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英语试题

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第二部分 阅读（共两节，满分 50 分） 公众号：全元高考

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

Best books for 12 to 14-year-olds

Mortal Engines

Author: Philip Reeve

Publisher: Scholastic

London is on the move again: the city searches the world for resources on wheels, eating smaller towns. But when he is thrown off the city, young hero Tom is soon forced to reexamine life as he knows it.

Set in a futuristic (科幻性的) background, this imaginative story is a combination of action and adventure. The book has won the Blue Peter Book Award.

Coram Boy

Author: Jamila Gavin

Publisher: Egmont

Toby's and Aaron's lives are linked by the Coram Man, who collects unwanted children from across the country, supposedly to send them to a safe new life. In reality, the man sells the children into slavery (奴役). Soon, Toby and Aaron find themselves united on a journey, filled with danger and excitement.

Rich with historical detail, this book provides an important insight into the 1750s society. It was a winner of the Whitbread Children's Book Award.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Author: Mark Haddon

Publisher: Red Fox

Seen through the eyes of Christopher, a mathematical genius and Sherlock Holmes fan, this novel begins with the discovery of a dead dog on a neighbor's lawn. In his search to discover the identity of the killer, Christopher uncovers some information about his own family and he starts a journey to London to find his mother.

Watership Down

Author: Richard Adams

Publisher: Penguin

Young rabbit Fiver believes that a great disaster is about to strike the place where he lives—but no one will listen to him. At last he manages to ask a few brave rabbits to leave before it's too late. Hunted by dogs and foxes, their journey is a dangerous one—but the rabbits can still dream of a peaceful and safe new life at Watership Down. This book won both the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Carnegie Medal.

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21. Which book was published by Penguin?
A. *Coram Boy*. B. *Mortal Engines*.
C. *Watership Down*. D. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.
22. What information can we get from the book *Coram Boy*?
A. Its main characters are Toby and Aaron.
B. It is about some rabbits escaping a disaster.
C. It won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize.
D. Its content involves the background of a future society.
23. How does Christopher find some information about his family?
A. When taking his trip to London.
B. When working with Sherlock Holmes.
C. When trying to find the identify of a killer.
D. When communicating with a mathematical genius.

B

Getting to Antarctica is not easy. The few who are lucky enough to visit this most mysterious continent do so by ship. To reach Antarctica, ships must pass through an extremely violent area of ocean called the Drake Passage, considered to be the roughest stretch of sea on the planet.

Walls of water thirty, sometimes forty feet high continually crashed against our ship for two solid days. We would hold on to a rope inside the ship while being violently tipped(倾斜) to one extreme side, then to the other, and then back again. My daughter Claire and I were as mentally prepared as we could be.

About two and a half days after entering the Drake Passage, the waters calmed. Soon, we noticed small black spots on nearby pieces of floating ice. Emperor penguins! Then, we began the two-mile hike over the ice to the penguin colony. Within several hundred yards, small groups of emperors, perhaps ten or so at a time, greeted us, sliding on their bellies and making their wonderful noises, sort of a long, high-pitched sound.

One day two adult emperors with their three chicks following them approached Claire, who was resting on the ice. They left the chicks with her, as if she were the babysitter.

Twenty minutes later they returned to collect the chicks. And I will never forget the penguin that, when I jokingly asked which way back to the helicopters, pointed a wing in the correct direction. Every night aboard our safe and warm ship, we thought about what it takes to survive in Antarctica, an incredibly harsh place.

But each day on the ice, we also thought about the Drake Passage, the impact of the large body of water we had to endure to get where we were. Over the course of our visit, we came to respect the power of that sea. We still talk about the penguins, as I'm sure we always will. But we talk about the Drake Passage, too. Both experiences were unforgettable, and one would not have been possible without the other.

24. Why is the Drake Passage mentioned in the first paragraph?
A. The water in the area is usually calm. B. People can see very attractive scenery there.
C. A lot of sea animals often appear in the area. D. It is quite a dangerous section of the journey.
25. What is the theme of the third paragraph?
A. The visitors appreciated the penguins. B. The living habits of emperor penguins.

- C. How penguins made their wonderful noises. D. The appearance and shape of emperor penguins.
26. What can we infer from the fourth paragraph?
- A. Penguins try to avoid human beings.
B. Penguins are not afraid of human beings.
C. Claire played with the two adult penguins for a long time.
D. Claire led the young penguins to where the adult penguins stayed.
27. What does the underlined word “endure” in the last paragraph mean?
- A. Promote. B. Break. C. Arrange. D. Experience.

C

Portia Kapraun has always seen unwelcome ads on Twitter, usually from major brands pitching (竭力推销) her expensive jewelry or vehicles that she, as a librarian in Indiana, could not afford. Ms. Kapraun was not interested. But she soon saw the ads again. And again. And again. “These feel like low-end ads,” she said. In a shaky advertising market in an uncertain economy, ads that few people want to see suddenly seem to be everywhere.

Advancements in digital advertising technology were meant to improve users’ experience. People interested in shoes are intended to get ads for sneakers and boots, not repeated pitches promoting gold investments. And the technology is supposed to remove misleading or dangerous pitches. But lately, on several platforms, the opposite seems to be happening for a variety of reasons, including a slowdown in the overall digital ad market. As numerous deep-pocketed marketers have pulled back, and the softer market has led several digital platforms to lower their ad pricing, opportunities have opened up for less demanding advertisers.

Advertising experts agree that poor-quality ads appear to be increasing greatly. They point to a variety of potential causes: internal troubles at technology companies, weak content moderation (审核), and high-level advertisers seeking other choices. Then, there’s the economy: A recent survey of 43 multinational companies representing more than \$44 billion in advertising spending found that nearly 30 percent planned to cut back on their marketing spending last year.

Other factors are also contributing to lower advertising quality. Social media advertising, once only practiced by specialists, is now easily available to anyone. Many of them are avoiding targeted ads—placements intended to reach specific audiences, usually at a higher cost—in favor of a cheaper spray-and-pray (广撒网式的) approach online, hoping to catch the attention of gullible (容易受骗的) or bored shoppers. Major social media platforms are now like “a mall that used to be good”, Corey Richardson, vice president at a multicultural ad company, says. “But now there’s no longer a mall there—it’s just a calendar store and a place sling beepers (传呼机).”

28. What message does the author want to deliver in Portia Kapraun’s story?
- A. Repeated ads have a strong power of persuasion.
B. Social media users often encounter unwanted ads.
C. Major brands usually prefer social media advertising.
D. An uncertain economy leads to lower levels of consumption.
29. What can be inferred about the “less demanding advertisers” mentioned in Paragraph 2?
- A. They are forced to exit the digital ad market.

- B. They have benefited from advertising experts.
C. They can now advertise at a more affordable price.
D. They work hard to improve their users' experience.
30. What is Corey Richardson's attitude to major social media platforms?
A. Favorable. B. Hopeful C. Unclear. D. Negative.
31. Which of the following is a suitable title for the text?
A. Where is social media advertising heading?
B. What is shaking up the online advertising market?
C. Why are you seeing so many bad digital ads now?
D. How are targeted ads impacting your purchase decisions?

D

Both Roberto and Keith have a 45-minute commute(通勤) time from their homes to their workplace. When Roberto drives, he has realistic expectations of how others drive and how long the trip should take. Overall, he is able to adapt to any unexpected challenges he may face on the road. He rarely becomes angry. By contrast, Keith drives with a tendency for becoming angry easily, partly due to unrealistic expectations of other drivers, his quickness to personalize and feel threatened by the actions of others, and his inability to calm his anger.

The difference between how Roberto and Keith experience their drive to work, especially with regard to getting angry, is influenced very much by their emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence is crucial for helping individuals choose constructive over destructive anger. A key aspect of healthy anger is being able to pause and reflect on, rather than react to, our thoughts, feelings, and senses associated with getting angry.

Self-regulation and empathy(同理心) are two important components of emotional intelligence, which can be a buffer(缓冲) against destructive anger. Self-regulation helps us to control our moods. Empathy helps us to recognize the humanity in others and ourselves.

Studies suggest that training in emotional intelligence can powerfully impact how anger is managed. This was supported by a three-year study of 476 young adults who showed reduced tendency of becoming angry after training. Children and adults can learn skills to boost their emotional intelligence and, by doing so, develop adaptability for dealing with various negative affect, including anger. Many workbooks offer skills in emotional intelligence to promote empathy and self-awareness regarding emotions and how they impact our beliefs and behavior.

Clearly, through training, Keith would experience greater emotional flexibility that could support a more peaceful commute to work. I firmly believe that learning skills in emotional intelligence should be the focus in helping individuals more constructively manage this highly challenging and complex emotion.

32. What is the function of the first paragraph?
A. To tell a true story. B. To make a comparison.
C. To introduce the main topic. D. To present an important finding.
33. Which of the following is the main point of healthy anger?
A. Thinking over the annoying situation. 公众号: 全元高考
B. Taking action to deal with the awful situation.
C. Turning a blind eye to the unwelcome situation.

- D. Expressing feelings about the disturbing situation.
34. What is the author's attitude towards training in emotional intelligence?
A. Tolerant. B. Doubtful. C. Negative. D. Supportive.
35. What is the suitable title of the text?
A. Friends Should Enjoy Peaceful Commute
B. Drivers Need to Boost Their Emotional Intelligence
C. Emotional Intelligence Is a Buffer Against Destructive Anger
D. Emotional Intelligence Has a Powerful Impact on People's Life

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。

Does the happiness of parents play a role in shaping the overall happiness of their children? Scientific studies have shed light on the far-reaching connection between parental happiness and the positive development of kids. It seems that parental happiness has an important influence on the emotional, social, and cognitive (认知的) development of children. ___36___ If they know their mental and emotional happiness has an impact on their children, perhaps it can motivate them to view it as part of being a good parent.

___37___ For example, they can join in activities that bring them joy and satisfaction. This could include hobbies, exercise, pursuing personal goals, or taking time for relaxation. When parents improve their own happiness, they can better support their children's happiness.

Another great idea is sharing experiences and creating many memories together. The idea is twofold. ___38___ At the same time, the shared experiences and showing their children how happy they are to do something they love can be incredibly valuable as well.

One of the main aspects of being happy parents is feeling comfortable, confident and able to be themselves, despite their new status and huge responsibility. Honestly, when parents prioritize their own happiness, it has positive effects on the overall happiness of the family. ___39___

When parents put their own happiness first, they become role models for their kids. They see the importance of self-care, pursuing passions and maintaining healthy relationships. ___40___ So, parents should accept their uniqueness, enjoying life!

- A. However, part of being responsible is being honest.
B. They are passing on some major life skills and attitudes.
C. They may lose a bit of their sense of self when caring for children.
D. Parents can adopt practical ways to enhance their own happiness.
E. A joyful and harmonious family environment benefits everyone involved.
F. This can happen when parents prioritize their own happiness according to Inc.
G. Firstly, the parents continue to be themselves and do something they love.

第三部分 语言知识运用（共两节，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，从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

The wind and rain made it feel like a cold December day. I walked as fast as possible to the arena (运

动场) . When I got inside, it was 41 cold, and I was grateful that I'd 42 to wear much clothing. Then a voice called out, "Hi, Fran."

It was nice to see Lindy and Pippa--they were braving the 43 to help here, too. The arena was 44. The nickering (嘶叫) of horses mixed with children's laughter. Volunteers led horses while parents tended to their children with 45 needs, preparing them for their riding lesson.

I couldn't help 46. These children all faced daily mental and physical 47, and their parents' love was 48. Just the tiniest sign of 49—a child managing a simple exercise—was a major 50 for the instructor, parent and child.

I realized why I came to this place. It was for the 51 of the children. Though the volunteer work here is extremely tiring, so many people 52 give their time because the children need us. These children have different 53 of mental or physical disabilities. Riding strengthens their muscles and bones, 54 them to enjoy a more fruitful life.

That day, as those children 55 me from atop their horses and smiled, my heart was filled with warmth. I was warm from the inside out.

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| 41. A. never | B. even | C. just | D. still |
| 42. A. asked | B. remembered | C. meant | D. agreed |
| 43. A. dark | B. rule | C. cold | D. distance |
| 44. A. spacious | B. elegant | C. vivid | D. busy |
| 45. A. urgent | B. proper | C. special | D. similar |
| 46. A. smiling | B. joking | C. running | D. jumping |
| 47. A. activities | B. challenges | C. developments | D. changes |
| 48. A. plain | B. complicated | C. absent | D. obvious |
| 49. A. improvement | B. problem | C. pursuit | D. adjustment |
| 50. A. target | B. principle | C. milestone | D. commitment |
| 51. A. happiness | B. past | C. family | D. action |
| 52. A. instantly | B. automatically | C. temporarily | D. voluntarily |
| 53. A. degrees | B. quantities | C. names | D. drawbacks |
| 54. A. instructing | B. motivating | C. enabling | D. forcing |
| 55. A. glared up at | B. looked down at | C. watched out for | D. looked up to |

第二节 语法填空 (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。

A Stone Age bird sculpture 56 (cover) in China could be a "missing link" in our understanding of prehistoric art. 57 (date) back almost 13,500 years, the sculpture is now the oldest known example of three-dimensional art in East Asia.

Described 58 being in "an exceptional state of preservation," the sculpture was found at an archeological site in Lingjing, Henan Province. It was hand-carved from burned animal bone. Researchers say the sculpture depicts (刻画) a bird on a base, pointing to deliberate marks 59 the creature's eyes and bill (嘴) would be. It is believed that the bird's oversized tail was made 60 (prevent) the sculpture from leaning forward when 61 (lay) on a surface. This discovery identifies a(n) 62 (origin) artistic tradition and pushes back by more than 8,500 years the representation of birds in Chinese

art. The sculpture differs ____ 63 ____ (technology) and stylistically from other sculptures found in Western Europe and Siberia, and it could be the missing link tracing the origin of Chinese statues back to the early part of the Stone Age. Li Zhanyang, who led ____ 64 ____ study, has contributed to other archeological findings in Lingjing, including various ancient ____ 65 ____ (tool) and two skulls belonging to an extinct species of early humans.

第四部分 写作（共两节，满分 40 分）

第一节 应用文写作（满分 15 分）

假定你是李华，你的外国笔友 Jim 所在学校的图书馆想要收藏关于中国文化的书籍，他发来邮件请你帮忙推荐相关书籍。请你给他回一封邮件，内容包括：

1. 书籍类型；
2. 推荐理由。

注意：

1. 写作词数应为 80 左右；
2. 请在答题卡相应位置作答。

Dear Jim,

How is everything going?

Yours,
Li Hua

第二节 读后续写（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。

As the late afternoon sun beat down on his farm in Missouri last May, Brandon finished feeding his cows and decided to go home. As they often did, his two sons, Louie, 7, and Everett, 5, followed closely.

As they headed for the house, the two boys ran ahead of their father, who stopped to close the gate. Louie paused at a board covering an old well. The board had, over time, become easily broken. When Louie stepped on it, it caved in and he fell into the well. Brandon had just close the door when he heard a cry for help. He turned around and found his younger son Everett standing alone beside the well, pointing to it and screaming.

Brandon quickly realized what had happened. “No, Louie can barely swim,” he panicked, his mind almost going blank. However, he knew he should calm down. He ran to the well and heard Louie hitting the water. Without thinking, he jumped in. Somehow, Brandon managed to grab on to a pipe that ran down

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the side of the well. He hit the cold water at the bottom of the well and lifted Louie up as he stuck his own legs and back against the narrow walls for support, "All right, Dad, we can climb out now," Louie said.

If only it were that easy!

The pipe that he'd grabbed during his fall was too slippery to be of any use. There was only one way out. Looking up to see Everett looking down at them, Brandon shouted, "Everett, you're going to have to be a big boy and save us. Run to the road and stand by the mailbox until someone stops. Tell them we need help. And Everett, stay off the road."

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。

Everett did as he was told.

The couple hurried to the well with Everett.

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