trying to assess a person's character, make sure you do not rely heavily on factors that can be misleading. Instead, observe the individual's ability to tell the truth and to commit. 36

You can tell a lot about a person's character by observing how he treats other people. 37 It may be difficult to actually see how he treats different types of people if you only encounter him in a single environment, such as the workplace. It is often possible, however, to get some idea of his manner of interaction with different types of people through conversation with him.

Whether or not a person is honest says a lot about his character. The attitude a person has about honesty can also indicate what type of person he is. 38 To some degree the types of lies he may tell and his motives for doing so matter.

39 The word "commitment" often causes people to instantly think of close relationships. Whether a person can respect the vows (誓约) and agreements is usually an indication of character.

A person's character is affected by his attitude. 40 Attitude can affect many aspects of a person's life, including how hard he works and his ability to be supportive of others.

When you are trying to assess someone's character, remember that it consists of qualities and habits that form his identity.

- A. More importantly, it's necessary to continue his inner struggle.
B. The level of commitment indicates the type of character he has.
C. There are many other things in life that may require commitment.
D. This includes both people he knows and people he does not know.
E. Also, pay attention to his attitude and try to distinguish how it impacts his life.
F. Observe the person's conversations and try to determine how often he tells lies.
G. Some people generally have a negative outlook while others may try to be positive even in difficult situations.

第三部分 语言运用 (共两节, 满分30分)

第一节 (共15小题; 每小题1分, 满分15分)

阅读下面短文, 从每题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

Glen Edwards became a hero when he rescued a construction worker trapped on the top of a 16-story burning building. As a crane (吊车) 41 working on a construction site, Edwards 42 found himself in a life-saving mission when a fire broke out. He recalled how 43 the trapped worker from his crane's cabin (驾驶舱), and how he came up with the idea of saving the man by lowering a cage to him to let him 44.

However, his attempt to 45 the cage before the man was by no means an easy job, as each gust (阵)

of wind threatened to throw his crane off balance. Besides, the smoke and flames also added to the difficulty. 46

the great challenges, Edwards refused to give up and fought to 47 control. Luckily, someone on the ground offered 48 on where to land the cage through a radio. Edwards 49 the crane's movements, inch by inch, until the cage hovered (盘旋) just inches from the edge of the 50. With determination, Edwards successfully landed the cage.

Eventually, Edwards watched the cage 51 the man away from the horrible fire below and lowering him to safety. The crowd 52 a big round of applause, a tribute (致敬) to the courage and skill 53 by Edwards. He knew that his quick thinking and strong 54 had made all the difference between life and death in the face of disaster.

A GoFundMe page has now been set up to raise money for him—with organizers 55 people to “buy Glen a beer” for his life-saving efforts.

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| 41. A. engineer | B. operator | C. cleaner | D. salesman |
| 42. A. regularly | B. unfortunately | C. intentionally | D. unexpectedly |
| 43. A. helped | B. spotted | C. realized | D. guided |
| 44. A. escape | B. hide | C. walk | D. slide |
| 45. A. clean | B. cover | C. position | D. open |
| 46. A. Despite | B. Without | C. For | D. From |
| 47. A. switch | B. maintain | C. lose | D. give |
| 48. A. instructions | B. promises | C. explanations | D. courses |
| 49. A. quickened | B. described | C. adjusted | D. repeated |
| 50. A. door | B. garden | C. crane | D. roof |
| 51. A. persuading | B. lifting | C. warning | D. dragging |
| 52. A. went through | B. put on | C. asked for | D. broke into |
| 53. A. displayed | B. admired | C. exchanged | D. required |
| 54. A. preference | B. response | C. emotion | D. determination |
| 55. A. choosing | B. encouraging | C. ordering | D. teaching |

第二节 (共10小题; 每小题1.5分, 满分15分)

阅读下面短文, 在空白处填入1个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

China has nearly 5,000 years of 56 (record) history. However, the history of Chinese furniture is even longer than 57 of its writing, which can be traced back to the Hemudu Culture more than 7,000 years ago.

During the Ming and Qing dynasties, most of the furniture was hand-made using high-quality hardwood 58 raw materials, which are now rare and expensive. Ordinary people often use wood such as pine, elm, and beech, but the quality between the woods 59 (differ) greatly.

Classical furniture is mostly made by hand. Modern machines cannot 60 (complete) replace handwork. The shapes carved by the machine are neat but the lines are rigid and lacking vitality.

The most delicate aspect of Chinese classical furniture is the structural part of the furniture—mortise-and-tenon (榫卯) work. Combining pieces of wood together, 61 (use) nothing more than the wood itself, is a basic skill of all carpenters (木匠) in ancient China. It was first discovered in the wooden structure of the Hemudu site 62 the ancestors lived more than 7,000 years ago. This structure is the wisdom of the Chinese working people and fully represents the 63 (create) and artistry (艺术性) of humanity.

Ancient Chinese 64 (philosophy) have been expressed in traditional Chinese furniture. For example, Confucianism emphasizes gentleness and moderation. 65 (achieve) that, skilled carpenters properly matched the curves and straight lines of the furniture. That's why Chinese furniture always displays both balance and stability.

第四部分 写作(共两节, 满分40分).

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第一节 (满分15分)

假定你是某国际学校学生李华, 因高三毕业即将退出校篮球队, 请在退队仪式上用英文发表告别演说, 内容包括:

1. 回顾往昔;

2. 表示感谢;

3. 祝福球队。

注意:

1. 写作词数应为 80 左右;

2. 请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

My dear teammates,

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第二节 (满分 25 分)

阅读下面材料, 根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写两段, 使之构成一篇完整的短文。

注意:

1. 续写词数应为 150 左右;

2. 请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

She was the prettiest puppy we had ever seen, and the whole family immediately fell in love with her. We named her Onyx because of her thick, shiny black coat. She spent her first vacation with us when she was only ten weeks old and had her first bath and swim in the St. Lawrence River. We had no clue that this amazing little ball of fur would end up being our hero.

As she grew older, Onyx became more and more involved in our family activities. On hot summer days, Onyx enjoyed floating on the river with us in her own rubber tube (橡皮圈). Amazingly standing on the top of the tube, she smiled while showing off her perfect balance. Resting her front legs and paws over the edge of the rubber tube, she kept her eyes shut as she floated until she'd had enough of the warm sun on her black coat.

One day, our eighteen-year-old daughter, Margie, announced she was going to swim across the bay. No one in the family was free to go swimming with her. The unwritten rule, regardless of swimming ability, was to have a companion in the water with you, especially when swimming the width of the bay. I was not a good swimmer, so I said to Margie, "Take Onyx with you." Having heard her name, Onyx woke up from a nap and was ready for action. Margie signed the dog to follow her. Onyx ran to the water next to her. They entered the freezing river together and swam side by side across the bay.

I watched from the bank as they reached the sandbar (沙洲) on the far shore. They rested a few minutes before diving into the water for the return trip. I felt uneasy for some reason and continued to watch the pair swim side by side.

Suddenly I heard Margie calling out, "Have a cram (痉挛) in the leg!" _____

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Seeing the pair approaching the riverbank, I breathed a sigh of relief.

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