

衡阳市八中 2024 届高三第二次月考

英 语

第 I 卷(选择题)

第一部分 听力(共两节, 满分 30 分)

做题时, 先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后, 你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

第一节(共 5 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 7.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题, 从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项选出最佳选项。听完每段对话后, 你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. What did the woman tell the man?

- A. Her pencil wasn't sharp.
- B. He could use her extra pen.
- C. She didn't bring the pencil sharpener.

2. Why was the man surprised?

- A. The woman was late.
- B. The woman arrived early.
- C. The woman had to work overtime tonight.

3. When will the speakers discuss the matter again?

- A. On Wednesday.
- B. On Thursday.
- C. On Friday.

4. How does Henry feel now?

- A. Proud.
- B. Grateful.
- C. Tired.

5. What will the speakers do?

- A. Keep waiting.
- B. Go back home.
- C. Go to another restaurant.

第二节(共 15 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 22.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题, 从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项选出最佳选项。听每段对话或独白前, 你将有时间阅读各个小题, 每小题 5 秒钟; 听完后, 各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听下面一段对话, 回答以下小题。

6. What is the conversation mainly about?

- A. The best social apps.
- B. Plans for the weekend.
- C. The man's phone messages.

7. How many people does the man claim to text often?

- A. 5.
- B. 10.
- C. 60.

听下面一段对话, 回答以下小题。

8. What does the man have to do this morning?

- A. Treat friends at home.
- B. Finish reading a paper.
- C. Look after his baby sister.

9. What will the man do?

- A. Borrow the woman's computer.
- B. Have the woman visit his friends.
- C. Go to the library to finish his paper.

听下面一段对话, 回答以下小题。

10. Why is Jeff at the airport?

- A. To see Ryan off.
- B. To fly to London.
- C. To meet the woman.

11. Why does Ryan go to Paris?  
A. To do business.                      B. To go sightseeing.                      C. To receive education.

12. What does Jeff worry about?  
A. Ryan may miss his flight.  
B. The plane maybe delayed.  
C. There's no time to talk to Daisy.

听下面一段对话，回答以下小题。

13. What is People You Meet?  
A. An office party.                      B. A radio program.                      C. A training course.

14. How many people does Mark's office serve every year?  
A. About 100,000.                      B. About 200,000.                      C. About 500,000.

15. What do we know about Mark?  
A. He is a team leader.                      B. He was born in London.                      C. He speaks thirty languages.

16. What do Mark and his co-workers usually do to help visitors?  
A. Show them around.                      B. Plan tours for them.                      C. Teach them English.

听下面一段独白，回答以下小题。

17. What does the speaker do?  
A. A journalist.                      B. A student.                      C. A TV host.

18. Where did the speaker visit last year?  
A. A university.                      B. A top college.                      C. A news agency.

19. Which kind of job does the speaker dislike?  
A. The one without change.  
B. The one that keeps him busy.  
C. The one that needs to be done secretly.

20. What is the speaker going to do after getting the bachelor's degree?  
A. Find a job.                      B. Continue his study.                      C. Travel around the country.

## 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

#### Planning to get away? Think passport first

If you're planning to get away from it all this year, you should think passport first. Checking you have a valid passport before you book your trip takes minutes but could save you the trouble and cost of not being able to go.

#### Renewing(更新)your passport before it runs out

You can renew your passport up to 9 months before it can no longer be legally used. So take the time now and save the tears later.

#### Applying for a passport for the first time

Our eligibility(资格) checks mean that it takes a minimum of one week to issue(颁发) a passport. So make sure you don't leave it to the last minute, and apply in plenty of time.

#### Help with your application is just around the corner

Selected Post Office branches and World choice travel agents offer a Check and Send service that helps you with your application. It's convenient and you should receive your passport within 2 weeks.

If you need to apply for or renew a passport, you can either:

Pick up a Passport Application Form at Selected Post Office branches and World choice travel agents.

Or call the Application Form Request line on 09014700100 or visit [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk)

If your need is urgent, call 08705210410 for an appointment at one of our offices. We can't guarantee to see customers without an appointment.

From 14th January a guaranteed same day (passport renewals only) or one week service will be available from passport public counters.

Calls will be charged 60p per minute and the cost per call should not normally be more than 90p.

Calls are charged at national rates

21. When applying for a passport for the first time you need to know that \_\_\_\_.

- A. passports can be legally used forever.
- B. passports are issued at the last minute.
- C. application checks take at least one week.
- D. applications are selected by post office branches.

22. According to the passage, you can meet your urgent need by

- A. going to the offices directly.
- B. making a call for an appointment.
- C. visiting [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk) for a guarantee
- D. getting in touch with World choice travel agents

23. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Certain types of passports.
- B. Different functions of passports.
- C. Advantages of holding passports.
- D. Instructions on applying for passports.

B

I used to fancy myself a pretty good vacationer. But on my family's recent week-long trip to Mexico our first real getaway since the pandemic began—I got mixed up

The huge difference between the expectations and the realities of travel hit me a few hours after we landed in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Driving our rental car to Walmart to buy groceries, we found ourselves tuck in stand-still traffic for over two hours. I comforted myself with the thought that once we arrived, my vacation self would emerge: relaxed, flexible and ready for a surfing followed by a margarita(玛格丽塔酒 on the beach—while wearing one of several sundresses that had been gathering dust in my closet since 2020. Readers, I did not. First, I was defeated by what I will well refer to as "traveler's stomach." Then, I was scared out of surfing by waves that seemed too messy and powerful for my skills. A chilly fog kept me from unrolling the sundresses I'd carefully packed, and I ended up wrapped in the same sweat-shirt that I wore on the airplane. All seemed ruined.

During the episode, I nearly drove myself crazy by asking constantly, "How can I make this better? Can I find a different route in the traffic?" But it was just about acceptance; getting into the moment accepting what it is, and trusting—trusting this may not be the best moment of the vacation, but there can still be good moments of the vacation.

Indeed, I noticed a shift in my mood. At some stage I did drink a margarita. Eventually, I had an enjoyable afternoon of surfing in the sun. But when I fondly remember this vacation now. I more often return to curling up on the hotel couch with my husband, watching "Stranger Things" in sweats; or sittings and-caked on the beach watching our daughter digging with a local girl. In those small moments, I was simply present. That's what vacation is all about.

24. How did the author feel on her way to Walmart

- A. Relaxed and expectant.
- B. Upset but hopeful.
- C. Disappointed and defeated.
- D. Delighted but concerned.

25. What prevented the author from wearing the sundress

- A. Sharp stomachache.
- B. Huge waves.
- C. Cold weather.
- D. Favored sweat-shirts.

26. What can we learn about the author as the vacation went on?

- A. She preferred to stay in the hotel.
- B. She sought for better enjoyments.

- C. She achieved the goals as scheduled.
  - D. She embraced the imperfect moments.
27. What is the purpose of the text?
- A. To share reflections on a trip.
  - C. To promote tourism in Mexico.
  - B. To provide advice on a getaway.
  - D. To inform challenges of a vacation.

C

US astronaut Mae Jemison was only a little girl back in the 1960s. But she was old enough to know there was something strange with the Apollo astronauts as she watched them go into space on TV: They were all men-no women could be seen.

"That was the most absurd thing in the world," Jemison, now an astronaut herself, once told The Atlantic. "I just thought, would the aliens actually think this is all there is to humanity".

Fortunately, the past five decades have seen the world becoming a less "absurd" place. From NASA's first astronaut class in 1959, which was all-male, to its 2013 class, in which half of all eight members were women, we can see how things are changing.

And on March 29, another history was about to be made when an all-female team-Anne McClain and Christina Koch - was scheduled to make an "all-women spacewalk" since all previous spacewalks were done with at least one male astronaut. But that plan was eventually canceled, due to "spacesuit availability", which means NASA doesn't have two suits that fit women.

The world is still pretty "absurd" after all.

In fact, tests have long proved that women are not at all less competent than men when it comes to space tasks. But apparently, test results are not enough to fight off the world's long-existing biases against women. According to Atlas Obscura magazine, female astronauts were sometimes asked sexist questions during news conferences - examples include how they would live for a week without makeup, or how they could leave their children behind to go on space missions - when male astronauts were never bothered by such questions.

Hopefully - give it another few decades - we'll be able to see a world that's fully grown out of its absurdity in terms of gender equality. And hopefully, when aliens do come visit one of our space stations, they'll see humanity the way it should be.

28. Which of the following descriptions fits Mae Jemison?
- A. When she was young in 1960s, she knew nothing of the Apollo astronauts.
  - B. She believed that the aliens thought there was no woman on earth.
  - C. She found it unfair to see all the Apollo astronauts were men.
  - D. She wanted to be one of the Apollo astronauts.
29. What happened in NASA according to paragraph 4?
- A. The astronauts class which were male became all female in 2013.
  - B. An all-female team made "all women spacewalk" plan come true.
  - C. "All women spacewalk" plan was canceled because of astronauts' ability.
  - D. The shortage of space suits upset the "all women spacewalk" plan.
30. We can draw the conclusion from the tests that \_\_\_\_
- A. Women are more competent than men in space tasks.
  - B. Despite the results, the world's long-existing biases against women still exists.
  - C. It is difficult for women not to use makeup for work.
  - D. Male astronauts never leave children behind to go on space missions.
31. What view did the author hold in the last paragraph?
- A. When aliens visit our space stations, they will see more human beings.
  - B. He believes that there will be no absurdity about the equality between men and women.

- C.The world may become one full of humans and aliens.
- D. Our space station will grow fully in another few decades.

D

Not long after the pandemic started, researchers began to document declines in child and adolescence mental health. The numbers are stark.

Hospital emergency room visits spiked for suspected suicide attempts among girls ages 12 to 17, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From February to March 2021, the number jumped by 51 percent compared with the same period during 2019. For boys, the increase was 4 percent. Early research from MIT suggested the suicide rate for people aged 10 to 19 increased in 2020, compared with before the pandemic. More recently, CDC provisional data for 2021 showed an increase in the national rate from 2020 to 2021, especially for people ages 15 to 24.

In other research, the CDC found nearly 45 percent of high school students were so constantly sad or hopeless in 2021 that they were unable to engage in regular activities. Almost 1 in 5 seriously considered suicide, and 9 percent of the teenagers surveyed by the CDC tried to take their lives during the previous 12 months. Family upheaval(变故), meanwhile, was widespread, particularly in the early pandemic: Nearly 30 percent of students said an adult in their home had lost a job, and 24 percent said they went hungry for a lack of food.

There are no directly comparable per-pandemic studies, but Kathleen Ether, the CDC's director of the division of adolescent and school health, said student well-being is significantly better for teens who report feeling connected to their schools - a problem for a population that, nationwide, was kept out of them for so long. There is 20 years of research showing that it not only has an impact on how young people do while they're adolescents, but it has 20-year impacts on all kinds of measures of health, including emotional well-being, suicidality and substance(违禁药物) use, she said.

It also left many children grieving. More than 230,000 U.S. students under 18 are believed to be mourning the ultimate loss: the death of a parent or primary caregiver in a pandemic-related loss, according to research by the CDC, Imperial College London, Harvard University, Oxford University and the University of Cape Town. In the United States, children of color were hit the hardest, another study found. It estimated that Black and Hispanic children had a higher rate of caregiver loss at nearly twice that of White children.

32. What does the underlined word "spiked" in Paragraph 2 mean?  
A. Accounted.      B. Boosted.      C. Reduced.      D. Accused.
33. What can we infer about the senior students in Paragraph 3?  
A. Almost half of the students were too desperate to live normal lives.  
B. About 20 percent of the students attempted a suicide previously.  
C. They became starved due to the unemployment of adults.  
D. Family upheaval mainly contributes to their psychological disorders.
34. What do we know about Black and Hispanic children according to the text?  
A. Over 230,000 Black and Hispanic students suffered from a family loss by the age of 18.  
B. The US white people have so much racial discrimination against them.  
C. They may enter the child welfare system after experiencing the death of a parent.  
D. They were more likely to lose a caregiver than White, non-Hispanic children.
35. In which section of a newspaper may this text appear?  
A. Entertainment.      B. Health.      C. Education.      D. Science.

**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。

The chicken or the egg - which came first? It's probably one of the most commonly cited paradoxes - a chicken hatches from an egg, so the egg came first, right? 36 The two ideas seem contradictory, and that's exactly what a paradox is - a problem that seemingly has no definitive solution and can't be logically solved.

37 How can work be flexible but maintain structure? How can we switch off if we're working from home?

Two contrasting ideas could cause people stress, but what if we accept the contradiction and change the way we look at it? This is what some experts call the 'paradox mindset'.

A paradox consists of two realities that exist at the same time - even though that seems impossible. 38 or example, embracing change may lead to bum-out, while embracing stability may lead to boredom. Some experts have found the acceptance of both realities and a willingness to embrace them can improve both creativity and productivity by allowing you to navigate a path through the contradictions. 39 Consider Einstein. The theory of relativity was born out of the paradox that something could be moving and stationary at the same time, depending on perspective.

So, having a 'paradox mindset' and accepting the bigger picture may help you better understand problems. It could also make you happier knowing that contradictions exist. As a result, it may lead you to improving your productivity and creativity. 40

- A. But then what laid the egg?
- B. However, some say the chicken came first as it laid the egg.
- C. If it worked for Einstein, maybe it could be good for you too.
- D. And paradoxes don't just exist in philosophical debates but also in our daily lives.
- E. Studies have found that the application of a paradox can bring enormous benefits.
- F. If you embrace just one of those realities and ignore the other, it can cause problems.
- G. A 1996 study of geniuses found those thinkers spent time considering opposites and antitheses.

### 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。

It was a cold, rainy day, and I had no desire to drive up the winding mountain road to my daughter Carolyn's house. But she 41 that I come to see something at the top of the mountain.

So here I was, 42 making the two-hour journey through thick fog. Nothing could be worth this I thought as I 43 along the dangerous highway.

Turning down a narrow track, we 44 and got out. We walked along a path that was thick with old pine needles. Huge black-green evergreens 45 over us. Gradually, the peace and silence of the place began to 46 my mind.

Then we turned a corner and stopped at the top of the mountain and I was entirely held in 47. There across fields and valleys were rivers of fully-opened yellow flowers from the light one to the most brilliant. It looked as though the sun had tipped over and 48 the mountainside in gold.

49 occurred to my mind. Who created such beauty? How? When? As we approached the house that stood in the center of the property, we saw a 50 that read: "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking." The first answer was: "One Woman - Two Hands, Two Feet and Very Little Brain." The second was: "51 at a Time." The third: "Started in 1958." As we drove home, I was so moved by what we had seen that I could 52 speak. "She changed the world," I finally said, "one small plant at a time. She started almost 40 years ago, probably just the 53 of an idea, but she kept at it." The wonder of it would not let me go. "Imagine," I said, "If I had a dream and 54 it, just a little bit everyday, what might I have accomplished?" Carolyn looked at me sideways, smiling. "Start tomorrow," she said. 55 yet, start today."

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|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 41. A. asked       | B. commanded    | C. insisted    | D. predicted    |
| 42. A. unwillingly | B. undoubtedly  | C. unknowingly | D. unexpectedly |
| 43. A. walked      | B. inched       | C. wandered    | D. fled         |
| 44. A. pulled over | B. stepped down | C. looked up   | D. turned off   |
| 45. A. greeted     | B. flowed       | C. reached     | D. towered      |
| 46. A. admit       | B. fill         | C. control     | D. read         |
| 47. A. amazement   | B. curiosity    | C. amusement   | D. confusion    |
| 48. A. pushed      | B. moved        | C. swung       | D. bathed       |
| 49. A. Doubts      | B. Ideas        | C. Questions   | D. Requests     |

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|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 50. A. signal    | B. symbol     | C. symptom  | D. sign      |
| 51. A. Each      | B. Some       | C. One      | D. That      |
| 52. A. surely    | B. barely     | C. mostly   | D. instantly |
| 53. A. beginning | B. intention  | C. ending   | D. absence   |
| 54. A. set off   | B. worked out | C. set down | D. worked at |
| 55. A. Later     | B. Better     | C. Happier  | D. Harder    |

**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。

The growing popularity of precooked food in China - also known as the ready-meals industry - has made 56 a capital darling. In the world's second-largest economy, the market for pre-prepared dishes has been mainly driven by caterers. But a shift from restaurants to family dining tables in the past two years, 57 (bring) pre-made food to the mass consumer market rapidly.

"Pre-prepared dishes meet the 58 (prefer) of a new generation of consumers for healthier and more distinctive meals." According to a report, China's pre-prepared dishes market generated about 550 billion yuan in 2021, with an 59 (expect) compound annual growth rate of 13 per cent over the next 5 years.

As a new capital darling the pre-cooking industry is attracting cross-sector investment from companies outside the food industry. In mid-July, 60 founder of a financial technology company called Qudian, Luo Min, ranked atop the e-commerce sales board by selling pre-made dishes on TikTok China, known as Douyin, 61 (use) his personal account. It generated 252 million yuan worth of sales in a single session, more than 62 it was last year.

However, the quality of pre-made dishes in the market remains 63 (even), with problem related to the lack of detailed labeling on such products, as well as difficulties in logistics and distribution.

64 advance notice, the use of pre-prepared dishes by restaurants 65 (replace) those prepared on-site by a chef was harmful to consumers' rights to information and choice. With the rapid development of the pre-cooking market, relevant regulations are needed to promote industry standardization

**第II卷(非选择题)**

**第四部分 写作(共两节, 满分40分)**

**第一节(满分15分)**

假定你是高三学生李华,你校英语报即将举办题为"Improving Our Handwriting"的征文活动。请你写一篇短文参赛,内容包括:

1. 好的书写的益处;
2. 改进书写的技巧

注意:

1. 词数应为80左右;
2. 可适当增加情节,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。

The emergency doctor stood at the foot of my husband's hospital bed, holding the test results and a diagnosis--Leukemia. He said to my husband, "We'll move you to the leukemia floor. You'll be here at least a month.

A month! How were we going to struggle for a month? It was March. The end of a school year was approaching. My days with my high school students were limited. How could I prepare four weeks of lesson plans and hand them over to a substitute teacher? A month! Could we afford being in the hospital that long! Our insurance was good, but we'd still have to pay our part of the medical expenses. My meals wouldn't be covered, and parking was so expensive! My head couldn't do the math. I drove home, filled with countless worries.

The next morning, I packed the car with everything needed for our hospital stay and headed to school to see my students. Because we live in a small community, they would have heard about my husband's diagnosis. I would assure

them that my husband would be fine, and that I would be fine, too. I'd encourage them to be their best selves for the substitute -and for me- while I was on family leave.

When I entered my classroom, the chatter stopped. I could feel my students assess me as I walked to the front of the room, so I put on a smile and continued to my podium(讲台). Sitting on top was a green envelope with "Mrs. Sargent" written on it. I looked over the frames of my glasses at twenty-eight faces some smiling, some trying to resist."What is this?" I asked. I picked up the envelope, and continued."You guys.."

注意

1.续写词数应为 150 左右:

2.请按如下格式作答。

When I opened the envelope, coins and dollar bills fell out-fives, tens, twenties. \_\_\_\_\_

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As an adult in the room, I felt guilty and unwilling to accept these teenagers' hard-earned money, but I decided to accept it. \_\_\_\_\_

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