

2023-2024 学年第二学期初三英语期中卷

(时间: 100 分钟 总分: 100 分)

第 I 卷 (客观题 共 50 分)

一、单项选择 (本大题共 14 小题, 每小题 1 分, 共 14 分)

1. A man should follow his heart when reading, or _____ he reads as a task will do him little good.
A. that B. what C. which D. how
2. My life in Grade 9 seemed a little difficult at first, but everything _____ to be fine now.
A. finds out B. looks out C. turns out D. breaks out
3. Everyone can be different from another, why _____ we all be the same?
A. must B. can C. should D. may
4. —I am tired of my job. but I'm not sure if I'm ready for a new one.
—You should _____ everything like working hours and salary before making a decision.
A. change B. divide C. admire D. weigh
5. —Nothing to worry about. He won't leave until we arrive.
—_____ time is money, we should not keep others waiting.
A. Though B. Unless C. Since D. If
6. Van Gogh used his talent, _____ his effort to create the well-known picture *The Starry Night*.
A. as good as B. as well as C. as many as D. as hard as
7. The students expected that the 141-millimeter-tall humanoid robot _____ the way people think about robots.
A. has changed B. was changing C. would change D. will change
8. We should stop worrying about things that are _____ the power of our will.
A. beyond B. against C. over D. above
9. — What a pity! I failed to join the 2024 Wuxi Marathon because of sudden illness.
— Health comes first. _____, you still enjoyed the wonderful cherry blossoms in Wuxi.
A. Moreover B. Anyway C. Otherwise D. However
10. Let me write it down while it is still _____ in my mind.
A. latest B. real C. awake D. fresh
11. You can never be _____ while dealing with your son. He is just a 5-year-old kid.
A. patient enough B. too patient C. too curious D. curious enough
12. —It is freezing cold and much too crowded here. I just want to return home here and now.

—It's no use complaining, _____.

A. look before you leap

B. put all the eggs in one basket

C. burn the candle at both ends

D. take things as they come

13. Today is Earth Day. Let's discuss _____.

A. where shall we plant more trees

B. how should we save more energy

C. what we can do to reduce waste

D. that we can make our city greener

14. —We finally managed to finish all the work.

—_____. There is a lot more to do. But at least we can have a short rest.

A. Far from it

B. That's for sure

C. Let me see

D. You got me

二、完形填空（本大题共 10 小题，每小题 1 分，共 10 分）

The Fish I Didn't Catch



fishing pole

hook

I still remember my first fishing trip as if it were yesterday. It was a sweet day of early summer. I received the first fishing pole from my uncle's hand, and walked with him towards the _____15_____.

My uncle, who knew where the best place of fish was, kindly placed me at the most favorable point. I threw out my line as I had so often seen others, and _____16_____ eagerly for a bite. Nothing came of it. "Try again," said my uncle. Suddenly the bait (鱼饵) went down out of _____17_____.

"Now for it," I thought, "Here is a fish at last." I made a strong pull, and brought up a tangle of weeds (一团海草). Again and again I cast out my line and drew it back _____18_____. I looked at my uncle appealingly (可怜巴巴地). "Try once more," he said, "We fishermen must have _____19_____. It took me a whole day until I got my first fish."

Suddenly something pulled hard at my line, and swept off with it into deep water. Jerking it up, I saw a big fish wriggling (扭来扭去) in the sun. "Uncle!" I cried, looking back in _____20_____, "I've got a fish!" "Not yet," said my uncle. As he spoke, there was a splash (泼溅) in the water, my hook hung empty from the line. I had lost my _____21_____. My patience was used up.

I sat down on the nearest stone and _____22_____ to be comforted. Even my uncle promised that there were more fish in the river. He refitted my bait, put the pole again in my hands, and told me to try my luck once more.

"But remember, boy," he said, "Never _____23_____ catching a fish until he is on dry ground."

Though years have now passed, I have always been reminded of the fish that I did not catch. When I hear

people talk excitedly about something yet undone, I call to mind that scene by the river, and the wise warning of my uncle, “It’s no use to talk too 24 about anything until it’s done.”

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| 15. A. river | B. hill | C. park | D. forest |
| 16. A. listened | B. jumped | C. waited | D. read |
| 17. A. mind | B. order | C. sight | D. reach |
| 18. A. broken | B. empty | C. open | D. shiny |
| 19. A. hope | B. courage | C. wisdom | D. patience |
| 20. A. sadness | B. satisfaction | C. disappointment | D. excitement |
| 21. A. prize | B. money | C. way | D. job |
| 22. A. forgot | B. refused | C. reminded | D. wanted |
| 23. A. turn out | B. show up | C. turn down | D. show off |
| 24. A. carefully | B. directly | C. proudly | D. actively |

三、阅读理解（本大题共 13 小题，每小题 2 分，共 26 分）

A

7 THINGS STUDENTS CAN DO TO IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

Mind & Body



Look after your body as well as your mind. Eat a well balanced diet, keep hydrated, and get into a regular sleep pattern.

Self Care



Practice self care. Make sure to look after yourself. Relax, smile, have a bath, go for a walk, read a book, watch a movie, do something you enjoy!

Exercise



Engage in regular exercise. Find an activity that you like. Exercise is a great tool for improving mood and reducing stress.

Breathing



Learn how to breathe effectively. Practice techniques and find what works for you: deep breathing, ratio breathing, progressive muscle relaxation.

Organization



Manage your time effectively. Stay organized and on top of things. This will help reduce pressure and stress.

Problem-Solving



Learn how to solve problems effectively. When you experience an issue or a problem, try to write up with a number of solutions.

Talk to Someone



Do not be afraid to talk to someone about how you are feeling. Talk to your family, friends, professors, and advisors. Remember it is always okay to ask for help!

25. What is NOT mentioned to improve mental health?
- A. Mind & Body. B. Breathing. C. Problem-Solving. D. Caring for others.
26. What can students do to reduce stress?

- ①They can manage time effectively. ②They can take part in regular exercise.
③They can keep feelings to themselves. ④They can have a bath or go for a walk.

A. ①②③ B. ①②④ C. ①③④ D. ②③④

27. What is the poster mainly about?

- A. The importance of mental health. B. The methods of staying mentally healthy.
C. The introduction to mental health. D. The application for Office of Student Affairs.

B

Joel Sartore is a writer, teacher, and photographer. His words and beautiful images show his love of photography and of the natural world.

Question 1: How did you become a National Geographic photographer?

My first job was for a newspaper. After a few years there, I met a *National Geographic* photographer. He liked my photos and said I should send some to the magazine. So I did. That led to a one-day job. And that led to a nine-day job, and so on.

Question 2: _____

To get into *National Geographic*, you have to give them something they don't have. It's not enough just to be a great photographer. You also have to be a scientist, for example, or be able to dive under sea ice, or spend maybe several days in a tree.

Question 3: Is it hard to get a job as a photographer today?

It's now harder to work for magazines. Technology makes it easy to take good pictures, which means there are more photos and photographers. Also, the Web is filled with photos from all around the world that are free, or cost very little. These photos are often good enough to be put in books and magazines. What the magazines need to do these days is to pay for these photos.

Question 4: I want to be a photographer. Do you have any advice for me?

Advice? Well, work hard. Be passionate (热情的) about every project you work on. Take lots of pictures in different situations. Look at others' photos thoughtfully and learn from them.

And be curious about everything. There's something to photograph everywhere.

28. Which of the following can be Question 2?

- A. Why do you want to work for *National Geographic*?
B. What do *National Geographic* photographers like to do?
C. What kind of photos do you give to *National Geographic*?

D. What kind of photographer is *National Geographic* looking for?

29. The underlined sentence in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

A. take as many photos as possible

B. there is beauty everywhere

C. it's easy to be a good photographer

D. photographers should travel everywhere

30. Who is most likely to be employed by *National Geographic*?

A. Hanson, a photographer who has worked for many magazines.

B. Bowie, a photographer who learnt to take photos at an early age.

C. Marina, a photographer who is good at science and diving.

D. Jason, a photographer who keeps developing skills and ideas.

C

Natalie Portman, an actress and film producer, is well known for her talents in acting. Portman was born on June 9, 1981, in Jerusalem and then she and her family settled in America.

Portman started dancing lessons at age four and performed in local dance clubs. In 1993, she was interviewed for the role of a poor child who made friends with a middle aged killer (played by Jean Reno) in Luc Besson's film, *Leon: The Professional*. The film opened in 1994, marking her famous overnight. At the same time, she studied dancing and acting in New York, and starred in *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace* while still at high school in Long Island. In 1999, after filming *Where the Heart Is*, Portman moved into the dormitory of Harvard University to pursue her bachelor's degree in psychology, with her work as an actress, she completed a bachelor's degree in 2003. During her studies, she starred in *Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones*.

To prepare for the role of a young ballerina (芭蕾舞女演员) in Darren Aronofsky's 2010 film *Black Swan*, she went through five to eight hours of dance training each day for six months and lost 20 pounds (9 kg). But her hard work paid off. Not only did she win the Golden Globe Award and the Academy Award for Best Actress in 2011 by this film, but also found her soulmate—Millepied, who was the choreographer (舞蹈指导) of *Black Swan*. The couple married in Big Sur, California on August 4, 2012.

Apart from show biz, Portman devotes herself to many social and political causes. For example, she is a supporter for animal rights and became a vegetarian (素食者) after she saw an operation on a chicken while attending a medical meeting with her father.

31. Which of the following is the correct order to describe Natalie Portman's life?

a. She studied dancing and acting in New York.

b. She began to study in Harvard University.

c. She performed dancing in local dance clubs.

d. She starred in *Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones*.

A. c-a-b-d

B. b-a-c-d

C. c-d-a-b

D. b-c-d-a

32. Which of the following words can best describe Natalie Portman?

A. Curious and creative.

B. Fashionable and funny.

C. Talented and hard-working.

D. Grateful and selfless.

33. The passage may be followed by a concluding (总结) paragraph about _____.

A. Natalie Portman's personal life

B. Natalie Portman's contribution to animals

C. Natalie Portman's study in Harvard University

D. Natalie Portman's achievements as an actress

D

Do you have good friends? Do you sometimes feel so close to them that they are like family to you?

It turns out that this isn't just an expression. A study by Yale University has found that you and your friends have more genes(基因) in common than strangers do. Researchers looked at the genes of 1,932 people and compared them in pairs of unrelated friends and strangers. They found that friends have 1% of genes that match.

"1% of genes may not sound like much to the layperson(外行), but to geneticists(遗传学家) it is a larger number," Professor Nicholas Christakis of Yale University told Discovery News. In fact, this is the same amount of genes you share with your fourth cousins, those who have the same great-great-great grandparents as you.

So do you happen to become friends with people who share your genes? Not at all. In fact, it is evolution(进化) that brings you together.

People who share certain genes also share skills and have similar likes and dislikes, researchers said. In ancient times, it was important that people who were alike stayed together. For example, people who had a similar susceptibility(易感性) to the cold were more likely to help each other build a fire, giving them a better chance to stay alive.

Researchers also found that among all the genes studied, those producing a change in sense of smell were the most similar in friends. This is probably because people who smell things in the same way are more easily drawn to similar environments. For example, people who like the smell of coffee may hang out at cafes(咖啡馆) more often and as a result are more likely to meet and become friends with each other.

With their findings, the team has developed an interesting test called the "friendship score". It can help tell how big the chances are that two people will be friends by studying their genes.

So, here is a question for you: would you like to take this test and know in advance(提前) who your friends are going to be, or would you still prefer to learn about it by yourself and let time be the judge?

34. From the passage, we know that friends _____.

- A. look like our cousin B. share 1% of genes with us C. feel close to our family
D. can help us when we feel cold

35. According to the passage, the writer probably agrees _____.

- A. we develop our friendship by chance B. our genes decide who we can make friends with
C. everyone should take the test called “friendship score” D. people sharing certain genes have skills and interests in common

36. The writer takes the example of ancient people in Paragraph 5 to _____.

- A. study how ancient people dealt with the cold B. predict that similar environments lead to friendship
C. prove that it is evolution that brings friends together D. explain why ancient people gave each other chance to keep alive

37. Which of the following would be the best title for the passage?

- A. Friendship: Its Influence on People and Behavior B. Friendship: Its Benefits to Teens and Decision Making
C. Friendship: Is It Necessary to Be Judged by Time? D. Friendship: Is It Possible to Be Influenced by Genes?

第II卷（主观题 共50分）

四、词汇运用（本大题共8小题，每小题1分，共8分）

(A) 根据句意和汉语注释，在相应位置，写出单词的正确形式。

38. With everybody's efforts, our company is developing as _____ (顺利地) as expected.

39. Follow the tips and you'll improve your teenager's behavior without _____ (费力).

40. Once you enter university, you will be free to learn _____ (任何) interests you.

41. Not until we lose it, will we realize how much health _____ (要紧) to us.

(B) 根据句意，在相应位置，写出括号内所给单词的适当形式。

42. The actress was _____ (know) until she played an important role in the TV series *The Legend of Shenli*.

43. Details decide _____ (succeed) or not. If we take everything seriously, we will achieve our goals.

44. The government agrees that the _____ (wealth) people are, the more income taxes they may have to pay.

45. Unlucky for me, I forgot to lock my bike and had it _____ (steal).

五、动词填空（本大题共8小题，每小题1分，共8分）

46. —Wow! What a beautiful voice!

—Exactly! Who do you suppose _____ (sing)?

47. If the number of sharks drops too low, it _____ (bring) danger to all ocean life.

48. —I'm so happy to see you again. Where have you been?

—America! I _____ (stay) there as an IT engineer for four years.

49. What should the government pay attention to _____ (protect) the environment?
50. Since the beginning of 2024, the price of gold worldwide _____ (rise) a lot.
51. I understand that everything _____ (connect), that all roads meet and that all rivers flow into the same sea.
52. _____ (control) her voice, Jou-chia said, “would you mind not talking so much?”
53. The teacher raised her voice as soon as she noticed that he _____ (not listen) at all.

六、阅读填空（本大题共 5 小题，每小题 1 分，共 5 分）

阅读填空

Forever Family

“Would you like to go to see Rhys and take him for ice cream?” my dad asked; I froze. I love my younger brother very much, but I hadn’t been in public with him for well over a year and a half. The thought worried me.

Rhys is 14 and seriously cognitively impaired (认知能力受损的) . He was diagnosed with a rare genetic mutation (突变) at birth. When I was young, my parents and I picked him up from his new long-term care home at the end of our busy weekends to spend some time with him, usually at our home.

After picking Rhys up and taking the short car trip, we arrived at the ice cream store. I held onto Rhys in his chair while Dad placed our order.

Rhys loves to grab things. He grabbed a woman walking by. I said sorry at once, full of embarrassment.

After getting our ice cream, we sat outside. At this point, I was distressed (心烦的) and just wanted to go home. Dad could tell that I was upset. He silently understood and let me be.

But then I saw a father and daughter walking along the plaza toward the ice cream store. The girl’s movements seemed strangely familiar. I noticed she was much too excited, behaving similarly to Rhys.

Watching those two made me change. I realized I wasn’t the only one in this situation: out in public with a family member with special needs. I smiled as I watched the father and daughter just enjoying their day and not focusing on what others thought. They acted just like every other “typical” family. I suddenly realized that I shouldn’t let what others think about Rhys ruin our time together.

There is so much uncertainty with Rhys’ rare genetic mutation. We aren’t certain what challenges he will face in the future. With each visit, I notice how much we have both changed, whether it’s his little mustache (小胡子) coming in or my growing independence as I move on to university. Rhys will always be my brother. We are family. There is no shame in that.

Forever Family	
Rhys and his situation	* Rhys is my younger brother and has a rare genetic mutation

	<p>that affects his ____54____ to think.</p> <p>*When I was young, I went to pick him up from his new long-term care home at the end of our busy weekends with my parents.</p>
The ice cream store trip	<p>*I was very ____55____ about the trip to the ice cream store because I hadn't been out in public with him for a long time.</p> <p>* Rhys enjoys grabbing things. At the store, he grabbed a women passing by, which greatly embarrassed me.</p>
The turning ____56____	<p>* After getting my ice cream, I felt upset and just wanted to go home. My dad noticed this and just let me be.</p> <p>* I met another family with a girl who acted similarly to Rhys. It made me realize that I shouldn't let ____57____ thoughts ruin our time together.</p>
My opinion	<p>* With so much uncertainty tied to Rhys' condition, we're not sure what challenges he will face in the future.</p> <p>*He will ____58____ my brother, and we are family. There is no shame in that.</p>

七、完成句子（本大题共 6 小题，每小题 1.5 分，共 9 分）

59. 华为品控严格。Mate70 各项达标，才会上市。

Huawei is very strict with the products' quality. Mate 70 won't come on the market until everything _____.

60. 我打电话给爸爸，但他没接。他正和队友执行一项重要计划。

I called my father but he didn't answer. He with his teammates _____.

61. 和同龄孩子融洽相处让我们的校园生活丰富多彩。

_____ makes our school life colourful.

62. 熊猫萌兰“整活”天赋异禀，吸粉无数。

The panda named Meng Lan has _____ playing tricks that millions of people are his fans.

63. 凯特王妃终于公开露面，看着虚弱无力，似乎心事重重。

When Princess of Wales finally appeared in public, she looked weak and _____.

64. 自从巴以冲突爆发，当地人们生活得提心吊胆。

The local people _____ since the Israeli—Palestinian conflict broke out.

八、书面表达（本大题共 20 分）

65. 2024 年贾玲主导、主演的励志电影《热辣滚烫》上映以来吸引人们的广泛关注，引发热烈的讨论。“Live life to the fullest, you only live once”，作为青少年的我们更应该燃烧自己的青春年华，让每一天过得热辣滚烫。为此，《金桥之声》广播站诚邀各位同学积极投稿，以“Live Life to the Fullest”为题，从热爱学习、直面挑战和关爱社会三个方面呼吁更多的同学过充实而有意义的生活，并在稿件最后表达对同学们的期待。

注意事项：

1. 稿件内容自拟，要求语句通顺、意思连贯、符合题意；
2. 词数 100 个左右，稿件开头已给出，不计入总词数；
3. 稿件必须写在答题卡指定的位置上。

Live Life to the Fullest

Dear classmates,

I am Li Hua from Class 1, Grade 9. I have made up my mind to live life to the fullest since I watched the film YOLO. As teenagers, we _____

Yours sincerely,

Li Hua