

英语试题

注意事项:

1. 答卷前, 考生务必将自己的姓名、考生号、考场号、座位号填写在答题卡上。
2. 回答选择题时, 选出每小题答案后, 用铅笔把答题卡上对应题目的答案标号涂黑, 如需改动, 用橡皮擦干净后, 再选涂其他答案标号。回答非选择题时, 将答案写在答题卡上, 写在本试卷上无效。
3. 考试结束后, 将答题卡交回。

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 color is the sofa?

A. White.

B. Brown.

C. Blue.

2. What will the woman do?

A. Lock the doors.

B. Repair the speakers.

C. Inform the customers.

3. What are the speakers mainly discussing?

A. The man's garden.

B. The woman's cooking.

C. Their grandma's health.

4. Who is Nicole?

A. The man's daughter.

B. The man's sister.

C. The man's niece.

5. What happened to the man?

A. He lost an English report.

B. He broke his USB memory.

C. He sent a file to a wrong person.

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。

听第 6 段材料, 回答第 6、7 题。

6. What job would Millie prefer?

A. To do research on science.

B. To do beauty treatments.

C. To create soaps.

7. What is more important to Millie?

A. The salary.

B. The social status.

C. The job satisfaction.

听第7段材料, 回答第8至10题。

8. What time is it now?

A. 7:00 p.m.

B. 8:00 p.m.

C. 9:00 p.m.

9. What are the speakers going to do tomorrow morning?

A. Pick up a friend.

B. Catch a flight.

C. Take a train to the city.

10. How does the woman probably feel?

A. Annoyed.

B. Excited.

C. Surprised.

听第8段材料, 回答第11至13题。

11. What are the speakers doing?

A. Ordering food.

B. Waiting in line.

C. Taking a break.

12. How often does the woman exercise every week?

A. Twice.

B. Three times.

C. Four times.

13. How does the man usually get to work?

A. By car.

B. On foot.

C. By subway.

听第9段材料, 回答第14至16题。

14. What will the girl do tomorrow afternoon?

A. Take a test.

B. Meet with Mary.

C. Hand in a paper.

15. What do we know about the girl's mother?

A. She likes reading poems.

B. She teaches literature in college.

C. She influences the girl a lot.

16. Where does the conversation most likely take place?

A. In a classroom.

B. In the girl's house.

C. In the teachers' office.

听第10段材料, 回答第17至20题。

17. What does the speaker think of the wedding in Italy?

A. It is typical.

B. It is boring.

C. It is impressive.

18. Where did the bridegroom first meet the bride?

A. In Italy.

B. In France.

C. In England.

19. What often happens at American weddings?

A. Long speeches are given.

B. A big dinner is served before the wedding.

C. Everything about wedding is made at home.

20. Why did the family cut up the bridegroom's tie?

A. To raise money.

B. To play a joke on him.

C. To make him different.

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。

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WELCOME TO DENTAL 2023 IMPLANT CENTER

GRAND OPENING!!

VISIT OUR NEW LOCATION

3317 E. 10th ST., LONG BEACH

Save this coupon(优惠券) and you can enjoy the maximum discount in our new office: Single tooth implant costs only \$700! (A 10% discount of normal). Including implant, abutment and crown.

*Due date: 03/31/24. Cannot be combined with insurance fees or other coupons.

New patients only.

NOW SERVING YOU IN THREE LOCATIONS!

IRVINE: 39 Creek Road, Suite 210

LAGUNA NIGUEL: 30012 Crown Valley Pkwy, STEB

Unlike traditional artificial teeth, which are removable, dental implants are surgically placed into the jawbone and then topped with a restoration such as a dental crown. They feel much more natural than conventional alternatives.

Additionally, dental implants can help to prevent bone deterioration(退化) that is caused by missing teeth. The bone begins to deteriorate when you lose a tooth because it is no longer being stimulated daily. This can lead to severe bone loss over time. But by placing dental implants into the jawbone, we can preserve this structure.

If you're missing one, two, or all of your teeth, we encourage you to visit our new office in Long Beach, or call (949) 857-6757 to schedule your appointment. We would be happy to help you find the best treatment plan to restore your smile and help you enjoy better oral health soon!

21. What's the restriction of the coupon?

A. It is valid only on March 31st.

C. Only new patients can use it.

B. It doesn't support phone reservation.

D. It must be used with insurance fees.

22. Which is an advantage of dental implants?

A. They cost little money.

C. They can be easily removed.

B. They preserve the jawbone.

D. They prevent teeth missing.

23. What is the purpose of the text?

A. To explain how to implant teeth.

B. To introduce three implant centers.

C. To advertise a newly opened dental center.

D. To popularize the knowledge of oral health.

Nuclear energy is one of the cleanest power on earth. It is cleaner than any energy source except wind. But that doesn't necessarily mean nuclear is the long-term solution for the world because nuclear material is perhaps the most poisonous matter on earth. In addition, uranium, the element most commonly used in nuclear reactors, is not in limitless supply. But the biggest problem is nuclear waste.

How can we deal with nuclear waste? The answer is simple — put them somewhere where they can stay, undisturbed, isolated, forever. Finland is building just that. This region is largely lacking in natural disasters. It really doesn't encounter any natural phenomenon that could damage a nuclear waste storage site, especially if it's 1,500 feet underground. Beneath an island on the Finnish Baltic Sea coast, the country is digging. They're building the very first permanent nuclear waste storage facility in the world in the stable bedrock 1,500 feet below.

Currently they're just finishing their dig down, then very soon they'll start filling the facility with nuclear waste. They'll dig long tunnels with small holes in which they'll place nuclear waste then backfill the tunnels with clay to be left forever.

With this system, there's near zero risk of nuclear material leaking out into the groundwater and, once it's filled in the year 2120, it can just be left, forever. Because the material will be so far down and so difficult to get to, no human management will be necessary once completed.

No security, no maintenance, nothing which means it should be truly secure, but before leaving it, Finland needs to fight against one thing — human nature. As curious beings, it's hard to fight a person's urge of discovery. If someone finds a mysterious structure from thousands of years ago, it'd just be natural to want to open it up, and that's a problem for nuclear waste sites.

We essentially did just that with the pyramids in Egypt. These structures were built as the final, permanent resting places and we opened them up because we were curious. Opening the nuclear storage facilities would release radiation into a future civilization, so we have to tell them to leave the sites alone, but that's easier said than done.

24. Why is Finland building a nuclear storage site deep underground?

- A. The tunnels there are easy to dig.
- B. The supply of uranium is limited.
- C. Modern technology makes it possible.
- D. No natural disaster can influence the site.

25. What human nature does the author worry about?

- A. Being curious.
- B. A desire for security.
- C. Being adventurous.
- D. A desire for control.

26. What is the author's attitude toward Finland's action?

- A. Supportive.
- B. Tolerant.
- C. Doubtful.
- D. Pessimistic.

27. Why are the pyramids in Egypt mentioned?

- A. To arouse people's curiosity.
- B. To predict the site's development.
- C. To illustrate the author's concern.
- D. To stress the importance of the project.

The best advertisement for public transportation is seeing a bus whoosh past lines of cars stuck in traffic. When transit is convenient, comfortable, affordable and faster than driving, the service practically sells itself. That's why a recent bus-lane boom in Los Angeles is so welcome.

Since 2019, Metro and the city's Department of Transportation have rolled out nine new segments(路段) for a total of 40 miles of bus lanes on some of the most crowded streets with high bus ridership, such as La Brea Avenue, Venice Boulevard and Alvarado Street. The goal is to have 100 miles in place before the 2028 Olympics.

The result has been faster, more reliable service for passengers — and for drivers stuck in traffic, maybe even a little bus envy. Better bus service is essential to get people to jobs, schools and opportunities, and to entice drivers out of cars to help reduce planet warming emissions.

Great transformation has taken place since. Transit advocates have pressed Metro and elected officials to stop treating bus riders as an afterthought. Former Councilmember Mike Bonin, who also sat on Metro's governing board, pushed for the creation of the Bus Speed and Reliability Working Group. With a clear goal — to speed up the buses — and a mandate(授权) from political leaders, staff at the two agencies were able to cut through bureaucratic barriers that often stymie(阻碍) public works projects.

Bus Rapid Transit, or busways, with dedicated lanes and special stops, have faced resistance from some residents and business owners, who worry about losing car lanes or parking. The compromise is that most bus riders get the benefit of bus lanes only during rush hours, from 7 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. These rush-hour lanes will demonstrate the benefits of giving people fast, convenient bus service, so L.A.'s political leaders will wholeheartedly support more dedicated busways and even 24-hour bus lanes.

28. What have Metro and the city's Department of Transportation done?

- A. Making preparations for the 2028 Olympics.
- B. Demanding the buses to run 40 miles per hour.
- C. Arranging special bus lanes during rush hours.
- D. Calling on citizens to take public transportation.

29. What does the underlined word "entice" in paragraph 3 mean?

- A. Attract.
- B. Order.
- C. Force.
- D. Beg.

30. What led to the transformation?

- A. Politics.
- B. Public awareness.
- C. Economy.
- D. Marketing management.

31. What does the last paragraph imply?

- A. Some residents resist busways.
- B. More car lanes or parking will be lost.
- C. Business owners conflict with bus riders.
- D. Public transportation may get more support.

Is future you...you? It might seem like a strange philosophical question. But the answer to how you think about your future self could make the difference between decisions you ultimately find satisfying and ones you might eventually regret.

The brain patterns that emerge on an MRI(核磁共振) when people think about their future selves most resemble the brain patterns that arise when they think about strangers. This finding suggests that, in the mind's eye, our future selves look like other people. If you see future you as a different person, why should you save money, eat healthier or exercise more regularly to benefit that stranger?

However, if you see the interests of your distant self as more like those of your present self, you are considerably more likely to do things today that benefit you tomorrow. A paper in the journal *PLOS One* revealed that college students who experienced a greater sense of connection and similarity to their future selves were more likely to achieve academic success. Relationships with our future selves also matter for general psychological well-being. In a project led by Joseph Reiff, which includes 5,000 adults age 20 to 75, he found that those who perceived a great overlap(重叠) in traits between their current and future selves ended up being more satisfied with their lives 10 years after filling out the initial survey.

So how can we better befriend our future selves and feel more connected to their fates? The psychological mindset with what we call "vividness interventions" works. We have found, for instance, that showing people images of their older, grayer selves increases intentions to save for the long term. Besides, you might try writing a letter to — and then from — your future self. As demonstrated by Yuta Chishima and Anne Wilson in their 2020 study in the journal *Self and Identity*, when high-school students engaged in this type of "send-and-reply" exercise, they experienced elevated levels of feelings of similarity with their future selves.

Letter-writing and visualization exercises are just a couple of ways we can connect with our future selves and beyond, but the larger lesson here is clear: If we can treat our distant selves as if they are people we love, care about and want to support, we can start making choices for them that improve our lives — both today and tomorrow.

32. What's the function of paragraph 2?

- A. Generating further discussion.
- B. Introducing a research result.
- C. Showing the effect of the finding.
- D. Concluding various viewpoints.

33. How does the author prove his statements?

- A. By offering relevant statistics.
- B. By using quotations.
- C. By referring to previous findings.
- D. By making comparisons.

34. What is paragraph 4 mainly about?

- A. Benefits of befriending our future selves.
- B. Ways of connecting with our future selves.
- C. Methods of changing psychological mindsets.
- D. Possibilities of us becoming our future selves.

35. What does the article want to tell us?

- A. Making future plans makes a difference.
- B. Our future selves look like other people.
- C. Getting to know your future self benefits.
- D. Your choice determines future happiness.

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 hippocampus(海马体) function is the part of the brain which stores memory. Think of it like a human's inner hard drive. _____ 36 _____

Learn Something New

Due to the way the hippocampus works, when you learn something new, you build new neural(神经元的) pathways and strengthen the ones that already exist. _____ 37 _____

Researchers found that when you engage in long-term learning, new neural activity patterns were observed. This established a clear relationship between patterns and new behavioral abilities.

Exercise

You can generate new hippocampi neurons by exercising. A famous neuronal study compared the brains of two different groups of mice. _____ 38 _____ The mice with the wheel produced an abundance of new neurons in their hippocampus. The group without access produced far less.

Most exercises will help the brain and hippocampus function in some way. If you're searching for an exercise which is particularly brain-effective, then fitness center is a great place to start. _____ 39 _____ You can do anything from walking, running, cycling, swimming, boxing, rowing and even dancing!

Eat Dark Chocolate

Dark chocolate releases dopamine(多巴胺), which is great for fast learning and memory. Indeed, studies have shown that eating chocolate can increase cerebral blood flow and promote synaptogenesis(突触发生). This is the formation of synapses(突触) between our neurons. They accumulate in the hippocampus, which is the part of the brain associated with memory.

_____ 40 _____ Dark chocolate also releases antioxidants(抗氧化剂). This means that you no longer have to feel guilty about tucking into that box of chocolate!

- A. Think of it like building blocks!
- B. But the benefits don't stop there.
- C. Dark chocolate has several benefits.
- D. Lucky for you, there's a bunch of different exercises out there.
- E. And just like actual hard drives, we can boost its performance.
- F. The first group had access to a running wheel, the second did not.
- G. There are many things you can do to help improve your memory.

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。

Andrew Powell was pulling envelopes from the large mailbox outside his contemporary house when he noticed something 41: A tiny doll couple were sitting on a love seat inside the mailbox. A small note was attached.

"We've decided to live here," the 42 read. It was signed from Mary and Shelley. Andrew initially figured that somebody must have left them there 43. So he asked the neighbors whether anybody had left 44 in his mailbox, and everyone said no. Soon, Andrew and his wife discovered that the small couple had 45 a tea table, a pretty carpet and a pillow.

Over the next few months, additional items mysteriously 46: a bed, a painting and a wood-burning stove, to name a few. For Christmas 2022, a decorated tree was left with tiny presents. But the gifts were taken back right after Christmas 47. Andrew could open the boxes to see if anything was inside.

More than a year later, Mary and Shelley are still living rent-free in the mailbox, to the delight of the neighbors who now 48 Andrew's updates on the village's website to check the 49. Andrew first posted about the tiny dolls on Aug. 21, 2022, hoping his fellow villagers might help solve the 50.

"It's just somebody out there who is having some fun, giving us all a little community 51. But whoever is doing this is obviously very 52 and clever," says Andrew's next-door neighbor.

Andrew says he now doesn't want to know who is 53 for the mail-box affair because he's hoping it will continue. "Also, people in the neighborhood are 54 it and some ask if I've thought about installing an outdoor 55, but personally, I like the mystery of it."

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| 41. A. alive | B. unusual | C. important | D. unique |
| 42. A. notice | B. board | C. mail | D. message |
| 43. A. by mistake | B. by chance | C. on purpose | D. on sale |
| 44. A. gifts | B. cards | C. dolls | D. posts |
| 45. A. displayed | B. acquired | C. designed | D. decorated |
| 46. A. came back | B. wandered off | C. showed up | D. broke in |
| 47. A. before | B. since | C. unless | D. when |
| 48. A. follow | B. comment | C. download | D. appreciate |
| 49. A. improvement | B. possibility | C. truth | D. progress |
| 50. A. difficulty | B. conflict | C. case | D. mystery |
| 51. A. care | B. humor | C. blessing | D. support |
| 52. A. artistic | B. academic | C. sympathetic | D. realistic |
| 53. A. suitable | B. eager | C. responsible | D. ambitious |
| 54. A. describing | B. imitating | C. celebrating | D. enjoying |
| 55. A. light | B. camera | C. tent | D. bench |

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。

Living Heritage: Xuan Paper

Smooth yet tensile. Universal and durable. With these qualities, Xuan paper is known as the "Paper of Ages".

The term Xuan paper first appeared in *On Famous Paintings through the Ages*, a book written by Tang Dynasty scholar Zhang Yanyuan, in 56 he described Xuan paper as an ideal 57 (carry) for calligraphy and painting. Handmade Xuan paper from Jingxian county, East China's Anhui province, 58 (list) as a tribute(贡品) to the imperial court for its supreme quality during the period.

The traditional craft of making Xuan paper is extremely 59 (demand). Sandalwood bark, a plant native to southern China, goes through 108 procedures together with rice straw over the course of three years before it can transform into a batch of fine Xuan paper. The entire procedure is so complex that even the most 60 (skill) craftsman can only master limited number of steps.

The flow of ink, both guided and resisted by water, 61 (determine) the output of Chinese art, and Xuan paper outshines others with its excellent ability to give full play to ink. Different proportions of bark to straw during the papermaking process can create different canvases best 62 (suit) to artistic expression in freehand ink paintings or calligraphy.

Xuan paper 63 (accompany) the passionate brushstrokes of the Chinese literati(文人墨客) for thousands of years. Unlike other forms of paper, it is very resistant 64 damages brought by time. It is this durability 65 has made the preservations of many valuable works from ancient China possible.

Papermaking is a crystallization of wisdom of the ancient Chinese, and Xuan paper is the crown of papermaking.

第四部分 写作 (共两节, 满分 40 分)

第一节 (满分 15 分)

你校学生会号召全体学生为了身体健康, 杜绝一切电子产品。请针对学生会这项行动给校英文报写一篇投稿, 内容包括:

1. 指出问题;
2. 说明理由;
3. 提出建议。

注意:

1. 写作词数应为 80 左右;
2. 可适当增加细节, 以使行文连贯。

Electronic products: friendly or frightening?

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。

Sara gazed thoughtfully at her parents while holding a letter. She was accepted to pursue the Electrical Engineering degree programme at University Pertanian Malaysia. All her hard work and sacrifices had paid off. But she knew, being the eldest of 6 siblings, her family could not afford to pay the university entrance fees. Her father was only a settler working on a palm oil estate.

Though she was determined to decline the offer, Sara went to visit Ms. Chang with the letter. Ms. Chang was one of the most dedicated teachers that Sara knew. From a humble beginning, she supported herself at the Teachers' Training College by teaching tuition. So she understood how hard poor students struggled to continue their study. For years, not only did she bring reference books to the students, but she often took them out for lunch and assured them they would succeed in life.

"Congratulations Sara, I am so proud of you," Ms. Chang said excitedly. "But I'm afraid I have to reject the offer, because my family is unable to bear the cost of enrolling me there," Sara replied in a low tone. Ms. Chang looked at her intently and told her not to worry about finance. There would always be a way.

A few days later, when Sara was hesitating about declining the offer, her high school principal, Mr. Salim, called her to his office. To her astonishment, Mr. Salim handed her an envelope, in which Sara saw a large sum of cash. It was more than what she needed. But when Sara asked Mr. Salim where the money was from, he just told her that the person wanted to remain anonymous(匿名的).

With the money in the envelope, Sara became a freshman of the university. One month later, she received another sum of money. She called her father, "Dad, you don't have to send money to me. I can manage on my own." Her father was stunned, "But I didn't." From then on, Sara received the same sum of money every month. "Who is the kind soul that is making all this contribution?" she was always wondering.

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。

Time flew and Sara graduated at last.

With the address Mr. Salim gave her, Sara stood at the gate of Ms. Chang's house.