



听第7段材料,回答第8至9题。

8. What is the book mainly about?

- A. The history of comic books.
- B. Fiction stories about energy.
- C. Some facts about solar energy.

9. How will the woman get the book?

- A. Borrow it from the man.
- B. Get a copy in the library.
- C. Buy one from the bookstore.

听第8段材料,回答第10至12题。

10. What does the boy think of his dad?

- A. Strict.
- B. Forgetful.
- C. Friendly.

11. What does the girl's mother often complain about?

- A. She does her homework badly.
- B. She spends less time with the family.
- C. She comes home too late from parties.

12. How old is the girl's brother?

- A. 13 years old.
- B. 16 years old.
- C. 19 years old.

听第9段材料,回答第13至16题。

13. Why is the man talking to Jane?

- A. To make a travel plan.
- B. To find a hobby.
- C. To conduct a survey.

14. What is Jane quite good at?

- A. Singing.
- B. Skiing.
- C. Swimming.

15. What does Jane like doing in summer holidays?

- A. Walking along the sea.
- B. Playing the guitar in a band.
- C. Enjoying the views in the mountains.

16. What is Jane's favorite subject?

- A. Geography.
- B. English.
- C. History.

听第10段材料,回答第17至20题。

17. Who can the listeners most probably be?

- A. Volunteers who can work abroad.
- B. Students who want to get further education.
- C. Officers who hope to improve international understanding.

18. What kind of project does the one in Japan belong to?

- A. A long-term project.
- B. A medium-term project.
- C. A short-term project.

19. What does the project in Poland demand?

- A. Physical work.
- B. Language ability.
- C. Medical experience.

20. Where will the medical students work?

- A. In a village of Japan.
- B. In a children's holiday center.
- C. In a center for disabled children.

第二部分 阅读理解(共两节,共40分)

第一节 (共15小题;每小题2分,满分30分)

阅读下列短文,从每题所给的四个选项(A、B、C、D)中,选出最佳选项。

A

The world is full of wonderful places which attract tourists from across the globe e.

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His rise to fame began in 2001 as he produced and judged Pop Idol. The British show was an immediate hit having more than 10,000 people auditioning (试演) for it. Simon then had the opportunity to judge in the US' version, American Idol. Since the Americans weren't used to sharp criticisms, he had many issues dealing with both his fellow judges and the people who auditioned.

Constant criticisms and controversies are what Cowell eats for breakfast. But as one of the most influential people to shape the media industry and the man the world loves to hate, he has labored through many obstacles in his life because his attitude usually back fires at him. Knowing something of his life will show people the importance of having a good attitude to boot.

24. What can we know about Simon from Paragraph 2?

- A. He was not good at studies. B. He was different in character.
C. He was on good terms with others. D. He suffered from a lack of ambition.

25. What contributes to Simon's success?

- A. Pop Idol. B. American Idol. C. Britain's Got Talent. D. The X Factor.

26. What holds the key to Simon's success?

- A. His attitude towards life. B. His talent and hard work.
C. Guide from his whole family. D. Sharp criticisms on TV shows.

27. What is the author's attitude towards Simon?

- A. Negative. B. Positive. C. Sympathetic. D. Indifferent.

Since pop superstar Jay Chou's song Mojito was released on June 12, the cocktail with the same name has become a popular subject too, with many turning to the Internet for its recipe.

As a well-received drink, the mojito perfectly balances the flavors of orange, rum (朗姆酒) and fresh mint (薄荷). "It's not only the perfect summer drink, but one that will get you dreaming of the sea and surf in the deep, dark loneliness of winter nights, too," a newspaper noted.

Unlike some cocktails that may have been created out of a sudden inspiration by adventurous bar-men, the process of developing the mojito took more than a century. The mojito took root in Cuba. While most rum may have helped reduce the stress of the day, its taste still left a lot to be desired. In order to improve the flavor, people began using ingredients (原料) they had on hand, such as sugar-cane juice and mint. Then it would go down just fine.

Thus the mojito was born. "Whether you travel to France, Italy, Japan or Austria, you'll discover that cocktail preferences differ from country to country, with some classic mixtures beloved in some places and unheard of elsewhere," says Sarah Lancashire, a brand manager. Because the recipe could easily be changed, it quickly spread to other countries. People around the world began to create their own unique drink. Sweet tea, fruits and vegetables may be put into the drink.

In 2002, the drink enjoyed increasing popularity after its appearance in the James Bond film Die Another Day. Now, mojito has become one of the most popular cocktails in the world and every year on July 11, World Mojito Day is celebrated. Cocktail-themed celebrations are thus staged at that joyful moment.

28. What is the main writing purpose of the text?

- A. To promote Jay Chou's new album. B. To celebrate the World Mojito Day.
C. To rank the world best-selling cocktails. D. To introduce the development of mojito.



Iceland

Located on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland offers some of the most exciting adventures and natural views. Tour packages designed by Tours & Vacation will help create a perfect holiday. Apart from watching the wonderful Northern Lights, which tops our list of most visited destinations, there're many other activities to keep you happily busy. You can go for whale watching at Reykjavik, take a bath in the relaxing waters of Blue Lagoon at Grindavik and watch the active hot spring: Strokkur Geysir.

Bhutan

A small space in the world map, Bhutan is located in Asia and shares its borders with India and China. Surrounded by the southern slopes (山坡) of the amazing Eastern Himalayas, this tiny country, which is characterized by off-the-beaten-track spots, is guaranteed to get you bathed in its extreme peace and calmness. You can also try hiking, mountain biking and a host of other adventure activities.

Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan

Located beside the mysterious Caucasus Mountains, the trio (三人组) is becoming a favorite among travelers. The beautiful scenery and far-reaching history allow you to explore these wonderful parts of Europe. Start with the Armenian capital Yerevan where you can see Etchmiadzin Cathedral, the oldest church in the world, and then travel to Tbilisi in Georgia and then to Baku in Azerbaijan. Each nation has a distinct individuality in terms of landscape, history, art & culture and traditions.

Mexico

With many UNESCO World Heritage Sites, well-known beaches, ancient culture and historical cities, there are many interesting places for you to cover. Mexico has all the elements to qualify as one of the best tourist destinations worldwide.

21. Which enjoys the most popularity in Tours & Vacation?

- A. Watching Northern Lights.
- B. Watching whales at Reykjavik.
- C. Taking a bath in Blue Lagoon.
- D. Bathing in Strokkur Geysir.

22. What is Bhutan typical of?

- A. Its bordering countries.
- B. Adventurous activities.
- C. Slopes of Himalayas.
- D. Peaceful surroundings.

23. Where can tourists see the oldest cathedral in the world?

- A. Iceland.
- B. Bhutan.
- C. Armenia.
- D. Mexico.

B

Simon Cowell is a celebrated television personality. He was a judge in talent shows such as Pop Idol, American Idol, Britain's Got Talent, and the X Factor. Cruel, raw, mean and controversial are just some of the words to describe his remarks as a judge in these shows.

Simon's mother was a ballet dancer while his father was an estate developer (房地产商). When Simon was young, he was suspended from various schools due to his unsociable behavior. He attended Dover College but dropped out because he turned his back on academics. His father arranged many job interviews for him, but he just found it dull. He got a job in the movie "The Shining" but had to resign because he couldn't get along with people. With his father's help, Simon finally landed a job in EMI Music Publishing; but left the job temporarily due to the lack of employment prospect. Simon explored other jobs before finding his way back to EMI.

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29. How was the original flavor of rum?
 A. Tasty. B. Disgusting? C. Unsatisfying. D. Changeable.
30. Mojito spread to the world quickly mainly because
 A. it has a strong flavor. B. it was affordable C. its recipe was flexible. D. it was hard to make
31. What will probably be mentioned after the last paragraph?
 A. Activities to celebrate the day. B. Information of Die Another Day.
 C. The theme of World Mojito Day. D. Reasons for celebrating the day.

D

For decades, meteorologists (气象学家) have named hurricanes and ranked them according to severity (严重程度). Hurricanes get attention because they cause obvious physical damage. Heat waves, however, have less visible effects, since the primary damage is to human health. Data from the National Weather Service show that from 1986 to 2019, there were 4,257 deaths as a result of heat. By comparison, there were fewer deaths by floods (2,907), tornadoes (2,203) or hurricanes (1,405) over the same period.

What's more, climate change will certainly amplify the dangers of heat waves by increasing the possibility of high temperature events worldwide. Heat waves linked to climate change include the powerful event that struck Europe during June 2019 and burning heat in Siberia during the first half of 2020. Some populations are particularly vulnerable (脆弱的) to health problems as a result of high heat, including people over 65 and those with long-term medical conditions. Historical racial discrimination also places minority communities at unusually higher risk.

"People know when a hurricane is coming," says climate communicator Susan Hassol. "It's been named and it has been categorized, and they are taking steps to prepare. Unfortunately, no single definition of heat waves currently exists. And that's what we need people to do with heat waves."

"Naming heat waves will make something invisible more visible. It also makes it more real and concrete, rather than abstract," says Aaron Bernstein, a pediatrician (儿科医生) at Boston Children's Hospital. Defined categories for heat waves could help local officials better prepare to address potential health problems in the face of rising temperatures. And naming and categorizing heat waves could increase public awareness of the health risks posed by these silent killers.

32. What can be inferred from the first paragraph?
 A. Hurricanes are named based on their severity.
 B. Hurricanes can cause both physical and mental damage.
 C. Heat waves are less visible than any hurricane recorded.
 D. Heat waves kill more people than any other weather-related disaster.
33. What does the underlined word "amplify" in Paragraph 2 probably mean?
 A. Carry away. B. Cut down. C. Add to. D. Bring about.
34. For what purpose does Hassol suggest naming heat waves?
 A. To deepen knowledge of heat waves. B. To get prepared for the potential threats.
 C. To further explore the causes of heat waves. D. To describe how much severe a heat wave is.
35. What is the best title for the text?
 A. Hurricanes and Heat Waves. B. Have You Experienced Heat Wave?
 C. What Do We Call These Heat Waves? D. Heat Waves Should Have Names Too.

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第二节 (共5小题;每小题2分,满分10分)

根据短文内容,从短文后的选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

If you're taking online courses, the tips below can help you address their unique challenges to get the most value out of your online program.

◆ Treat an online course like a "real" course.

36 Though you can be flexible as to when you choose to complete your work during the week, you can't put it off indefinitely. One of the easiest ways to ensure follow through is to remember that you are paying to take this online course, just as you would for a traditional, in-person class.

◆ Hold yourself responsible.

Set goals at the beginning of the term, and check in with yourself weekly. 37 If you have trouble holding yourself accountable, pair up with a fellow classmate, or enlist the help of a friend to check in.

◆ Practice time management.

The flexibility to create your own schedule is often one of the biggest appeals of taking online classes. 38 Without them, you might easily find yourself fully occupied before classes or handing in non-qualified assignments.

◆ 39

Whether your workspace is your kitchen table, a library, or a coffee shop, it's important to determine what type of environment will work best for you. Once you've established where you'll learn, think about when and how you complete your best work. Experiment to discover which type of setting boosts your productivity. Knowing exactly where important dates, files, forms, books, and assignments lie will help keep you on track towards hitting your goals. 40

A. Figure out in which way you can learn best.

B. Create a regular study space and stay organized.

C. So setting up a regular workspace or office will also help you to stay organized.

D. But without teacher reminding you, it's up to you to complete the work before it's due.

E. But that freedom can also be damaging if you do not have solid time management skills.

F. Once knowing where you'll learn, think about when and how you accomplish your work.

G. Speaking of online classes, you need to have the discipline to sit down and the dedication to follow through.

第三部分 英语知识运用 (共两节, 满分45分)

第一节 完形填空 (共20小题; 每小题1.5分, 共30分)

Last month, my son and I spent a weekend in a small town: Columbus. I'm blue-eyed Irish-American but my 20-year-old son looks 41 , because his father is Japanese.

As a vegetarian (素食者), I had prepared a list of restaurants that 42 non-meat options. One cafe I wanted to try was a little 43 , many blocks away from the main streets. Upon entering, I noticed that the room was 44 with civilians and soldiers alike, and there were persons of many 45 , genders and ages. The place, like the busy Columbus itself, was so 46 .

When we finished eating, I was waiting for the 47 to powder my nose. An older black lady came, 48 for the washrooms and I quietly said to her, "Oh, none is 49 now." "Why thank you!" she said,

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smiling, and 50 my son, who was in his military 51. She chatted with him with growing 52, and suddenly, hugged him tight. She told him that he'd made a smart decision to 53 a military career, and that she was 54 for his service! My son, a quiet and retiring guy, 55 thanked her, nodding, with "Thank you, Ma'am" many times.

In this sudden short 56, I was given the gift that I 57 needed. Because up until that point I was so 58 to intense worry and loneliness, being the only person to support my son, and being the one 59 by his choice. In a moment, every word I'd ever learned about 60 was translated into flesh and blood and filled with life! In this out-of-the-way cafe, many worlds met and a natural love won over all!

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|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 41. A. handsome | B. young | C. Irish | D. Asian |
| 42. A. served | B. sold | C. advertised | D. promoted |
| 43. A. busy | B. lonely | C. awesome | D. terrible |
| 44. A. equipped | B. charged | C. packed | D. born |
| 45. A. wonders | B. races | C. interests | D. worries |
| 46. A. dynamic | B. hopeful | C. uneasy | D. restless |
| 47. A. waitress | B. owner | C. recipe | D. restroom |
| 48. A. searching | B. paying | C. heading | D. feeling |
| 49. A. available | B. complete | C. furnished | D. fixed |
| 50. A. searched for | B. turned to | C. pointed at | D. told off |
| 51. A. service | B. conflict | C. uniform | D. drill |
| 52. A. impatience | B. politeness | C. courage | D. excitement |
| 53. A. choose | B. want | C. plan | D. end |
| 54. A. responsible | B. thankful | C. crazy | D. ready |
| 55. A. simply | B. calmly | C. shyly | D. slowly |
| 56. A. tour | B. response | C. passage | D. encounter |
| 57. A. desperately | B. gradually | C. secretly | D. lately |
| 58. A. attracted | B. restricted | C. used | D. committed |
| 59. A. touched | B. blocked | C. replaced | D. bothered |
| 60. A. wisdom | B. passion | C. love | D. tolerance |

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。

Myopia (also called shortsightedness) in children and adolescents up to now ^{comes} ~~is becoming~~ (become) the main cause of visual impairment (视觉损伤) in China, according to the National Health Commission. A recent survey ~~was conducted~~ ^{conducted} by the Ministry of Education (MOE) showed that the rate of myopia among Chinese primary and high school students rose ~~to~~ ^{by} 11.7 percent in the first six months of the year. The survey of more than 14,500 students in nine provinces found the myopia rate among primary school students was up by 15.2 percent, with 64. ~~that~~ ^{that} of junior high school students up by 8.2 percent, and the rate for senior high school students 3.8 percent higher.

65. In senior high school students have the lowest growth rate of myopia, "the situation is still not ~~optimistic~~ ^{optimistic}", said Wang Dengfeng from the MOE. "67. F (fundamental), it is because



their myopia rate was already very high." Based on the survey, higher myopia rates are related to online learning during the epidemic. 68. ~~To solve~~ (solve) this problem, the MOE will 69. ~~strengthen~~ (strengthen) physical education. Schools need to take proper measures to make sure that students have at least one hour of outdoor activity and physical exercise on 70. a daily basis after class.

第四部分 写作(共两节,满分35分)

第一节 短文改错(共10小题;每小题1分,满分10分)

假定英语课上老师要求同桌之间交换修改作文,请你修改你同桌写的以下作文。文中共有10处语言错误,每句中最多有两处。每处错误仅涉及一个单词的增加、删除或修改。

增加:在缺词处加一个漏字符号(∧),并在其下面写出该加的词。

删除:把多余的词用斜线(\)划掉。

修改:在错的词下划一横线,并在该词下面写出修改后的词。

注意:1. 每处错误及其修改均仅限一词;

2. 只允许修改10处,多者(从第11处起)不计分。

Like many other Senior 3 students, I spent most of the summer vacation finishing my homeworks. Besides, what impressed me most was I attended a music competition and got the second place. For those who is learning an instrument, summer is always a "music season". Every one seems to occupy them with music lessons, exams and various competitions. That was the first time for me to play in the front of so many people. I felt nervously at first. But encouraged words from my teacher keeps me going ahead. To my surprise, I was given the silver medal. This experience has been given me confidence. As long as we try our best, we'll be able to get what we deserve.

第二节 书面表达(共1题,满分25分)

最近,某地野生动物园里发生一起动物意外袭击饲养员事件,引发了“动物园该不该存在”的争议。某英文报社以“Whether zoos protect animals or imprison them”为题开展征文活动,请你写一篇英语短文投稿,谈谈你的看法。

注意:1. 可自拟标题;

2. 词数100左右;

3. 可以适当增加细节,以使行文连贯。

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第一部分：

1-5 BAABB 6-10 ABCBA 11-15 BCCBA 16-20 CACAC

第二部分：

第一节：

21-25 ADCBA 26-30 ABDCC 31-35 ADCBD

第二节：

36-40 GDEBC

第三部分：

第一节：

41-45 DABCB 46-50 ADCAB 51-55 CDABC 56-60 DABDC

第二节：

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66. optimistic 67. Fundamentally 68. To solve 69. strengthen 70. a

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第二节：Possible version

Whether zoos protect animals or imprison them

Recently, a zookeeper was fatally attacked by bears at a wild animal park, which sparks a debate on whether zoos protect animals or imprison them.

There is no doubt that zoos can educate the public about animals and conservation efforts, thus saving species from extinction and other dangers. In the meantime, zoos can produce helpful scientific research.

However, as is often the case, zoos are harmful to animals’ physical health. Zoo animals are often reported to suffer from problems not seen in the wild, such as anxiety in giraffes. Worse still, zoo is psychologically damaging

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to animals. So begin to respect every life and free zoo animals at once. Only in this way can we have a more harmonious planet.

【参考答案解析】

21. A 细节理解题。根据 Iceland 部分中的 Apart from watching the wonderful Northern Lights, which tops our list of most visited destinations...可知。

22. D 细节理解题。根据 Bhutan 部分中的...this tiny country, which is characterized by off-the-beaten-track spots, is guaranteed to get you bathed in its extreme peace and calmness.可知。

23. C 细节理解题。根据 Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan 部分中的 Start with the Armenian capital Yerevan where you can see Etchmiadzin Cathedral, the oldest church in the world 可知。

24. B 推理判断题。根据第 2 段的相关描述可知 Simon 性格比较“叛逆/另类”，故选 B。

25. A 细节理解题。根据第 3 段第 1 句 His rise to fame began in 2001 as he produced and judged Pop Idol 可知。

26. A 细节理解题。根据最后一段...because his attitude usually back fires at him...可知。

27. B 观点态度题。根据最后一段的 Getting a glimpse of his life will show people the importance of having a good attitude to start 可知作者对待 Simon 的态度是认同的、积极的。

28. D 写作意图题。本文旨在介绍 mojito 的发展历程，故选 D。

29. C 细节理解题。根据第三段中 While most rum may have helped reduce the stress of the day, its taste still left a lot to be desired. In order to improve the flavor...可知。

30. C 细节理解题。根据第四段 Because the recipe could easily be changed, it quickly spread to other countries 可知。

31. A 推理判断题。根据最后一句 Cocktail-themed celebrations are thus staged at that joyful moment 可知后文可能会涉及到“庆祝活动”。

32. D 推理判断题。根据该段中所列数字可知。

33. C 词义猜测题。根据上下文的意思可知该词意思为“增大、增加”，故选 C。

34. B 细节理解题。根据第 3 段...and they're taking steps to prepare 可知。

35. D 主旨大意题。本文主要讲述需要像命名飓风一样给热浪起上名字。

41. D “我是蓝眼睛的爱尔兰裔美国人，20 岁的儿子却有着一张亚洲人的脸，因为他爸爸是日本人。”

42. A “作为素食主义者，我提前准备了一张单子，上面是一些提供素食的餐馆。” serve:供应，上(菜/饭)

43. B “我想去的那家咖啡馆地点有点偏，离主路有好多街区。” lonely:偏远的，偏僻的。从后文的 out-of-the-way 也可知。

44. C “一进门，我就发现里面挤满了平民和士兵，不同种族、不同性别、不同年龄的人都聚在了一起。” packed:拥挤的，挤满的。

45. B 见上。

46. A “这个地方，就像哥伦布这个城市一样，充满了活力。” dynamic:充满生气的，活跃的。

47. D “吃完后，我在等着用洗手间补下妆。”根据后文的 washroom 可知。

48. C “一位上了年纪的黑人老太太径直地走向洗手间……” heading for:朝……径直去。

49. A “我悄声地对她说：‘里面没空了’。” available:可以得到的。

50. B “噢，谢谢你！”她微笑着说道，她接着转向我儿子，儿子身上穿着军装。

51. C 见上。

52. D “她和我儿子越聊越兴奋……”

53. A “她说我儿子做出了聪明的选择：参军。”

54. B “她还说感谢他为国服役。” thankful:感激的，感谢的。

55. C “儿子不好意思地连声向她道谢。” shyly:害羞地，羞怯地，不好意思地。

56. D “一次短暂的相遇，我却收获了自己最需要的礼物。” encounter:相遇，遇见。



57. A 见上

58. B “因为直到那一刻，我还饱尝担忧和孤独……” be restricted to:受……限(束缚)

59. D “……唯一一个为他的选择而烦恼的人……”

60. C “我之前所知的关于爱的词语瞬间融入我的血肉之中……”

【听力录音原文】

Text 1

M: Do you think we missed it? The woman said the bank was only three blocks away, across from the cafe.

W: Let's go over there and ask that policeman in front of the bookstore.

Text 2

W: Thanks for the postcard, Peter. I read it on the train to Paris. But why would you send me a picture of a man with an ear missing?

M: That's the famous Dutch painter, Vincent van Gogh. It was all I could find in the London souvenir shop I was in.

Text 3

M: That's a designer dress, isn't it, Elise? Was it on sale?

W: No. I took a sewing class this summer, and now I can make any dress I see.

Text 4

M: I've just joined the basketball team but I'm not sure I've got enough money to buy what is required.

W: Don't worry. The clothes are cheap and I can lend you my basketball. You'll have to get some good sports shoes, though.

M: I've already got some.

Text 5

M: So, I think we've covered just about everything. What questions do you have about the employee benefits?

W: Well, do those health benefits cover my husband and children too?

M: Yes, our health plan covers all employees' family members.

Text 6

M: Linda, Christmas is getting close. When will you go and do Christmas shopping?

W: I read an article on the Internet the other day. It tells when we can avoid long lines when doing Christmas shopping. According to the article, two hours before noon is the best time in the day to do Christmas shopping.

M: Does it say on which day there are the shortest lines?

W: Yes. It's usually on Sundays.

M: Great. In this case, let's go shopping together tomorrow morning.

W: Why not? I've no special plans for tomorrow morning after all.

Text 7

W: Mike, I need a book for a researching school science project, and there really wasn't anything I wanted in the bookstore. Can you recommend one?

M: Why not use the book Story of Solar Energy? It is suitable for children aged from 10 to 13 years old.

W: Is it about the history of solar energy?

M: Yes, but it's not all it tells about. It looks at solar energy in a comic book style. This book includes a review of energy, the current state of solar energy and how important it is to our future, and several solar energy projects.

W: Good. Can I find it in our school library?

M: Yes. When I visited the library last week, I saw five copies there.

W: That's great. I'll go and get a copy for my science class next week.



M: Believe me, your students will be interested.

W: I hope so. Thank you very much.

Text 8

M: I can't believe it. My dad asked me to be home from Gaby's party by 10: 00.

W: At least he lets you go. That's friendly. My mom doesn't allow me to go to any parties.

M: Unbelievable! Are your parents always like this?

W: Yeah! My mom pushes me to do my homework as soon as I get home. Then she often complains that I spend too much time by myself in my room rather than with the family.

M: At least your parents don't tell you what you can wear. My mom still picks out my clothes! I think they have forgotten I'm already 16.

W: My parents are worse. They take me as a grown-up rather than a 16-year-old girl. They're always comparing me to my elder brother. I'm three years younger than him and of course he can manage things better. They expect too much from me.

Text 9

M: Jane, I'm doing a survey on students' life. Can I ask you some questions?

W: Of course.

M: What do you like doing in your free time, Jane?

W: I'm really into music, so I spend a lot of time playing the guitar and I enjoy singing. I try to play some of the songs from my favorite bands.

M: What do you like to do when you're on holiday?

W: My house is about 10 minutes' walk to the mountains so we usually go to the mountains. I like skiing very much. I love to spend time out on the snow. I first learned when I was four years old, so I'm quite good at it.

M: What about summer holidays?

W: I'm not that interested in going to mountains in summer. I can't bear going for long walks among the trees and flowers and looking at the views. I prefer walking along the beach. I can't swim though.

M: What is your favorite subject at school?

W: Well, English is OK, but it's not my favorite. History is what I enjoy most, and geography is the second. I want to study history at university. I'd like to be a history teacher one day.

Text 10

W: Hello, everyone. My name's Jenny Thomas. I'm from WSP, short for Worldwide Students Project. It is a service organization which was set up to improve international understanding. Now we've got volunteers from 30 different countries working around the world. If you're interested in joining us, I'd like to tell you about some of the projects that are available. Depending on how long you want to be away, there are three kinds of projects to choose from: short-term projects lasting two or three weeks, medium-term projects lasting between one and six months and long-term projects which can be up to a year. The first project I'd like to tell about is in Japan. It's a village improvement project. You'd be working alongside local people, so you need knowledge of Japanese for that. It is for three weeks. The next one is a children's holiday center in Poland. The work includes painting rooms, gardening, things like that. It's a medium-term one lasting six weeks. The final project is for the medical students here. There is a placement available in a center for disabled children in India. You'd be providing medical care there. You'll work for six months there, so you can get plenty of experience and do something worthwhile for the disabled children.

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