

20. What will the listeners do at the beginning of the lesson?

- A. Create ideas.
- B. Make introductions.
- C. Write ideas on the board.

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

Reader's Digest has partnered with Rest Less Events to bring you online talks, virtual tours, fitness classes and much more — all to enjoy from the comfort of your own home — join today for FREE!



Who are Rest Less Events?

Rest Less Events are one of the most popular websites for online events and already loved and trusted by more than 45,000 people. They aim to bring like-minded people together through shared interests and experiences, with an emphasis on general well-being.

Altogether, there are over 100 online events each month to try.

How does it work?

Sign up by means of the online registration form at Rest Less Events. Then you can look through the calendar of upcoming events and see what takes your fancy.

Once you register for an event, you will then receive a link on email ready for you to join the live event, but don't worry if your plans change and you can't make it, because you will be able to watch the recording later at a more convenient time.

Best of all, it's completely FREE to join.

Join Rest Less Events today and you get to enjoy any 4 events every month, for free! If you're up for more, then you can either select and book additional events on a pay-as-you-go basis, or you can upgrade to Premium (高品质的) membership giving you full free access to all events for only £4.99 per month.

If you choose to go for the Premium membership, there's no contract. You simply

upgrade your membership and you can cancel anytime -- no questions asked.

21. What is the main purpose of the passage?

- A. To teach people new skills.
- B. To provide people with virtual tours.
- C. To help people make like-minded friends.
- D. To appeal to people to participate in the events.

22. What can you do if you miss a live event?

- A. You can join it another day.
- B. You can register for it again.
- C. You can watch the recording.
- D. You can write an email for a link.

23. How can you enjoy more events?

- A. By signing up an online contract.
 - B. By joining Rest Less Events today.
 - C. By booking additional events for free.
 - D. By paying to upgrade your membership.
- B

So many well-fed cats have achieved fame in today's world of social media that it is difficult to imagine a time when the funny behavior of cats went largely unrecorded. Fortunately, creative types have long seemed to enjoy their company and some past literary greats were only too happy to put pen to paper in celebration of their favourite cats.

Dr Samuel Johnson, is best remembered today for compiling (编纂) the first modern English Dictionary. The entry for cats is hardly flattering: "A domestic animal that catches mice, commonly considered by naturalists the lowest order of the lionlike species." Yet, Johnson is known to have been devoted to his own pets, particularly Hodge, whom he once famously described as "a very fine cat indeed".

During the Bronte sisters' childhood, the three famous 19th-century novelists enjoyed the company of a black cat, named Tom. Charlotte included a description of a pet in *Jane Eyre*, while Emily wrote an essay in French in praise of cats entitled *Le Chat*. The title character of Anne's first novel, *Agnes Grey*, decides her future husband is the man for her when he rescues a cat.

Edgar Allan Poe's story, *The Black Cat*, is so vivid in its description of animal cruelty that it is difficult to imagine its author as an animal lover. Yet, in real life Allan and his cat Catterina were so obviously devoted to each other that, in 1849, they passed away at the exact same moment even though they were many miles apart.

Cats appear in some of the US humorist and novelist's best-known works such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Twain's favourite cat was Bambino, whom he taught to switch off the lamp at night and took great delight in having it show off this party trick.

when visitors came to the house.

In the early 1940s, Hemingway moved to Cuba. Boise became the author's constant companion. Hemingway later featured a cat of the same name in his novel *Islands in the Stream*, which shared many characteristics of his real-life cat including a fondness for hunting fruit rats.

24. What is Paragraph 1 mainly about?
- A. The majority of people recorded their pet cats.
 - B. Some past creative people liked cats and wrote about them.
 - C. Most of the funny behavior of cats was not recorded.
 - D. Modern people like to show off their cats on social media.
25. What does the underlined sentence mean in Paragraph 2?
- A. The cat in the entry is vividly described.
 - B. The description makes the cat attractive.
 - C. The definition of the cat is objective.
 - D. The entry for the cat is eye-catching.
26. How was the cat described in the story *The Black Cat* ?
- A. Devoted.
 - B. Adorable.
 - C. Merciless.
 - D. Reliable.
27. What did the past literary greats mentioned have in common?
- A. They enjoyed the company of their pet cats.
 - B. They took great delight in showing off their cats.
 - C. They named the cats in their works after their pet cats.
 - D. They achieved fame because of the cats they wrote about.

C

The world's longest cave system is an enormous network of 420 miles of twists and turns, with limestone (石灰岩) falling from the ceilings in drops.

Mammoth Cave National Park preserves this unique and historical natural wonder. As large as the limestone cave system is, park officials estimate there may be another 600 miles of cave passageways that have yet to be explored. The incredible rock formations have resulted in the park being recognized as a World Heritage Site, thanks to its extraordinary size and scientific importance -- making it one of only 13 natural US sites with that title.

The caves were created naturally by the process of limestone wearing away. Rain and rivers slowly break down and shape soft limestone, which creates the vast underground network. Not only are they an amazing destination to visit, but the system also provides drinking water for roughly 40% of the US population, and they're of

historical significance too.

The caves act as a time capsule that preserves over 5,000 years of human history — and the caves' first explorers were Native Americans, who mined the upper levels of Mammoth Cave. Thanks to the cave system's atmosphere and natural protection from any kind of human disturbance, the archaeological (考古的) sites have been left in great shape.

Mammoth Cave was established as a national park thanks to strong local support. Back in the 1920s, Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work created the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission in 1925 to survey proposed park sites, including the caves. After years of work acquiring the land for the park, as well as building roads, trails (小径), and public facilities, Mammoth Cave National Park was established on July 1, 1941. The park now receives around 2 million visitors a year, with roughly a quarter taking a tour of the caves — everything from a cultural tour to the more adventurous climbing tours on offer. The cave supports more than 130 wildlife species, such as the eyeless cavefish, which has adapted to the lightless environment by no longer growing eyes, and the cave crayfish.

28. What has made Mammoth Cave National Park a World Heritage Site?

- A. The wildlife species.
- B. The rock formations.
- C. The cave passageways.
- D. The scientific discovery.

29. Why are the caves of historical value?

- A. They are an amazing destination to visit.
- B. They were first explored by Native Americans.
- C. They provide drinking water for the Americans.
- D. They preserve human history of over 5000 years.

30. What can be inferred from the last paragraph?

- A. It took a lot of work to establish the park.
- B. Local people donated the land for the park.
- C. Around 2 million people visit the caves annually.
- D. The site of the park was decided by the secretary.

31. What can be the best title of the passage?

- A. Taking cultural and adventurous tours
- B. Preserving a unique and historical wonder
- C. Exploring the world's longest cave system
- D. Establishing Mammoth Cave National Park

D

When he moved from South Africa to New York City, Norman Rosenthal noticed he

felt more depressed during the cold, short days of the city's winters than he had in his home country.

"It was an illness hiding in plain sight because people said 'well that's how everyone feels in winter.' They didn't see it as treatable," says Rosenthal, a doctor at Georgetown Medical School.

In 1984, he published the first paper to scientifically name the winter blues: Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), also called seasonal depression, was a type of depression brought on by the dark days of winter. Following studies have found that this form of depression varies by geography. And, surprisingly, about 10 percent of patients suffering from SAD have symptoms (症状) in the summertime instead.

"It's fairly accepted that the cause is a short photo-period — the number of hours from dawn to dusk," says Kelly Rohan, a psychologist at the University of Vermont who specializes in the disorder. "It's the strongest predictor of when the symptoms begin."

But why, exactly, does less daylight seem to make some people clinically depressed? "That's the million-dollar question," says Rohan. One leading theory is that the change in daylight interrupts our bodies' release of a chemical element, which the brain releases every night to promote sleep. That is to say, there is a natural biological clock in our body controlling when we sleep and wake. Our clocks are reminded by morning light, but as the supply of daylight decreases in winter, the chemical element may be released later and wear off later, the theory suggests. That means, "that alarm clock might be going off in the morning, but the body is still in a state of biological night," says Rohan. Even given that theory, she says it's still unclear why the interrupted biological clock can lead to depression, instead of just feeling worn out.

For those who think they may be experiencing SAD, experts say a professional diagnosis (诊断) is a vital first step toward treatment.

32. Where is this text probably taken from?

- A. A story collection.
- B. A science magazine.
- C. A health proposal.
- D. An academic paper.

33. Why did Rosenthal feel more depressed in New York in winter?

- A. Because he missed his home.
- B. Because the days there are shorter.
- C. Because he caught a bad cold.
- D. Because he had a hidden illness.

34. What does the underlined word "It" refer to in Paragraph 4?

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- A. The cause. B. The disorder.
C. The short photo-period. D. The number of hours.
35. What can we learn about SAD from the text?
- A. SAD patients just feel tired out.
B. Everyone suffers from it in winter.
C. SAD patients are less likely to be cured.
D. It's probably caused by interrupted biological clock.

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。

In life, we make many decisions that define who we truly are. It feels really good to live with integrity, once we master this quality, both our career and lives can develop better.

What is the meaning of integrity? Integrity means living your life according to your own morals and ethics (道德标准). 36 Alongside that, you must also know what the purpose of your life is, and what you intend to do with your life.

Here are some of the ways to develop and preserve integrity!

Define Your Values Clearly

The first step to developing your integrity is to define your values. Every person has a set of values that they live by. You must acknowledge them as you go further in life. 37

Analyze Each and Every Choice

38 Practicing integrity means making the right decision no matter what. Some seemingly right decisions that we make in life could be disastrous for some. Honesty and integrity aren't something that you must practice when it is convenient for you. You must always be like that whatever the circumstances are.

Apply Your Ethics In The World

39 We learn so many great things in childhood, some of which are habits that we follow for our whole life. Practicing integrity is just like that, you would just be practicing your everyday life but with more analysis.

Having integrity also means more than being consistent. 40 We must not always do what comes naturally to us because it is our nature to shy away from difficulties. We must find the courage within ourselves to face all the difficulties in life, only then will we become successful.

- A. Sometimes we have to face the unavoidable.
- B. Always remember that your choices define you ultimately.
- C. Sometimes we need to decide what we want to achieve in life.
- D. There are circumstances when right and wrong are very apparent.
- E. To have integrity, you must clearly know what is right and wrong.
- F. Always find ways to apply your ethics and morals in everyday life.
- G. No matter what happens, you will never go against your core values.

第三部分 语言知识运用 (共三节, 满分30分)

第一节 完形填空 (共15小题; 每小题1分, 满分15分)

阅读下面短文, 从短文后各题所给的四个选项(A、B、C和D)中, 选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

My best friend and I used to play with each other, bike riding to each other's house and having sleepovers. However, in 7th grade she was 41 family problems. I deserted her to be with the "42 people". None of my new friends liked her because they knew she had "43".

I guess it was in high school that I 44 she needed someone there for her. Well, she made a new "best friend" and so did I. Then I didn't know why, 45 she started cutting herself! She was suffering from clinical depression, and had to go to a 46 during the day. I was very 47 at first but I knew I should be there for her. With the late night calls, we rebuilt the 48 and stayed in touch.

Yesterday she came to me and said this: "I 49 knew what a best friend was until you were the only person that would stop me from 50; the only person that ever made me feel better about myself and my problems. You don't know this but I was trying to kill myself the very night you 51 me and I was crying. I 52 you so much, and you didn't even know you were 53 me."

We both cried. And I guess a kind of 54 from my life so far is to never give up on your friends. 55 they aren't as cool as others, they need someone there.

41. A. going through B. deciding on C. sorting out D. getting over
42. A. better B. cooler C. healthier D. happier
43. A. concerns B. needs C. difficulties D. problems
44. A. proved B. realized C. agreed D. confirmed
45. A. but B. though C. as D. for
46. A. school B. hospital C. charity D. community

47. A. patient B. sensitive C. upset D. tired
 48. A. confidence B. life C. bond D. strength
 49. A. never B. ever C. always D. already
 50. A. worrying B. cutting C. comparing D. failing
 51. A. noticed B. comforted C. called D. visited
 52. A. owe B. trust C. like D. admire
 53. A. forgiving B. helping C. pleasing D. tolerating
 54. A. reaction B. priority C. lesson D. purpose
 55. A. Even if B. Now that C. Only if D. As long as

第二节 语法填空 (共10小题; 每小题1分, 满分10分)

阅读下面材料, 在空白处填入适当的内容(1个单词)或括号内单词的正确形式。

BUCHAREST—The “Chinese Film Days” kicked off here Friday night. It marked the first commercial distribution 56 release of Chinese films in Romanian cinemas.

Chinese Ambassador (大使) to Romania Han Chunlin said that 57 was the first time for the two countries to carry out film cooperation in an all-commercial mode, which provided new ideas and channels for future cultural exchanges and 58 (cooperate).

Romanian film critic Irina Margareta Nistor welcomed the release of Chinese films in Romania, 59 (hope) that Romanian audiences can better understand modern and contemporary China through the film festival. She called on the Romanian and Chinese film industries to 60 (strengthen) the friendship between the two countries.

About 80 people, including local official representatives, people from Romanian cultural circles and friendship organizations, as well as overseas Chinese in Romania, 61 (attend) the opening ceremony.

At the ceremony, a documentary “The magical Craftsmanship of Suzhou”, 62 focuses on artisan (工匠) specialists living in the folk craft-centric city, was screened, showing the development and boom of Chinese film art and the unique charm of Chinese 63 (tradition) culture in a warm and festive atmosphere.

The event, hosted 64 Happy Cinema and Cinema City in partnership with China Lion Film Distribution, will be held in six major Romanian cities. Local people 65 (be) able to watch six Chinese films, such as “Railway Heroes”, “Almost Love”, and “The Captain”.

第三节 单词填空 (共10小题; 每小题1分, 满分10分)

请认真阅读下列各小题, 并根据上下文语境和所给首字母或中文的提示, 写出下列各句空格中的单词, 注意保持语义和形式的一致。

66. Schools are usually modern in design, set well back from the road and _____ (宽敞)

67. 的) inside.
68. I've personally never subscribed to the view that either sex is _____ (更好的) to the other.
69. We are impressed with the effort, determination and intense belief of the people who built the grand historic building with only _____ (原始的) tools.
70. An interview allows the interviewer to assess the job _____ (申请人) to see if they are suitable for the position.
71. Written material should be available in both English and Chinese, using _____ (简化) characters.
72. Heritage protection is at the top of the a _____ for the benefit of all mankind.
73. I'm waiting for a friend. It's an a _____ made twenty years ago.
74. Americans have a p _____ for the direct style and I often fail to get straight to the point.
75. After a good night's sleep, Jen was in a better state, feeling relaxed and r _____.
76. A great many people have been infected with COVID-19, but nobody knows p _____ how many.

第四部分 写作 (共两节, 满分35分)

第1节 (满分15分)

76. 近期, 青少年交通安全事故频发。你校英文报将以“交通安全”为主题, 举办英语征文比赛。请你写一篇短文投稿。

内容包括:

1. 遵守交通法规的重要性;
2. 遵守交通法规的做法及倡议。

注意:

1. 词数80左右;
2. 短文的题目和首句已给出, 不计入词数。

Traffic Safety, Our Responsibility

Recently, many teenagers have got injured or even killed in traffic accidents.

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第二节 (满分20分)

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高二英语参考答案

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第一部分 听力 (共20小题; 每小题 1.5分, 满分30分)

1—5 CBAAB 6—10 BCACA 11—15 BCCAA 16—20 BBCCA

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)

21—23 DCD 24—27 BCCA 28—31 BDAC 32—35 BBBCD

第二节 (共5小题; 每小题2.5分, 满分12.5分)

36—40 EGBFA

第三部分: 语言知识运用 (共三节, 满分35分)

第一节 (共15小题; 每小题1分, 满分15分)

41—45 ABDDBA 46—50 BCCAB 51—55 CABCA

第二节 (共10小题; 每小题1分, 满分10分)

56. and 57. it 58. cooperation 59. hoping 60. strengthen
61. attended 62. which 63. traditional 64. by 65. will be

第三节 (共10小题; 每小题1分, 满分10分)

66. spacious 67. superior 68. primitive 69. applicants 70.

simplified

71. agenda 72. appointment 73. preference 74. refreshed 75. precisely

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第四部分 写作（共两节，满分35分）

第一节（满分15分）

Possible version:

Traffic Safety, Our Responsibility

Recently, many teenagers have got injured or even killed in traffic accidents. Many accidents resulted from teenager's failure to pay attention to traffic safety. Therefore, observing traffic rules is important for everyone. Otherwise, the road traffic will be in chaos and people's lives will be threatened.

As students, we should do our part to minimize the risk of road accidents. First, it is essential for us to avoid all high-risk road behaviors. For instance, never run a red light or keep staring at the phone while walking. Also, we can appeal to people around us to observe traffic rules. Let's make joint efforts to keep the road orderly and people safe. (101词)

第二节（满分20分）

Possible version:

With Jennifer's help, the bookstore was being turned into a different place. In one area, a book reading was being delivered. Nearby, customers were pouring over shelves selling stationery, posters and other best-seller-themed gifts. The large board in the corner had been replaced by a big screen, where customers' comments on the month's best-seller were being displayed. It also became a place for literature-loving members to get together to participate in various community events, where people could share an experience that couldn't be downloaded.

I suddenly saw Casey, who was reading readers' comments on the big screen, and joined him. "Well, as you can see, business knowledge combined with creativity has brought my humble bookstore into the 21st century! I'm so pleased to see that everything I wanted it to offer to the community is still here." Casey said with emotion, tears welling up in his eyes. Patting his shoulder, I felt truly lucky for both Casey and myself to still have the bookstore in the neighborhood to provide people with not only knowledge but also precious memories. (150词)

应用文评分细则

一、内容要点

写作类型	应用文——短文投稿——倡议书	
写作时态	一般现在时	介绍遵守交通规则的重要性
	一般将来时	表达期待
写作人称	以第一人称和第三人称为主	
写作语言	语言严谨、真挚、有感染力，能够充分说明遵守交通规则的重要性，并让人意识到交通安全人人有责	
写作要点	第一段	引入话题，表明主题，阐述遵守交通规则的重要性（6分）
	第二段	提出遵守交通规则的具体建议（6分） 发出倡议（2分）
卷面	(1分)	

补充说明：

1. 以上提供的要点配分仅供参考，不宜死扣，如学生写成三段也可以；
2. 表达的方式和顺序可以不同，并允许有所发挥；
3. 句子语法结构、时态、语态错误为大错；介词、冠词、单词拼写、大小写、标点符号

等方面的错误为小错；3处小错相当于1处大错；相同错误只扣一次。

二、各档次的给分范围和要求

第五档	完全完成了试题规定的任务。 ● 覆盖所有内容要点。 ● 语法结构和词汇有个别小错误，但为尽量使用较复杂结构或较高级词汇所致；具备较强的语言运用能力。 ● 有效地使用了衔接手段，全文结构紧凑，内容连贯。
(很好) 13~15分	完成了试题规定的任务，完全达到了预期的写作目的。 ● 虽漏掉一、二个次重点，但覆盖所有主要内容。 ● 应用的语法结构和词汇能满足任务的要求。 ● 语法结构和词汇方面应用基本准确，少许错误主要是因为尝试较复杂语法结构或词汇所致。
第四档	基本完成了试题规定的任务。 ● 虽漏掉一些内容，但基本覆盖主要内容。 ● 达到了预期的写作目的。 ● 应用的语法结构和词汇能满足任务的要求。
(好) 10~12分	● 有一些语法结构或词汇方面的错误，但不影响理解。 ● 应用简单的衔接手段，内容基本连贯。 ● 整体而言，基本达到了预期的写作目的。
第三档	未恰当完成试题规定的任务。 ● 漏掉或未清楚描述某些主要内容，写了一些无关内容。 ● 语法结构单一，所用词汇有限。 ● 有一些语法结构或词汇方面的错误，影响了对所写内容的理解。
(中等) 7~9分	未能完成试题规定的任务。 ● 未能清楚地传达给读者一些无关内容。 ● 语法结构单一，所用词汇不当。 ● 有较多语法结构或词汇方面的错误，影响内容理解。 ● 缺乏语句间的衔接手段，内容不连贯。
第二档	未能完成试题规定的任务。 ● 未能清楚地传达给读者，明显遗漏。
(较差) 4~6分	
第一档	
(差) 1~3分	

读后续写评分细则

1、内容要点

第一段：围绕所给首句关键词different写书店的主要变化，变化要呼应原文，即顺应数字时代的潮流和顾客的新需求，并要呼应第二段所给首句关键词screen。如能在描写书店变化的同时又提及书店保留了优良传统（如书店仍是社区居民维系情感的纽带）则与原文融洽度更高。

第二段：围绕我与Casey的交流互动展开，交流内容可以是讨论电子屏上书评的内容，也可以围绕书店的变化以及他们对书店发展现状的感想展开，只要围绕主题，言之有理，均可接受。

2、各档次的给分要求

第五档	● 与所给短文融洽度高，与所提供各段落开头语衔接合理； ● 内容丰富，结构清晰，情节合理，语言流畅； ● 所使用语法结构和词汇丰富、准确； ● 有效地使用了语句间的连接成分，使所续写短文结构紧凑。
(很好) (17-20分)	

第四档	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 与所给短文融洽度较高，与所提供各段落开头语衔接较为合理； ● 内容比较丰富，结构比较清晰，情节比较合理，语言流畅； ● 所使用语法结构和词汇较为丰富、准确，可能有些许错误，但完全不影响意义表达；
(好) (13-16分)	
第三档	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 与所给短文有一定的关系，与所提供各段落开头语有一定程度的衔接； ● 写出了若干有关内容，情节符合逻辑； ● 应用的语法结构和词汇能满足任务的要求，虽有一些错误，但不影响意义的表达； ● 应用简单的语句间的连接成分，使全文内容连贯。
(中等) (9-12分)	
第二档	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 与所给短文有一定的关系，与所提供各段落开头语有一定程度的衔接； ● 写出了一些有关内容，有一定的故事情节； ● 语法结构单调、词汇项目有限，有些语法结构和词汇方面的错误，影响意义的表达；
(较差) (5-8分)	
第一档	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 与所给短文的关系较差，与所提供各段落开头语的衔接较差； ● 写出少量有关内容，情节含糊不清，文章内容缺少连贯性。 ● 语法结构单调、词汇项目很有限，有较多语法结构和词汇方面的错误严重影响了意义的表达； ● 缺乏语句间的连接成分，全文内容不连贯。
(差) (1-4分)	

听力材料

Text 1

W: There's no school tomorrow, as the teachers are having a training day.

M: Well, I hope you're not planning to stay at home all day.

W: No. I've got plans to meet up with Sophie at the library to work on our history project.

Text 2

M: What do you think of your gym? I'm considering becoming a member.

W: Well, I don't know much about the fitness classes, but I spend most of my time in the weightlifting room. And swimming in the pool looks pretty good. I keep thinking I should try it!

Text 3

W: We need to buy a card for Sarah's birthday party on Friday.

M: Oh, I got one yesterday, when I was at the supermarket. I'm not sure what to give her as a gift, though.

W: What about a ticket to that art show we went to last week?

Text 4

W: Where have you been? You've been late for 30 minutes! I've been calling and sending you messages.

M: I'm so sorry. I couldn't remember where we had decided to meet. I broke my phone yesterday so I couldn't check the details.

Text 5

W: If we do get a dog, it needs to be good with kids.

M: Definitely. And it should be okay with being alone while we're at work or school.

W: And I don't want one that loses a lot of hair.

Text 6

M: Hi... Can you help me? There are so many walking boots here. I don't know which to choose.

W: Sure. What sort of activity do you need them for?

M: I'm going camping with some friends.

W: Well then, I'd recommend these. They're light and have special protection that keeps out water!

M: Great. Can I try them on?

W: Sure. What size are you?

M: Usually an 8. I have quite small feet!

W: Okay. Well, let's try a size 9. It's best to leave plenty of room to wear thick sports socks.

Text 7

M: Is everything okay? You look a bit stressed!

W: I'm okay. I'm just concentrating on this bus map.

M: Are you planning a trip?

W: I've got an interview on Monday, and it's on the other side of the city. My dad needs the car, so I need to get there by myself.

M: You'd better use the subway. Buses are always slow.

W: I would, usually. But this place isn't anywhere near a subway station.

M: Oh, fair enough.

W: I think if I take Bus No. 15, it should get me where I need to be by 10:05 a.m. That leaves me 25 minutes before the interview starts.

M: Sounds like you've got it all figured out.

W: Hopefully! I'm really looking forward to it, actually. I can't wait to get in there and show them what I can do!

Text 8

W: How was your first day, son?

M: Really good! I've made some new friends. And a lot of my old friends from primary school were there, so that's good.

W: Wonderful!

M: Here... My teacher gave everyone a letter about a school trip this term.

W: Already? Okay... What's it about?

M: We're going to a science show at the local museum.

W: That sounds interesting! It's on the 21st of January, so...exactly two weeks from today.

M: Yes, we need to pay for the trip by the end of the week.

W: Okay, no problem. Let's get some money out now before I forget. Well, I actually think the bank closes early today.

M: Maybe we should use the cash machine at the supermarket.

W: That's a good idea. I need to buy some milk and bread anyway. And you can choose something nice for dinner tonight.

M: Okay!

Text 9

W: Hi Benjamin. It's Gina.

M: Oh, hi! I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

W: I was too! But that's actually why I'm calling... I'm not going to be able to make it. I've hurt my ankle.

M: Oh, no! How did it happen?

W: We were trying to learn a new move in my dance class, and I just tripped and fell. I don't think I can manage five miles of hill walking.

M: You poor thing. Have you seen a doctor?

W: Yes, I went to the hospital right after the accident happened. Dr. Brian said it's not broken, but it's going to take weeks to get better.

M: Well, don't worry. We'll find a new date to go walking. Do you want to do something else tomorrow, instead?

W: Like what?

M: We could go out to dinner. Or go and see a movie?

W: Oh! I think that new history film we were talking about is showing at the Roxy now.

M: Well, let's do that instead, then.

W: Sounds like a plan!

Text 10

I'm so glad to begin our course on personal skills. My lessons focus on soft skills, which include communication, teamwork and other interpersonal skills. I've taught these skills to young students, college teachers, workers, and everyone in between. Now, I've been hired to help all the company managers here today. My job is to teach you skills to make your lives easier and increase your creative thinking. Then, you will be able to lead your staff members better and achieve more.

So, for this soft skills course, we'll have sections on five basic s(技能、素质)...

communication, problem-solving, awareness, and emotional understanding. Many of these may seem like personal issues, but they're proven to make your work and life easier. For our two-week course, we'll mainly focus on communication skills.

Also, given that we have such short lessons, we'll start immediately. Please, look at our introduction sheet. You'll see that the first exercise is idea creation. So, we'll begin by sharing ways to improve our soft skills. Please, start sharing ideas, and I'll write them down on the whiteboard.



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