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Plant-based leathers have the potential to revolutionize the fashion industry. Now, MycoWorks, a California based biotech company, has created a new eco-friendly, vegetal leather derived from mushrooms. The leather turns mycelium (菌丝体)—threads from the root structure of mushrooms—into a material that imitates the look and feel of an animal-based leather.

“It’s the first time that a company has been able to produce a vegetal product which is matching or even exceeding the quality and durability of a natural one. It’s a super achievement,” Patrick Thomas, former Hermès CEO and a member of MycoWorks board of directors, said in a statement.

MycoWorks creates this special material by using engineered mycelium cells. As the cells grow into 3D structures, they become densely intertwined (交织的), eventually forming a tough material, called Fine Mycelium, which has the strength, durability and performance of the traditional leather. The result differs from other vegetal leathers made with mushrooms. Most mushroom leathers are made from compressed solid foam that mycelium forms naturally, but without engineering, they lack the same look and feel as an animal-based leather.

Fine Mycelium can grow in trays (托盘). These trays can be designed to fit a designer’s exact specifications, avoiding any waste. After Fine Mycelium is harvested, it is tanned (鞣色) and finished to look and feel like an animal leather.

Last year, luxury fashion brand Hermès debuted their Victoria bag, which featured MycoWork’s Fine Mycelium material. Other companies, including Adidas with their Mylo-made Stan Smith shoes and Lululemon with their mushroom-based yoga products, have also jumped on the eco-friendly trend.

The use of plant-based leathers comes during a time when scientists and innovators are trying to come up with solutions for the climate crisis and animal agriculture. Environmentally, manufacturing animal-based leathers creates **havoc** because of deforestation and methane emissions connected to the animals raised for leathers.

However, some experts criticize the new mushroom-based leather because it is currently only available as a rare item. For the material to be a truly sustainable option and make a major impact, it would need to be more accessible. They question whether the company can provide designers with enough material to create their products.

28. What is special about MycoWorks’ new leather?

- A. It is the first to be made from mycelium.
- B. It is an eco-friendly and vegetal produce.
- C. It is the first-ever mushroom-based leather.
- D. It is comparable with the animal-based leather.

29. What can we learn from the text?

- A. MycoWorks has been partly financed by Hermès.
- B. MycoWorks’ new leather has made a high fashion debut.
- C. Trays are needed when designers deal with Fine Mycelium.
- D. 3D technology is used when MycoWorks creates its new leather.

30. What does the underlined part “havoc” in Paragraph 6 probably mean?

- A. Chaos.
- B. Harmony.
- C. Evolution.
- D. Fortune.

31. Which of the following do some experts concern most?

- A. The price of the new leather.
- B. The supply of the new leather.
- C. The quality of the new leather.
- D. The durability of the new leather.

【答案】28. D 29. B 30. A 31. B

【导语】本文是一篇新闻报道。文章主要报道了总部位于加州的生物技术公司 MycoWorks 从蘑菇中提取出了一种新的环保植物皮革。这种皮革将菌丝体转化为一种模仿动物皮革外观和触感的材料。

【28 题详解】

细节理解题。根据文章第二段 ““It’s the first time that a company has been able to produce a vegetal product which is matching or even exceeding the quality and durability of a natural one. It’s a super achievement,” Patrick Thomas, former Hermès CEO and a member of MycoWorks board of directors, said in a statement.(“这是第一次有公司能够生产出与天然产品相匹配甚至超过其质量和耐用性的植物产品。这是一项超级成就，” Hermès 前首席执行官、MycoWorks 董

事会成员 Patrick Thomas 在一份声明中说。) ”可知, MycoWorks 公司的新皮革的独特之处在于, 这是第一次有公司能够生产出与动物皮革相匹配甚至超过其质量和耐用性的植物产品。故选 D。

【29 题详解】

细节理解题。根据文章第五段 “Last year, luxury fashion brand Hermès debuted their Victoria bag, which featured MycoWork’s Fine Mycelium material. Other companies, including Adidas with their Mylo-made Stan Smith shoes and Lululemon with their mushroom-based yoga products, have also jumped on the eco-friendly trend.(去年, 奢侈时尚品牌 Hermès 推出了他们的维多利亚包, 采用了 MycoWork 的 Fine Mycelium 材料。其他公司, 包括 Adidas 和 Lululemon 也加入了环保潮流, Adidas 推出了 mylo 制造的 Stan Smith 鞋, Lululemon 推出了以蘑菇为原料的瑜伽产品。)” 可知, MycoWorks 的新皮革亮相了高级时装。故选 B。

【30 题详解】

词句猜测题。根据划线单词下一句 “because of deforestation and methane emissions connected to the animals raised for leathers.(因为森林砍伐和甲烷排放与饲养动物皮革有关。)” 可知, 动物皮革在环境方面造成了严重的破坏。选项 A “Chaos (混乱)” ; 选项 B “Harmony (和谐)” ; 选项 C “Evolution (进化)” ; 选项 D “Fortune (财富)” ; 所以, havoc 与选项 A “Chaos (混乱)” 意义相近。故选 A。

【31 题详解】

细节理解题。根据文章最后一段 “However, some experts criticize the new mushroom-based leather because it is currently only available as a rare item. For the material to be a truly sustainable option and make a major impact, it would need to be more accessible. They question whether the company can provide designers with enough material to create their products.(然而, 一些专家批评这种新的蘑菇皮革, 因为它目前只是一种罕见的物品。为了使这种材料成为真正可持续的选择并产生重大影响, 它需要更容易获得。他们质疑该公司能否为设计师提供足够的材料来创作他们的产品。)” 可知, 一些专家担心这种皮革的供应。故选 B。

D

Psychologists specializing in the field of decision-making have discovered that employing a decision worksheet is among the most effective approaches for tackling significant choices. Researchers in the optimization branch of psychology analyze real-world decisions made by individuals and contrast them with theoretically ideal decisions to gauge their similarity. Advocates of the worksheet technique contend that it leads to optimal outcomes, representing the best choices. While decision worksheets come in various formats, they share fundamental characteristics. They begin with a clear and concise problem definition, followed by the explanation of all possible solutions. Subsequently, the relevant factors impacted by each choice are listed, and their relative importance is determined. Each factor is assigned a numerical value reflecting its significance, and these values are summed to calculate a decision’s score. The alternative with the highest score emerges as the superior choice.

Given that many significant problems encompass multiple facets, individuals encounter several choices, each bearing unique advantages and drawbacks. The advantage of employing a pencil and paper decision-making method lies in its capacity to accommodate more variables than the human mind can typically handle and retain. On average, individuals can juggle about seven ideas simultaneously. Decision worksheets prove exceptionally beneficial when decisions involve numerous intricate variables and relationships. A practical illustration pertinent to numerous college students revolves around the post-graduation question: “What will I do after graduation?” A graduate might contemplate seeking specialized training in a job, pursuing further education, or embarking on a year of international travel.

The decision worksheet begins with a brief problem statement, which helps narrow the scope. It is crucial to differentiate between long-term and immediate objectives since the decision-making process often diverges for each. While focusing on long-term goals, a graduating student might reformulate the previous question as follows: “What post-graduation path will lead to a successful career?”

32. What is the first step in the decision-making process using a worksheet?

- A. Defining the problem concisely.
- B. Thinking of all potential solutions.
- C. Listing the consequences of each solution.
- D. Determining the relative importance of considerations.

33. According to decision-worksheet theory, an optimal decision is defined as one that _____.

- A. has the most points assigned to it

- B. utilizes the most decision worksheets
- C. involves the fewest variables for consideration
- D. reaches the widest consensus among people

34. What is the author's attitude toward employing a pencil and paper decision-making procedure?

- A. Ambiguous.
- B. Sceptical.
- C. Supportive.
- D. Dismissive.

35. What is the primary focus of the passage?

- A. Research on human decision-making processes.
- B. The utility of decision worksheets in complex choices.
- C. A comparison between actual and ideal decisions.
- D. Distinctions between long-term and short-term decision making.

【答案】32. A 33. A 34. C 35. B

【导语】本文是一篇说明文。文章主要介绍了一项新的研究发现，专门研究决策领域的心理学家发现，使用决策工作表是处理重大选择的最有效方法之一。

【32 题详解】

细节理解题。根据文章第一段 “While decision worksheets come in various formats, they share fundamental characteristics. They begin with a clear and concise problem definition, followed by the explanation of all possible solutions.(虽然决策工作表有各种格式，但它们具有共同的基本特征。他们从一个清晰而简洁的问题定义开始，然后解释所有可能的解决方案。)” 可知，使用工作表做决策是从一个清晰而简洁的问题定义开始。故选 A。

【33 题详解】

细节理解题。根据文章第一段 “They begin with a clear and concise problem definition, followed by the explanation of all possible solutions. Subsequently, the relevant factors impacted by each choice are listed, and their relative importance is determined. Each factor is assigned a numerical value reflecting its significance, and these values are summed to calculate a decision's score. The alternative with the highest score emerges as the superior choice.(他们从一个清晰而简洁的问题定义开始，然后解释所有可能的解决方案。随后，列出每个选择所影响的相关因素，并确定其相对重要性。每个因素被赋予一个反映其重要性的数值，这些值被求和以计算决策的分数。得分最高的选项成为最佳选择。)” 可知，得分最高的决策被认为是最佳的决策。故选 A。

【34 题详解】

推理判断题。根据文章第二段 “Given that many significant problems encompass multiple facets, individuals encounter several choices, each bearing unique advantages and drawbacks. The advantage of employing a pencil and paper decision-making method lies in its capacity to accommodate more variables than the human mind can typically handle and retain. On average, individuals can juggle about seven ideas simultaneously. Decision worksheets prove exceptionally beneficial when decisions involve numerous intricate variables and relationships.(考虑到许多重大问题包含多个方面，个人会遇到几种选择，每种选择都有其独特的优点和缺点。使用纸笔决策方法的优势在于它能够容纳比人类大脑通常能够处理和保留的更多变量。平均而言，一个人可以同时处理 7 个想法。当决策涉及许多复杂的变量和关系时，决策工作表被证明是非常有益的。)” 可知，作者对采用纸笔决策程序是抱有支持的态度。故选 C。

【35 题详解】

推理判断题。根据文章第一段 “Psychologists specializing in the field of decision-making have discovered that employing a decision worksheet is among the most effective approaches for tackling significant choices.(专门研究决策领域的心理学家发现，使用决策工作表是处理重大选择的最有效方法之一。)”、最后一段 “The decision worksheet begins with a brief problem statement, which helps narrow the scope. It is crucial to differentiate between long-term and immediate objectives since the decision-making process often diverges for each.(决策工作表以一个简短的问题陈述开始，这有助于缩小范围。区分长期目标和近期目标是至关重要的，因为两者的决策过程往往是不同的。)” 以及全文内容可知，这篇文章主要以决策工作表在复杂选择中的效用为主要焦点。故选 B。

第二节 (共 5 小题；每小题 2.5 分，满分 12.5 分)

Dispose of Your Credit Card Without Burying It

Disposing of unwanted items in our lives often means simply throwing them into the garbage or recycling bin — or, if they're still useful, giving them away. It's different with old credit cards, which should be destroyed so nobody can use them fraudulently (欺诈地). 36 Here's how to get rid of an old card.

First, contact the issuer

If closing the account is your goal, you'll have to call the number on the back of your card and ask to do so. If your card is a rewards card, remember to first redeem points or cash back. Change any automatic payments to a different card, and be sure to pay the final card bill.

Cut up plastic cards

Sharp scissors and smart trimming will do the job here. "We recommend that consumers cut through the EMV chip, then further cut the card a few times along the short side, and dispose of the sections in more than one trash bag," says Sarah Grano, a spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association. 37

Send back metal cards

38 Contact your issuer. Typically, you can mail it back for disposal. "For example, when American Express sends a replacement card, it also sends an addressed return envelope to mail back an old metal card for destruction," says Heather Norton, spokeswoman for American Express.

Check back on your account

Don't obsess about identity theft of an old credit card. You generally won't be responsible for fraudulent charges anyway. 39 It's a good idea to check your account statement to make sure there's been no fraud.

Closing an account can hurt you

Closing a credit card account can lower your credit rating. That's because credit scores consider your "credit utilization ratio", or how much of your available credit you're using. And when you close an account, you have less available credit. 40 Closing an old card decreases the average age of your accounts.

- A. It could be worth closing the account anyway.
- B. Scores also consider the length of time you've had the card open.
- C. Or feed cards into a machine designed to handle them.
- D. Take care with debit cards and other plastic where fraud means you might be missing money.
- E. But how to destroy a payment card properly is not obvious, especially with new metal credit cards.
- F. Destroying a metal card by yourself is harder and potentially dangerous.
- G. Skip this step if you're simply replacing an expired card or one that has been compromised.

【答案】 36. E 37. C 38. F 39. D 40. B

【导语】 本文是一篇说明文。文章主要介绍了一些方法帮助我们更好地处理旧的信用卡。

【36 题详解】

根据空前 "It's different with old credit cards, which should be destroyed so nobody can use them fraudulently (欺诈地).(旧信用卡则不同,旧信用卡应该销毁,这样就没有人可以欺诈性地使用它们。)" 可知,旧的信用卡不能像处理普通垃圾那样直接扔了或者送人。选项 E "But how to destroy a payment card properly is not obvious, especially with new metal credit cards.(但是如何妥善销毁支付卡并不明显,特别是对于新的金属信用卡。)" 是上文内容的自然延续,指的是销毁旧的信用卡与销毁垃圾是不同的。同时引出下文 "Here's how to get rid of an old card. (以下是如何处理旧卡的方法。)" 如何处理旧的信用卡。故选 E。

【37 题详解】

根据上文内容 "Sharp scissors and smart trimming will do the job here. "We recommend that consumers cut through the EMV chip, then further cut the card a few times along the short side, and dispose of the sections in more than one trash bag," says Sarah Grano, a spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association.(锋利的剪刀和灵巧的修剪就可以了。美国银行家协会发言人 Sarah Grano 说: "我们建议消费者先切开 EMV 芯片,然后沿着短的一面再切几次,把这些部分扔进不止一个垃圾袋里。)" 可知,空前主要是介绍了如何用剪刀剪旧的信用卡。选项 C "Or feed cards into a machine designed to handle them.(或将卡片送入专门处理卡片的机器。)" 延续上文内容,指的是除了用剪刀剪卡片之外,我们还可以将卡片送入专门处理卡片的机器。故选 C。

【38 题详解】

根据空后内容 "Contact your issuer. Typically, you can mail it back for disposal. "For example, when American Express sends a replacement card, it also sends an addressed return envelope to mail back an old metal card for destruction," says Heather Norton, spokeswoman for American Express.(联系发行机构。一般来说,你可以把它寄回去处理。美国运通发言人 Heather Norton 表示: "例如,当美国运通(American Express)发送一张新卡时,它还会发送一个写有地址的回邮信封,将旧金属卡邮寄回去销毁。)" 可知,下文主要讲述的是可以将信用卡寄回发行机构进行摧毁。选项 F "Destroying a metal card by yourself is harder and potentially dangerous.(自己破坏金属卡比较困难,而且有潜在的危

险。) ”自然引出下文内容, 指的是如果自己无法处理金属卡, 可以将其寄回发行机构。故选 F。

【39 题详解】

根据空后内容 “It’s a good idea to check your account statement to make sure there’s been no fraud.(检查你的账户对账单以确保没有欺诈行为是个好主意。)” 可知, 检查账户对账单是有必要的。选项 D “Take care with debit cards and other plastic where fraud means you might be missing money.(小心使用借记卡和其他信用卡, 因为欺诈意味着你可能会丢失钱。)” 与下文内容一致, 指的是欺诈可能会让你丢钱, 所以要及时检查账户。故选 D。

【40 题详解】

根据空后内容 “Closing an old card decreases the average age of your accounts.(关闭一张旧卡会减少你账户的平均年龄。)” 可知, 关闭旧的信用卡会减少账户的年龄。选项 B “Scores also consider the length of time you’ve had the card open(信用评分还会考虑你开户的时间长短。)” 指的是信用评分会考虑到你开户时间的长短, 与空后内容一致。故选 B。

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。

Stephanie rescued Flynn from an animal centre in 2014, after she was found as a puppy wandering the streets alone. “She was super shy and sweet, and absolutely ____41____ of men,” Stephanie recalled. “We ____42____ and she overcame her unpleasant experience.”

But in May 2020, six-year-old Flynn suddenly ____43____ her back when she jumped on Stephanie’s bed and landed ____44____ “She became paralysed and her two back legs stopped working,” Stephanie said.

Flynn had to have emergency ____45____ and a month of recovery before she could put one paw in front of the other again. “Quite a few people told me to ____46____ and said she’d be a lot of work, but I never would. I had ____47____ and I knew God would help her,” Stephanie said.

One year on, their roles ____48____ when Stephanie was diagnosed with a cancer in September 2021. Flynn became ____49____ from Stephanie and refused to leave her side until she got better. “Flynn was my biggest ____50____. I couldn’t have got through it without her,” Stephanie said. “She ____51____ me every day. When I am tired or unwell, I think about how she ____52____. She never quit. We’ve been through all the highs and lows of life together.”

Seven-year-old Flynn’s ____53____ doesn’t just inspire Stephanie, but lots of strangers too. Stephanie is ____54____ to her supportive family for helping her through her own health ____55____, and to all of Flynn’s social media followers.

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| 41. A. tolerant | B. frightened | C. confident | D. ignorant |
| 42. A. bonded | B. followed | C. suspected | D. failed |
| 43. A. trembled | B. stretched | C. lowered | D. broke |
| 44. A. skillfully | B. cautiously | C. awkwardly | D. safely |
| 45. A. power | B. surgery | C. conference | D. supplies |
| 46. A. take her in | B. pick her up | C. put her down | D. show her around |
| 47. A. faith | B. courage | C. mercy | D. regret |
| 48. A. disappeared | B. expanded | C. conflicted | D. exchanged |
| 49. A. withdrawn | B. inseparable | C. different | D. invisible |
| 50. A. decision | B. mistake | C. possibility | D. support |
| 51. A. believes | B. inspires | C. amazes | D. carries |
| 52. A. pushed on | B. took responsibility | C. gave away | D. made trouble |
| 53. A. determination | B. hardship | C. confidence | D. positiveness |
| 54. A. sensitive | B. committed | C. grateful | D. compared |
| 55. A. plans | B. battles | C. warning | D. education |

【答案】41. B 42. A 43. D 44. C 45. B 46. C 47. A 48. D 49. B 50. D 51. B 52. A
53. D 54. C 55. B

【导语】本文是一篇记叙文。文章主要讲述了 Stephanie 从一家动物中心救出了 Flynn, 从此彼此互相支持互相关爱的暖人心的故事。

【41 题详解】

考查形容词词义辨析。句意：。Stephanie 回忆说：“她非常害羞、可爱，而且非常害怕人类。我们很亲密，她克服了那次不愉快的经历。” A. tolerant 容忍的；B. frightened 害怕的；C. confident 自信的；D. ignorant 无知的。根据上文 “She was super shy and sweet”，可知，Flynn 非常害羞，由此可知，空处指的是她很怕人。故选 B。

【42 题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：。Stephanie 回忆说：“她非常害羞、可爱，而且非常害怕人类。我们很亲密，她克服了那次不愉快的经历。” A. bonded 连结、发展亲密关系；B. followed 追随；C. suspected 怀疑；D. failed 失败。根据下文 “she overcame her unpleasant experience.” 可知，她们俩之间的关系非常亲密。故选 A。

【43 题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：但在 2020 年 5 月，6 岁的 Flynn 跳上 Stephanie 的床笨拙地跌在地上时，突然摔断了背。A. trembled 颤抖；B. stretched 延伸；C. lowered 降低；D. broke 打破、折断。根据下文 “She became paralysed and her two back legs stopped working” 可知，Flynn 瘫痪了，由此可知，她是摔断了背。故选 D。

【44 题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：但在 2020 年 5 月，6 岁的 Flynn 跳上 Stephanie 的床笨拙地跌在地上时，突然摔断了背。A. skillfully 娴熟地；B. cautiously 小心地；C. awkwardly 笨拙地；D. safely 安全地。根据上文 “six-year-old Flynn suddenly___3___her back” 以及下文 “She became paralysed and her two back legs stopped working” 可知，Flynn 落地时很笨拙，所以才摔断了背。故选 C。

【45 题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：Flynn 不得不接受紧急手术，花了一个月的时间恢复，才能够再次把一只爪子放在另一只爪子前面。A. power 力量、权力；B. surgery 手术；C. conference 会议；D. supplies 补给。根据下文 “a month of recovery before she could put one paw in front of the other again.” 可知，她接受了手术。故选 B。

【46 题详解】

考查动词短语词义辨析。句意：“很多人告诉我要将她，说她是个大麻烦，但我从来没有这样做过。我有信心，我知道上帝会帮助她，” Stephanie 说。A. take her in 欺骗她；B. pick her up 接她；C. put her down 奚落她、杀死她；D. show her around 带她四处闲逛。根据下文 “said she’d be a lot of work” 可知，人们都认为她是个大麻烦，所以让 Stephanie 把她杀了。故选 C。

【47 题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：“很多人告诉我要将她，说她是个大麻烦，但我从来没有这样做过。我有信心，我知道上帝会帮助她，” Stephanie 说。A. faith 信念；B. courage 勇气；C. mercy 仁慈；D. regret 遗憾。根据下文 “I knew God would help her” 可知，Stephanie 相信 Flynn 会活下来。故选 A。

【48 题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：一年后，当 Stephanie 于 2021 年 9 月被诊断出患有癌症时，他们的角色互换了。A. disappeared 消失；B. expanded 扩张；C. conflicted 冲突；D. exchanged 交换。根据上文可知，Stephanie 一直相信 Flynn 一定会活下来；而根据下文 “Flynn became ___9___from Stephanie and refused to leave her side until she got better.” 可知，Stephanie 患病后，Flynn 一直守在她身边，由此可知，两人的角色互换了。故选 D。

【49 题详解】

考查形容词词义辨析。句意：Flynn 变得离不开 Stephanie，直到她好转才离开她的身边。A. withdrawn 离群的；B. inseparable 不能分的；C. different 不同的；D. invisible 看不见的。根据下文 “refused to leave her side until she got better.” Flynn 从不离开 Stephanie。故选 B。

【50 题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：“Flynn 是我最大的支持者。没有她，我不可能熬过去，” Stephanie 说。A. decision 决定；B. mistake 错误；C. possibility 可能性；D. support 支持。根据下文 “I couldn’t have got through it without her” 可知，Stephanie 认为 Flynn 是最大的支持者。故选 D。

【51 题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：“她每天都在激励我。当我累了或不舒服的时候，我就会想起她是如何坚持下去的。她从不放弃。我们一起经历了人生的起起落落。” A. believes 相信；B. inspires 激励；C. amazes 使惊叹；D. carries 携带。根据下文 “When I am tired or unwell, I think about how she___12___. She never quit. We’ve been through all the highs and lows of life together.” 可知，Flynn 的精神激励着 Stephanie 战胜了疾病。故选 B。

【52 题详解】

考查动词短语词义辨析。句意：“她每天都在激励我。当我累了或不舒服的时候，我就会想起她是如何坚持下去的。

她从不放弃。我们一起经历了人生的起起落落。” A. pushed on 推动、坚持; B. took responsibility 承担责任; C. gave away 赠送; D. made trouble 制造麻烦。根据下文 “She never quit.” 可知, Flynn 不管遇到什么困难都会坚持下去。故选 A。

【53 题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意: 7 岁的 Flynn 的积极态度不仅激励了 Stephanie, 也激励了许多陌生人。A. determination 决心; B. hardship 艰难; C. confidence 信心; D. positiveness 肯定、积极性。根据上文内容可知, Flynn 摔断了背后依然坚持活了下来, 甚至还能够动自己的爪子, 不管遇到什么, Flynn 都会坚持下去, 这是一种积极的生活态度。故选 D。

【54 题详解】

考查形容词词义辨析。句意: Stephanie 感谢支持她的家人帮助她度过了自己的健康斗争, 也感谢 Flynn 所有的社交媒体粉丝。A. sensitive 敏感的; B. committed 忠诚的; C. grateful 感激的; D. compared 比较。根据上文 “Flynn was my biggest ___10___ I couldn’t have got through it without her” 可推断, Stephanie 对 Flynn 充满感激。故选 C。

【55 题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意: Stephanie 感谢支持她的家人帮助她度过了自己的健康斗争, 也感谢 Flynn 所有的社交媒体粉丝。A. plans 计划; B. battles 战斗; C. warning 警告; D. education 教育。根据上文 “One year on, their roles ___8___ when Stephanie was diagnosed with a cancer in September 2021.” 可知, Stephanie 对 Flynn 充满感激, 包括 Flynn 帮助自己度过了自己的健康斗争。故选 B。

第二节 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

Sam Altman, the chief executive of OpenAI, ___56___ (issue) a warning to lawmakers to act before artificially intelligent technology causes “significant harm ___57___ the world,” said Cat Zakrzewski in The Washington Post. Testifying before a Senate Judiciary committee this week, Altman “advocated a number of ___58___ (regulate)—including a new government agency ___59___ (charge) with creating standards” for AI. Unlike contentious hearings with other tech CEOs, lawmakers “appeared in a listening mood” with Altman, ___60___ company developed the breakthrough AI chatbot ChatGPT. Altman said the technology could ___61___ (use) for disinformation, emotional manipulation, or even “target drone strikes.” Yet he affirmed “his company will continue” ___62___ (enhance) its AI models.

The hearing left Washington with decisions ___63___ (make). There is no consensus on ___64___ to do about “the large language models that are trained on copyrighted works.” AI-driven propaganda, though, may be the single most urgent problem. Altman admitted one of his “areas ___65___ greatest concern” was AI-created disinformation that could influence the 2024 election.

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【导语】本文是一篇新闻报道。该报道主要报道了 OpenAI 首席执行官 Sam Altman 向立法者发出警告, 要求他们在人工智能技术 “对世界造成重大伤害” 之前采取行动。

【56 题详解】

考查时态。句意: OpenAI 首席执行官 Sam Altman 向立法者发出警告, 要求他们在人工智能技术 “对世界造成重大伤害” 之前采取行动, 《华盛顿邮报》的 Cat Zakrzewski 说。考查本句谓语动词, 根据下文 “said Cat Zakrzewski in The Washington Post.” 可知, 本句时态为一般过去时。故填 issued。

【57 题详解】

考查固定搭配。句意: OpenAI 首席执行官 Sam Altman 向立法者发出警告, 要求他们在人工智能技术 “对世界造成重大伤害” 之前采取行动, 《华盛顿邮报》的 Cat Zakrzewski 说。固定搭配: cause harm to, 意为 “对……造成危害”。故填 to。

【58 题详解】

考查名词的数。句意: 周, Altman 在参议院司法委员会作证时, “主张制定一系列法规——包括设立一个新的政府机构, 负责为人工智能制定标准”。根据空前的 “a number of” 可知, 空处为名词的复数形式。故填 regulations。

【59 题详解】

考查非谓语动词。句意: 周, Altman 在参议院司法委员会作证时, “主张制定一系列法规——包括设立一个新的政府机构, 负责为人工智能制定标准”。这里为非谓语动词担当后置定语, 动词 “charge” 和被修饰词 “a new government agency” 之间存在被动关系, 用过去分词形式。故填 charged。

【60 题详解】

考查定语从句。句意：与其他科技公司首席执行官举行的有争议的听证会不同，议员们对 Altman 的听证会“表现出倾听的心情”。Altman 的公司开发了突破性的人工智能聊天机器人 ChatGPT。这里为定语从句的关系词，先行词为“Altman”，和空后的“company”之间存在所有关系，用关系代词 whose。故填 whose。

【61 题详解】

考查语态。句意：Altman 说，这项技术可以用于虚假信息、情绪操纵，甚至是“无人机打击目标”。这里为本句谓语动词，出现在情态动词之后，用动词原形；主语为“the technology”，和动词“use”之间为被动关系。故填 be used。

【62 题详解】

考查非谓语动词。句意：然而，他肯定“他的公司将继续”增强其人工智能模型。这里为非谓语动词担当动词“continue”的宾语，用动名词形式，表示“继续做正在做的事”。故填 enhancing。

【63 题详解】

考查非谓语动词。句意：听证会让华盛顿不得不做出决定。这里为非谓语动词担当宾语补足语，表示“该动作还未发生”，用动词不定式形式。故填 to make。

【64 题详解】

考查疑问词。句意：对于如何处理“受版权保护作品训练的大型语言模型”，目前还没有达成共识。这里为“疑问词+to do”担当介词之后的宾语，分析成分可知，动词“do”之后缺少宾语，用 what。故填 what。

【65 题详解】

考查介词。句意：Altman 承认，他“最担心的领域之一”是人工智能制造的虚假信息，这些信息可能会影响 2024 年的大选。这里为介词短语担当后置定语，修饰名词“areas”，表示“……的”，用介词 of。故填 of。