

Information and structure, 40 percent

Does the podcast tell a good story or teach us something new and important? Is it structured in a way that keeps listeners engaged? Can we easily follow the story you're telling or the information you're explaining? Have you spent time cutting out unnecessary information to make sure the main ideas come through clearly?

Personality and creativity, 40 percent

Does it have personality, or does it sound like you're reading from a script(脚本)? Does it make us laugh or cry or leave us deep in thought?

Production, 20 percent

We're not judging you on how fancy your equipment is and we don't expect you to be an expert on recording and editing sound, but we hope you'll try.

Some podcasts may use a narration(讲述) format. Others may be more of an interview format. If you use sound apart from interviews and narration, make sure it is clear and smooth.

21. What is the deadline for handing in your podcast?

- A. January 6. B. February 18. C. March 26. D. April 28.

22. Who are qualified to submit the podcast to the competition?

- A. All monitors. B. Any student. C. Teachers. D. Parents.

23. What is a requirement for the entries?

- A. They should be more than eight minutes. B. They must be well structured and edited.
C. They have to adopt an interview format. D. They must be produced with special sound effects.

B

On February 20, the science fiction magazine *Clarkesworld* was forced to stop accepting any new articles from writers after it was flooded with AI-written stories.

"By the time we closed on the 20th, we had received 500 human written stories and 700 AI written ones," said editor-in-chief Neil Clarke. "It was increasing at such a speed that we figured that by the end of the month, we would have doubled the number of articles we normally have. The rate had been growing from previous months, and we were concerned that we had to do something to stop it."

Worries about AI misuse have frequently appeared in headlines recently, particularly since the launch of ChatGPT in November, 2022, which can not only answer a broad range of questions, but also create original poems and stories.

Clarke said magazines like his, which pay contributors for their work, were being targeted by people trying to make quick money. He said he had already spoken to editors of other magazines and that all of them had agreed to stop accepting AI-written articles. He also admitted that the humor of his sci-fi magazine being targeted by AI robots is not lost on him.

"You know, our mascot(吉祥物) is a robot. So we see the irony," he said. "But the thing is that science fiction is often intended to give a warning to people. We don't celebrate technology just because it exists. We want to make sure that we're using it right. And there are some significant legal and moral issues around this technology that we're not ready to accept."

Clarke said the magazine didn't know how to deal with the issue, and part of the motivation to speak out was in the hope of finding some solutions. He also said the quality of the AI-written stories was very poor.

24. What's the matter with the magazine *Clarkesworld*?

- A. It will close down forever. B. It was targeted by AI writing robots.
C. It stopped paying contributors. D. It has lost many good authors.

25. What can we infer about other magazines' attitude to the AI-written stories?
A. Disapproving. B. Favorable. C. Unknown. D. Tolerant.
26. What does Neil Clarke say about science fiction?
A. It often intends to find some solutions.
B. It welcomes the existing new technologies.
C. It will accept AI-written stories in the near future.
D. It often tries to warn the dark side of technologies.
27. Where is this text most likely from?
A. A notice. B. A science fiction. C. A news report. D. A book review.

C

The new Webb telescope has discovered what appear to be galaxies(星系) that date back to within 600 million years of the Big Bang. The six newly discovered objects suggest that the early universe may have been developing unexpectedly fast to produce these huge galaxies.

While the new telescope has spotted even older galaxies, dating to within 300 million years of the beginning of the universe, it's the size of these six galaxies that shock the researchers.

"Most galaxies in this era are still small and only gradually growing larger over time," lead researcher Ivo Labbe of Australia's Swinburne University of Technology said. "But these six galaxies are fast-tracking to maturity. Why this is the case or how this works is unknown."

According to the report, which was published in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, each of the six objects weighs billions of times more than our sun. In one of them, the total weight of all its stars may be as much as 100 billion times greater than our sun.

The Pennsylvania State University's Joel Leja, who also took part in the study, said, "What we found is so unexpected that it actually creates problems for science and it might call the whole picture of early galaxy formation into question."

These galaxy observations were among the first set of data from the \$10 billion Webb telescope, which was just launched over a year ago. Unlike Hubble, the bigger and more powerful Webb can see through clouds of dust with its infrared(红外的) vision and discover galaxies previously undetected. Scientists hope to eventually observe the first stars and galaxies formed following the creation of the universe 13.8 billion years ago.

The researchers are still waiting for official confirmation. "It's possible that a few of the objects might not be galaxies, but black holes. One early lesson from Webb is to let go of our expectations and be ready to be surprised," Labbe said. "Next year it will tell us."

28. What is special about the six newly detected objects?
A. Their age. B. Their color. C. Their size. D. Their shape.
29. What do the underlined words "fast-tracking to maturity" in paragraph 3 mean?
A. Turning quickly. B. Circling smoothly. C. Travelling fast. D. Growing rapidly.
30. What can we learn about the two telescopes?
A. Hubble can see further than Webb. B. Webb is more powerful than Hubble.
C. Webb is much cheaper than Hubble. D. Hubble is relatively bigger than Webb.
31. What does Ivo Labbe mean in the last paragraph?
A. The data might not be complete. B. The researchers will be disappointed.
C. He does not agree with Joel Leja. D. The new Webb telescope is unreliable.

D

During the industrial age, when high school was key to the American dream, public-school systems covered the costs of earning a diploma. Today, however, as college degrees have replaced high-school diplomas as the ticket into the middle class, families are forced to cover the costs of higher education and more. If the information-age economy demands a workforce with higher education, the US government needs to make the same deal with students and their families; Anyone willing to work hard and earn the degree should be able to attend college—for free.

With that basic bargain in mind, Michigan has lately joined Oregon, Rhode Island and Tennessee in experimenting with ways to make community college free. Under the terms of the Chicago Star Scholarship, a program that has already enrolled more than 6,000 students, if a student at a public high school in Michigan maintains a B average, the state will provide a free degree at a local community college. Then, through another program Chicago Star Plus, students who have scored 3.0 GPA are qualified to receive a tuition discount at 18 of the four-year colleges located in Michigan.

Chicago Star Scholarship and Chicago Star Plus are already changing young lives. Its high-school graduation rate grew from 56.9 percent in 2011 to 78.2 percent in 2022. And Chicago Star Plus' college attending rate is 86 percent, well above the national average of 62.7 percent.

More than a century ago, America achieved an explosion of social mobility by creating a supportive public school system that runs to 12th grade. By adding community colleges to the nation's public-school systems and educational requirements, we can strengthen the belief in the American dream again.

32. What does the author suggest the US government do today?

- A. Cancel all college students' debts.
- B. Reduce the costs for the middle class.
- C. Provide free higher education for qualified students.
- D. Help poor families to cover the fees of higher education.

33. Who can receive the Chicago Star Scholarship?

- A. Any student who has achieved 3.0 GPA.
- B. All public high school students in Michigan.
- C. All students admitted into the 18 four-year colleges.
- D. Any Michigan public high schooler who maintains a B average.

34. What is the third paragraph mainly about?

- A. The significance of the programs in Michigan.
- B. The high dropout rate in the US colleges.
- C. The potential costs of Chicago Star Plus.
- D. The popularization of higher education in the US.

35. How is the text mainly developed?

- A. By analyzing data.
- B. By listing examples.
- C. By making comparisons.
- D. By conducting surveys.

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。

According to Jaime Roberts, good consulting is often about loosening the body, opening the mind and ~~are~~ are often than not, keeping the mouth shut.

Your body language matters

Jaime Roberts has been one of my go-to experts for advice for decades. When I once asked her why she was so good at consulting, she was quick to mention her body language. “36,” she said. “Otherwise, they might not open up to me as much as I would want them to.”

You don't have to fix the problem

That's another thing Jaime Roberts has learned on the job. “People who ask ‘What should I do?’ often want to process a problem themselves. 37,” she said. “Part of the trick is remembering that listening is the best thing you have to do, in most cases.”

You don't need to give advice right now

Texts and FaceTime might be immediate, but your advice doesn't have to be. 38. “Forcing yourself to give advice when you can't will do more harm than good,” she said.

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You're bound to hear about problems you haven't experienced firsthand. That's why Jaime Roberts says you should let them know that you're just human beings with limited experience. 40.

- A. Don't say their choices are wrong
- B. You cannot give advice as giving someone an order
- C. I try to appear relaxed and avoid looks of shock or judgment
- D. You don't need to have the same problem to be a good consultant
- E. But you should let them know you will do your best to understand them
- F. You're a good consultant if you can help them fix the problem on their own
- G. You can politely explain to them that you will talk to them when you're ready

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

Sujata Halarnkar would like to eat fish curry(咖喱) every day. It's a very 41 curry with the basic ingredients(原料), nothing very fancy. However, it's a recipe passed down from her 42 who is still living in Mumbai, India.

Halarnkar now lives in Yuma, Arizona, but she 43 in Mumbai, and her grandparents lived in a(n) 44 coastal village. Her mother would send her to her grandparents' home for 45. There, her grandma would cook this curry for her.

“They lived in a neighboring village and I went there almost every week. That is one of the 46 memories I had about my childhood,” Halarnkar said. “We had a pretty and peaceful beach to ourselves and we would 47 fish from the sea every morning.”

48 later, fish curry is still the comfort food to Halarnkar, who said her family always cooks it when they 49 at weekends in the US.

“We'll go out to the fish market, buy fresh 50 and make this curry,” she said. “We don't even worry about vegetables. We just eat some steamed rice and this fish curry.”

Halarnkar has passed on the 51 to her daughter Natasha, who lives in San Diego and shares Halarnkar's love of cooking. And even though the next 52 has the recipe, Halarnkar said she still 53 the curry her grandma made in India. In fact, she's looking forward to having it next time she goes to 54 her

“I'm 100% sure that she is going to make it for me when I 55 there,” Halarnkar said.

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| 41. A. expensive | B. extraordinary | C. new | D. traditional |
| 42. A. grandmother | B. husband | C. aunt | D. neighbor |
| 43. A. passed away | B. settled down | C. grew up | D. cried out |
| 44. A. dangerous | B. nearby | C. busy | D. ugly |
| 45. A. parties | B. schools | C. weekends | D. gifts |
| 46. A. saddest | B. hardest | C. strangest | D. best |
| 47. A. see | B. catch | C. raise | D. save |
| 48. A. Days | B. Weeks | C. Months | D. Decades |
| 49. A. work | B. play | C. hunt | D. gather |
| 50. A. chicken | B. fish | C. meat | D. milk |
| 51. A. recipe | B. talent | C. house | D. thought |
| 52. A. store | B. village | C. generation | D. guest |
| 53. A. avoids | B. invents | C. hides | D. prefers |
| 54. A. pay | B. hug | C. visit | D. treat |
| 55. A. arrive | B. leave | C. move | D. marry |

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 planted millions of trees in its northwest over the past two decades as part of its 56 (amaze) fight against the expanding deserts.

The effort has paid off. Around 2000, deserts across the country were still increasing by 10,400m² a year. But in 2017, they were decreasing by more than 2,400m² a year. The 57 (achieve) was confirmed by a study from the Laboratory of Climate and Environmental Sciences in Paris.

"In 1999, the Chinese government began planting millions of trees in its Grain for Green Program. It 58 (carry) out to repair damaged farmland in northwestern China, 59 is roughly the size of France," says Philippe Ciais, a researcher at the laboratory. "I was there a few months ago, and it is indeed surprising that once bare landscapes are now almost fully covered by plants."

"The growth of forests is significant 60 necessary progress in the fight against desertification," says Jianping Huang, a researcher at Lanzhou University. "But it's still too early to determine whether it has solved the problem. Researchers have found that many of the plant species 61 (introduce) to the region use more water 62 native vegetation. It could lead to water shortages for humans."

The national forestry department has recognized the error. In recent years, it has worked more closely with researchers and communities to find ways to plant less 63 (thirst) plants that have economic value.

"All 64 (program) need to take into account local conditions," the forestry department said in March. "65 (we) efforts should go towards keeping vegetation sustainable, rather than simply planting more trees."

第四部分 写作(共两节,满分 40 分)

第一节 (满分 15 分)

假定你是李华。你的外国笔友 Tom 对你班开展的课外活动(extracurricular activities)非常感兴趣,希望你介绍这方面的有关情况。请你给他回封邮件,内容包括:来源:高三答案公众号

1. 课外活动介绍;
2. 你最喜欢的活动;
3. 喜欢的原因。

注意:

1. 写作词数应为 80 左右;
2. 可以适当增加细节, 以使行文连贯。

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。

After filling out sixty applications, going through three interviews, and winning just one offer, I took what I could get: to teach in a remote area in western New Jersey. I kept reminding myself that I could do what I had always dreamed of doing since I was fourteen: teaching English.

At the school, I worked very hard, only taking time off to eat and sleep. I got along very well with my students who were only seven or eight years younger than me.

But I had a problem long before I knew it. I was struggling in my work as a young idealistic teacher. I wanted to make literature come alive and to promote a love for the written words, while the students preferred to throw paper planes and whisper dirty words in the back of the room.

In college, I had been taught that a successful educator should ignore students' bad behavior. So I did, feeling confident that, as the textbooks had said, the bad behavior would disappear as I gave my students positive attention. It sounded reasonable, but the textbooks evidently ignored the fact that humans, particularly teenagers, rarely seem reasonable.

By the time the principal, who was always ready to fire bad teachers, came into the classroom to observe my class, the students exhibited very little good behavior. After he settled down in the back of the room, the boys in the class were still making animal noises, hitting each other and the girls filed (磨) their nails on real magazines.

I just pretended nothing wrong was happening. I went on lecturing and tried to ask some inspiring questions. The principal seemed to be growing more and more annoyed. After twenty minutes, he left, silently. Visions of unemployment marched before my eyes. I only felt mildly comforted that I powered through the rest of the class without crying.

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。

After class, I was asked to see him. _____

I made up my mind to make a change. _____

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