

江苏省无锡市锡山区 2023-2024 学年八年级上学期期末英语试卷

一、单项选择

1. The birdwatcher said nothing. Nobody knows what was going _____ his mind.
A. across B. past C. through D. around
2. Good news! We'll have _____ days off for the coming winter vacation than usual.
A. fewer B. more C. less D. better
3. — What's your plan for the winter holiday?
— I _____ go back to my hometown with my parents. They haven't decided yet.
A. must B. may C. need D. should
4. Zoe joined the Reading Club and made more friends with the same _____.
A. secret B. interest
C. quality D. personality
5. — Excuse me, which bus can I take to Dangkou Ancient Town?
— Sorry. _____ of these buses will take you there.
A. All B. Nothing C. None D. Both
6. People find the movie *Captain Marvel II* quite boring. _____, the songs are wonderful.
A. However B. Otherwise C. Instead D. Moreover
7. —Mum, the final exam is coming. I feel quite nervous.
—Shall we do some outdoor activities? Let the sunshine _____ all your worries.
A. stay away B. run away C. put away D. wash away
8. — What can AI _____ us?
— An easier way of learning.
A. protect B. provide C. prepare D. prevent
9. Which of the following has the same sentence structure as "Snow makes children feel excited."?
A. The ground becomes white.
B. Children make a snowman together.
C. Snow brings children lots of fun.
D. You can see children play happily.
10. —I'm afraid I can't go shopping with you tomorrow. I have a cold and cough a lot.
— _____

A. No way.

B. That's nothing.

C. What a pity!

D. No problem.

二、完形填空 (10 分)

When you look at animals, what do you see? Wang Qing, a student in the 8th grade, sees animals as good friends. But not 11 thinks this way. Wang once searched for the meaning of the word “xiong” in The Contemporary Chinese Dictionary when he was studying 12. To his surprise, it said the paw of a bear was a kind of delicious food. He went on to look up “hu” and “lang” in the dictionary (字典), and the 13 were almost the same. Wang was 14. “These are our dear friends,” he said. “How can we think only of eating them or making medicine (药) from them?” So Wang wrote to the editors (编辑) of the dictionary and told them they should make some 15. “I think it's better to tell us if an animal is a rare type and how many of them are 16,” he added.

In fact, Wang isn't the only student who noticed these 17 ideas. During a school trip to Beijing Botanical Garden (北京植物园) on Sunday, Grade 8 students Peng Yiting and Zhao Weike from Beijing No.80 Middle School found many signs telling 18 plants can be used. On one of the signs, visitors can see the introduction like this—“The juice of the plant can be made into medicine and is good for the skin.”

“The signs should also tell us to 19 to protect wildlife while using it,” Peng said. Zhao said many people needed to change their ideas about wildlife. He advised people to think what we can do to protect it, not just what we can get from it.

Did you see 20 like these in zoos or gardens in your city? Then please write to the government and ask them to help people change their minds.

11.

A. anybody

B. everybody

C. somebody

D. nobody

12.

A. seasons

B. plants

C. disasters

D. animals

13.

A. records

B. reports

C. reasons

D. results

14.

A. unlucky

B. unsure

C. unhappy

D. unhealthy

15.

A. changes

B. courses

C. calls

D. causes

16.

A. active

B. free

C. lost

D. left

17.

A. difficult

B. wrong

C. perfect

D. interesting

18.

A. how

B. why

C. when

D. what

19.

A. happen

B. forget

C. remember

D. fail

20.

A. accidents

B. questions

C. problems

D. reasons

三、阅读理解 （6分）

Invitation



Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you to the opening of our new library at No. 9 High School. The opening will be on the morning of Wednesday, January 8th at 9:00. After this, you can enjoy our school concert. Then lunch will be in the school hall at 12:00. I would also like to invite each parent to bring one book as a gift for the new library. Please reply in writing to this invitation by Friday, December 20th.

Larry Smith

Headmaster

21. When will the opening take place?

A. At 9 a.m. on Wednesday. B. At 9 a.m. on Friday.

C. At 12 a.m. on Wednesday. D. At 12 a.m. on Friday.

22. Parents can reply to this invitation by _____.

A. calling

B. emailing

C. messaging

D. writing

23. What will happen after the opening?













A. Parents can borrow a book from the library.

B. Parents can enjoy the school concert.

C. Parents can get a gift from the headmaster.

D. Parents can have dinner in the school hall.

Anna and her family didn't enjoy their trip to Haikou during the National Holiday because of the weather.

Oct. 3, 2023		Haikou			
23℃/27℃ Partly rainy		Air quality: Excellent Wind speed: 12—28 km/h			
		 What to wear Long sleeve	 Exercise Ideal	 Cold risk Low	 Wash car Not advised
Sunrise/Sunset Sunrise: 5:56 Sunset: 19:24		Moonrise/Moonset Moonrise: 20:22 Moonset: 7:37			
Saturday Oct 4	Sunday Oct 5	Monday Oct 6	Tuesday Oct 7	Wednesday Oct 8	Thursday Oct 9
					
23℃/27℃	24℃/27℃	24℃/27℃	23℃/27℃	23℃/28℃	24℃/28℃

24. What was the weather like on Oct.3?

A. More cloudy. B. Partly Rainy. C. Kind of cold. D. Windy and bright.

25. Which day was the most suitable to have a sunbath?

A. Tuesday. B. Wednesday. C. Thursday. D. Friday.

26. If Anna wanted to watch sunrise, when should she get up?

A. Before 5:56. B. Before 7:37.

C. After 19:24. D. After 20:22.

27. How did Anna and her family feel about this trip?

A. Unhappy. B. Wonderful. C. Excited. D. Cheerful.

“That is so unfair (不公平)!” Holly angrily threw down her napkin and jumped up from the table.

“Sit down and finish your dinner,” her mother said.

“No way!” said Holly. Her face was red, her eyes flashing.

“Don’t talk to your mother like that,” said her father. He was angry, too.

Her sister Sophie looked down at her plate and smiled a secret little smile. Holly walked towards the door. Her father stood up.

“Where are you going?” he asked. Holly looked back from the open door.

“I’m leaving.”

“What do you mean, leaving?”

“I’m not staying her another minute. I’m leaving home!”

And with that, Holly walked quickly out and noisily shut the door behind her.

“Come back in here!” her father shouted. But Holly didn’t come back. They heard her footsteps banging up the stairs.

“This is ridiculous!” he said loudly.

Holly’s father was very red in the face.

“She’s only thirteen years old!” he said, picking up his knife and fork.

“You know what she’s like,” Sophie said, playing with her long blond hair. “She is just protesting (抗议). She always has to protest about something.”

“Leaving home!” Her father said, shaking his head.

“Don’t worry, Alan,” Holly’s mother Sandra said. “Holly isn’t going anywhere.” And then they heard a door slam.

“What was that?” Sandra looked up, surprised. “Was that the front door? Alan!”

All three stood up. Alan rushed to the door, but Sophie stopped him. “Relax, Dad,” she said. “Look.” Sophie pointed to the window. They saw Holly walking across the grass to the old oak tree at the end of the garden. She was carrying a rucksack (帆布背包). Her dog Eco was running along beside her.

“What on earth is that girl doing?” her father asked. His face was only pink now, but he was still very annoyed.

Holly stopped at the bottom of the tree. She looked back at the house, picked up Eco, then waved at her family...

From *Holly the Eco Warrior*

28. What does the underlined word “annoyed” mean?

- A. Nervous. B. Angry. C. Surprised. D. Strange.

29. Who does the underline word “her” in Line 9 refer to (指代)?

- A. Holly. B. Sophie. C. Sandra. D. Alan.

30. Which is the right order according to the passage?

- a.Holly and her family had dinner together.
b.Holly went to the bottom of the oak tree.
c.Sophie talked about the reason for Holly’s anger.
d.Holly closed the front door heavily.

- A. a-c-d-b B. a-d-c-b C. d-c-a-b D. d-b-c-a

31. How did Father feel about Holly's leaving?

- A. He was worried about Holly leaving.
- B. He kept icy calm all the time.
- C. He didn't think that's a big problem.
- D. He thought Holly was right.



Major Snow, the 21st solar term (节气) of the year, falls on Dec 7 this year. It means the beginning of midwinter. During Major Snow, the temperature drops greatly and there may be more snow days.

The arrival of snow adds a delightful touch to the cold days. The snow in North China may go on a whole day, breaking tree branches and blocking the road while snow doesn't happen a lot, but just a little, great fun in the South.

The natural scenery is "ice blockading for hundred smiles and snow flying through thousands miles", "From hill to hill no bird in flight; From path to path no man in sight". In the South, the snowflakes fly around and the world turns white.

There's a Chinese saying: "A fall of snow gives promise of a fruitful year." Most farmers welcome snow because snow can protect crops from cold fronts and keep the fields warm. Even if it melts (融化), it also can provide enough water for the crops in the spring.

Snow season is also good for skiing and skating. In northern China, there are many places for natural snow and ice. For example, Heilongjiang and Jilin provinces often already have big snow in November. People can also go to the frozen lakes to play ice sports. But people in the south will stay indoors to enjoy the winter activities. People in Chongqing like to have potted lamb soup or stewed lamb soup with their families and friends. People in Nanjing like to stew the lamb with yams or wolfberries to make it more delicious.

32. How does the writer describe the beauty of snow?

- A. By giving examples.
- B. By introducing activities.
- C. By showing pictures.
- D. By using sayings and poems.

33. What does the underlined sentence mean in Paragraph 4?

- A. A fall of snow can lead to a fruitful year.
- B. A fall of snow can be dangerous to a fruitful year.
- C. A fall of snow can help farmers harvest much fruit.
- D. A fall of snow can prevent farmers from a good harvest.

34. What can we know about Major Snow from the passage?

- A. During Major Snow, the temperature falls greatly.
- B. Major Snow is the most beautiful term among all.
- C. People in the north like to stay indoors to enjoy the winter activities.
- D. All the farmers like snow because it can offer enough water to the crops.

35. The following paragraph can go best after _____.

During Major Snow, it is drier and colder, so people should drink more water. At the same time, don't drink cold water after exercise.

- A. Paragraph 2 B. Paragraph 3 C. Paragraph 4 D. Paragraph 5

四、信息还原

“Collage” is the art of making a picture from other pictures and materials. “Collage” is a French word.

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The method (办法) is in use for hundreds of years. However, it became more popular in the 20th century. It was used by artists like Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso. 37 There are apps and computer programs to make collages with.

38 Paper is the most common (常见) material. You can use newspapers, magazines, books and so on.

39 Then you can add paint, ribbons, buttons, pieces of wood or anything you want.

A collage can be a picture of a person, an animal or a place. 40 This means that it does not show real things, but the artist's ideas. Many successful artists make abstract pictures. A collage could be funny or serious or just pretty.

- A. You can use many different materials to make a collage.
- B. However, a good collage is often “abstract (抽象的)”.
- C. It means “to glue”.

- D. Today this method is still very popular.
- E. Find some old magazines or books.
- F. You can decide what picture to make before.
- G. You can also use photos.

五、词汇运用

41. The boy became much _____ (困倦的) after reading for 3 hours without stopping.
42. _____ (摇晃) the bottle before you drink the orange juice.
43. The little boy spent a lot of time _____ (数) the birds in the wetland.
44. The officer told me all the _____ (渔民) names just now.
45. The _____ (突然) death of his pet dog made the whole family sad.
46. The weather will be _____ (main) dry and cold in the following days.
47. I'm sorry to hear that a fireman died because of _____ (save) a girl in a big fire.
48. When the season changes, many people catch a cold _____ (easy).
49. In the _____ (begin), my friend in Chenghua Middle school heard a loud noise when the earthquake hit Qinghai on 21 December, 2023.
50. Jerry was so careless that he gave an _____ (correct) answer at last.

六、完成句子

51. 你认为我们应该同情那些无家可归的人吗?

Do you think we should _____ the homeless?

52. 那些游客花了半小时才在浓雾中找到了出路。

It took the tourists half an hour _____ because of the thick fog.

53. 许多海洋生物现在面临着严重问题。

Many sea creatures _____ now.

54. 冰岛的火山喷发导致了野生动植物的生存空间越来越少。

Volcanic eruptions in Iceland led to _____ for wildlife.

55. 地震发生时, 我们应该冷静下来, 而不是慌忙地跑向四面八方。

When an earthquake happens, we should calm down _____ in a hurry.

七、综合阅读 (10 分)

The Little Bear hid in the forest under a pile of bushes. He was very a 56 and wanted to go home. But he couldn't. He was l 57. And the hunter was getting closer.

The Little Bear knew the forest was 58 (danger). His mother told him 59 (stay) close to home.

He wouldn't listen. He chased a fish swimming in the river. It looked so delicious! He wanted to catch it and bring it home for dinner. But the fish was 60 (fast) than the Little Bear. He followed the river deep into the forest and got lost. Was home to the right or to the left? The Little Bear couldn't r61.

The Little Bear was afraid of the hunter. He was tall and strong and when he walked, the ground shook! The Little Bear looked up from his hiding place. The hunter always 62 (wear) a red winter cap. The Little Bear looked for the red cap and sniffed the air. He could smell the hunter. All humans were smelly, but the hunter was the 63 (bad)! CRACK! The Little Bear heard a branch break. He froze. The hunter was close.

The Little Bear climbed the tree beside him. From the highest branch, he could see the hunter below. The hunter stepped on the Little Bear's old hiding place. He kicked the 64 (leaf). Then he called out to the Little Bear.

"Come out, Little Bear! The game is over."

The Little Bear wanted the game to be over. But he didn't want the hunter to win, so he stayed very q65.

八、书面表达 (15 分)

66. 朋友圈中总能欣赏到许多关于四季美景的图片,为了留住这些美丽画面,你有感而发就“How can we protect our earth”写了一篇小短文,内容如下:

Feelings	*my favourite season and the reason *people take photos because...
Worries	*wild animals... *natural disasters... *our earth...
Action	*we should...

注意事项:

- (1) 短文须包括所给内容要点, 要求语句通顺, 意思连贯, 展开合理想象, 做适当发挥;
- (2) 词数在 90 个左右, 短文的开头已给出, 不计入总数;
- (3) 短文中不得提及真实的人名、校名等相关信息。

How To Protect the Earth?

When talking about seasons, people hold different ideas.
