



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 三个选项中选出最佳选项。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 is the conversation mainly about?

- A. Research on coffee drinking.
- B. Effects of sleeping habits.
- C. Studies about a disease.

7. When does the woman like to drink coffee?

- A. In the evening
- B. In the afternoon
- C. In the morning.

听第 7 段材料，回答第 8、9 题。

8. How much money did the man spend on a taxi?

- A. \$20.
- B. \$ 10
- C. \$30.

9. What does the man seem to be good at?

- A. Getting to places on time
- B. Finishing all of the food
- C. Doing his work well.

听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。

10. What are the speakers discussing?

- A. A travel plan.
- B. A past camping trip
- C. A company activity.

11. What happened to the speakers last year?

- A. They had an accident
- B. They moved to Italy.
- C. They lost some money in a forest.

12. Where do the speakers decide to go in the end?

- A. To the mountains.
- B. To the seaside.
- C. To the desert.

听第 9 段材料，回答第 13 至 16 题。

13. What does the woman give the man first?

- A. Her passport.
- B. Her ticket.
- C. Her name.

14. Where does the woman ask to sit?

- A. In first class.
- B. By the washroom.

C. Near the walkway.

15. What time is it now?

A. 9:20.

B. 9:30.

C. 9:40.

16. How does the woman feel in the end?

A. Rushed.

B. Grateful.

C. Confused.

听第 10 段材料，回答第 17 至 20 题。

17. How did Penang Toy Museum enter the Malaysian Book of Records?

A. It has the biggest toy in Malaysia.

B. It's the largest museum in Malaysia.

C. It's the first toy museum in Malaysia.

18. When did the owner get his first toy?

A. In 1973.

B. In 2000.

C. In 2005.

19. What do we know about the Gundam robot?

A. It's from Malasia.

B. It's cheap and ordinary.

C. It's 180 centimeters tall.

20. How many hours is the museum open on Saturday?

A. 6

B. 9

C. 12

## 第二部分 阅读理解（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）

阅读下面短文，从短文后所给各题的四个选项 A、B、C、D 中，选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

#### A

You may hope to have healthy diets and a healthy body. You may want to eat tasty food that is easy to prepare. You may be inspired to exercise and stay in shape. The good news is that there are apps to help you.

#### **Paprika**

Paprika is an app to help users plan meals, shop and cook. You can save recipes from websites and from other apps to Paprika. The app can help keep a record of the foods you have in your home, so when you go shopping, it can remind you what are the required foods.

#### **MealBoard**

MealBoard is another app that can suggest recipes and help you plan meals. This app can suggest recipes based on the food you already have in your home. MealBoard can keep a list of

what food you have and what you expect to buy. This app can scan bar codes to add items to your list. Using this app, you can also note the expiration dates (保质期), so you know when your food is no longer usable.

MealBoard lets users save recipes from websites and then search them by foods used in the recipes. For example, you can search for recipes that have “chocolate” in them.

### **IEatWell**

The IEatWell app supports healthy eating by giving users rewards for eating the right foods. If you like earning rewards for meeting your goals, IEatWell may work well for you. Instead of measuring how much you eat, IEatWell measures how well you eat. Tell the app what you are eating for your meal. You can even add a photo. The app will rate how healthy your meal is, and then give you a reward if you are eating well.

21. What do the apps Paprika and MealBoard have in common?

- A. They can scan bar codes.
- B. They can keep a record of the meals you eat outside.
- C. They can let you know what you need to buy.
- D. They can tell if the food has passed the expiration dates.

22. What can IEatWell do if you eat a healthy diet?

- A. It can measure how much eat.
- B. It can provide you with recipes.
- C. It can give you a picture.
- D. It can give you a reward.

23. What is the author's main purpose in writing the text?

- A. To make some comparisons among game apps.
- B. To introduce some ways about how to stay healthy.
- C. To introduce several apps to help people keep fit.
- D. To call on people to purchase these apps.

### **B**

I used to live in Southern Africa and recently went back to Botswana to visit the Central Kalahari Game Reserve with my friend Oscar. Why? Because there's nothing quite like the vast African wilderness...

Our jeep moved slowly along the too-hot-to-touch sand. With no air conditioner and an engine which might break down at any time, it was tough work. The dry heat was fierce and the only break came from using our precious water for brief bucket showers.

With no supplies available within the park—it was a sort of no man's land which was inhabited by the occasional cow — it is necessary to bring all your fuel, food and water with you.

We camped in a small place in the center of the woods. At the height of the dry season,

leaves in the trees had all fallen down, shade was in scant supply, so we placed ourselves near a leaf less tree. As the sun set, we drove towards the watering hole a few miles away, and were reminded just why we'd chosen to spend weeks suffering this exercise on ourselves. A lone lion paused his lapping to acknowledge our arrival. He yawned, and then carried on drinking.

That night, sleeping on the roof of the jeep, we felt his shouting as much as heard it. Those vast African skies offered the only indication that the outside world hadn't come to a state of quietness, as bright satellite whipped across the blackness.

In the morning we saw that the lion had walked in the road overnight, his paw prints pressed into yesterday's tyre tracks.

We set off for another morning inching through the sand; another day of changing landscapes and raw, wild beauty; another night lit by shooting stars.

24. What can we learn about the author?

- A. He is now living in Botswana.
- B. He enjoys the wildness of nature.
- C. He slept in a hotel at night.
- D. He didn't take enough food and water.

25. What did they think of their journey?

- A. Cozy and safe
- B. Scary and annoying
- C. Amazing and tough
- D. Pleasant and easy

26. What does the underlined word "scant" in paragraph 4 mean?

- A. inadequate
- B. unbending
- C. abundant
- D. ready

27. What can be a suitable title for the text?

- A. Shining Stars and A Lone Lion
- B. My Great Escape into the Wild
- C. Travelling in the Southern Africa
- D. Camping in Too-Hot-to-Touch Sand

C

Photosynthesis(光合作用) is a unique skill of green plants - they turn water and carbon dioxide into oxygen and food via sunlight. A group of Chinese scientists, however, "copied" the process on animals.

To understand the new breakthrough, it is important to know how photosynthesis works. Plants take in carbon dioxide and water from the air and soil. Within the plant cell, the water is oxidized. This transforms the water into oxygen and the carbon dioxide into glucose (葡萄糖).

The plant then releases the oxygen back into the air and stores energy within the glucose molecules. In the study, the researchers from Zhejiang University developed an independent and controllable photosynthetic system, according to the study published in Nature in early December, 2022.

They separated thylakoids (类囊体), a part of the cell where light reactions take place in plants, from young spinach leaves. The scientists then wrapped the thylakoids with the cover of animal cells, which made the implanted thylakoids more acceptable to foreign bodies. The mice used in the study were suffering from arthritis, meaning cells in their cartilage had degenerated and could not be repaired by themselves. With the thylakoids implanted into the mice and exposed to light, the mice recovered. Their metabolism returned to normal.

In arthritis, the patients usually have energy loss since fewer energy-carrying molecules are generated. The implant, however, can correct the imbalance by storing more energy via photosynthesis. The researchers also claimed that their tests would have medical usage.

It can be used as part of the solution for degenerative diseases because the natural photosynthesis system may repair cells. It may also delay the aging process in cells. The study showed "an exciting achievement that opens up possibilities of metabolism engineering," commented one of the paper's reviewers Francisco Cejudo from the University of Seville in Spain, reported Xinhua.

28. What is mainly mentioned in the paragraph 2 ?

- A. The theory behind the experiment
- B. The background of the experiment
- C. The procedures of the experiment
- D. The effects of the experiment

29. According to the passage ,what is the following information true ?

- A. A group of Chinese scientists copied the photosynthesis of animals on plants.
- B. The place in which the plant stores energy is thylakoids.
- C. The thylakoids wrapped by animal cells make itself accepted with ease by foreign bodies
- D. This therapy has been used as part of the solution for degenerative diseases

30. What is the attitude of a commentator towards the existing studies about the study?

- A. Cautious.
- B. Approving.
- C. Doubtful.
- D. Uncertain.

31. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Effective Photosynthesis
- B. Breakthroughs made by a group of Chinese scientists,
- C. Chinese scientists who copied Photosynthesis on animals.
- D. Chinese scientists copied Photosynthesis on animals.

The needs of plus-size consumers have long been the elephant in the room of the fashion industry until body positivity and fat acceptance movements promoted the slogan (口号) that large-bodied people are not those who are left behind. This size-inclusive (尺码包容) trend has become so popular that it is influencing mainstream culture. As a result, fashion brands have finally decided to extend their size ranges. In 2022, the plus-size market grew twice as fast as the standard size market in both North America and the UK.

Yet, many consumers say fashion brands broadening their ranges are not truly inclusive. “Inclusive sizing means that all bodies are included in fashion, not just the ones who fit in standard sizes,” says Marie Southard Ospina, a UK-based journalist who covers body-image issues. “However, what many designers do right now is pick a number that they think is big enough to include plus sizes and stop. This is even more disrespectful.”

Researchers also criticize that some brands are just taking advantage of the trend. “Brands that used to promote so-called perfect bodies in their advertisements are now trying to get in on the trend by adding a few sizes. It doesn’t feel like they really care about plus-size people,” says Tom Burgess, analyst in fashion industry. “If brands cared about large-bodied consumers, then it wouldn’t have taken until now to acknowledge that they exist,” he says. “It gives the impression that companies are just trying to gain a share of the market without a real commitment to the community.”

The fashion industry must go beyond merely producing clothing in a range of sizes if they hope to succeed with a body-diverse world. The whole industry has to connect on a personal level with consumers. That involves showing shoppers that they are seen, understood and important to brands. “Consumers care about values, and so they want to buy from brands that reflect the values they believe in. Everyone should enjoy the same range of fashion options,” says Ludovica Cesareo, professor of marketing at the College of Business in the US.

32. What do the underlined words “the elephant in the room” mean in the first paragraph?

- A. The hot issue that is valued.
- B. The obvious truth that is ignored.
- C. The important principle that is recognized.
- D. The common phenomenon that is criticized.

33. Why do consumers say fashion brands are not truly inclusive?

- A. They pick sizes randomly.
- B. They offer limited plus sizes.
- C. They treat designers disrespectfully.
- D. They haven’t broadened standard sizes.

34. For what do researchers mainly criticize some brands?

- A. Their designs.
- B. Their quality.
- C. Their motivations.
- D. Their advertisements.

35. What does the last paragraph imply?

- A. Buyers may deserve fashion that fits their figure.
- B. Consumers prefer brands with personalized values.
- C. Brands should catch up with the size-inclusive trend.
- D. A good brand image is critical in the fashion industry.

## 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。

Minor Snow, or "Xiaoxue" in Chinese, is the 20th of the 24 traditional Chinese solar terms, and will last from November 22 to December 6 this year. It is the second solar term of winter, and indicates that snow is about to arrive. From this solar term onwards, people in South China will begin to feel the coming of winter. \_\_\_\_\_36\_\_\_\_\_

### Pickling vegetables

In Nanjing, it's customary to make pickle during the Minor Snow period, and then salted meat during Major Snow. During Minor Snow, \_\_\_\_\_37\_\_\_\_\_ In Hangzhou, people will start to make sauced duck and Chinese bacon.

### Eating glutinous (黏的) rice cakes

In many areas of Southern China, people eat glutinous rice cakes during Minor Snow. In these places, there's a saying: "十月朝, 糍粑碌碌烧." In this saying, "碌 (lu)" means that people use their chopsticks to pick up a glutinous rice cake and roll it like a wheel in a bowl full of sesame and peanut sugar, and "烧 (shao)" indicates that the glutinous rice cakes are steaming hot.

### Cooking meat dishes

During Minor Snow, people in many regions of China will kill pigs, while during Major Snow, they will kill sheep. No matter which household kills the animal, neighbors and friends will all come to help. After the animal has been slaughtered (屠宰), \_\_\_\_\_38\_\_\_\_\_

### Eating more porridge and soup

Eating more porridge and soup in winter is good for your health. For instance, wheat porridge can nourish the heart, while radish porridge can improve digestion and reduce phlegm that often arrives with the changing weather. Soups also help keep people healthy and can improve the immune system. \_\_\_\_\_39\_\_\_\_\_



## Drinking more water

We already know that drinking more water is beneficial for metabolism. During the winter months, it is highly recommended to drink a cup of warm water on an empty stomach in the early morning. In this way, blood viscosity can be reduced, and cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases can be prevented. During Minor Snow, honey water, white radish water and pear water are excellent choices, as honey water can moisten dryness and help detoxify, white radish water can clear heat, while pear can moisten the lungs and relieve stubborn coughs.

## Staying warm

The weather is cold, but not yet too cold. Therefore, many people forget to put on their hats and scarves, \_\_\_\_\_40\_\_\_\_\_ If one wants to keep healthy, they should change their clothes in accordance with the weather.

- A. With the weather becoming increasingly cold, people wait expectantly for the first snow.
- B. We suggest you prepare several sets of winter clothes.
- C. which leaves them more likely to catch a cold.
- D. For instance, fish soup is said to invigorate the spleen, stimulate appetite, and relieve coughs and colds.
- E. every household will begin to make pickled and dried vegetables.
- F. From this solar term onwards, the northeast wind will blow more frequently.
- G. the host will prepare dishes and hold a party, which symbolizes unity, harmony, peace and prosperity.

## 第三部分 语言运用 (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 四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

Clara Daly was seated on an Alaska Airlines flight from Boston to Los Angeles when a flight attendant (服务员) asked an urgent question over the loudspeaker: "Does anyone on board know American Sign Language?" Clara pressed the call button. The flight attendant \_\_\_\_\_41\_\_\_\_\_ and explained the situation. We have a passenger on the plane who's \_\_\_\_\_42\_\_\_\_\_ and deaf", she said. The passenger seemed to want something, but he was traveling alone and the flight attendants couldn't \_\_\_\_\_43\_\_\_\_\_ what he needed.

Clara had been studying ASL for the past year and was able to finger spell on the man's hand. So she \_\_\_\_\_44\_\_\_\_\_ her seat belt, walked toward the front of the plane, and \_\_\_\_\_45\_\_\_\_\_ by the seat of the passenger, Tim Cook. Gently taking his hand, she wrote: How are you? Are you OK?"

Tim asked for some water. When it arrived, Clara returned to her seat. She came again a bit later because Tim wanted to know the time. Clara got him to know that it was nearly 10 a.m. On her third 46, she stopped and stayed for a while.

"Wow, this is cool," Clara said to the flight attendant. In fact, he didn't need anything. He was just 47 and wanted to talk."

So for the next hour, they were both 48, chatting with each other. She talked about her family and her 49 for the future (she wants to be a politician). Tim told Clara how he had 50 become blind over time and 51 stories of his days as a traveling salesman.

"Clara was 52," the flight attendant told New York Times during an online 53. "You could see Tim was very excited to have someone he could 54 with, and Clara was like a(n) 55, appearing in need, unexpectedly."

Cook's reaction: "Best trip I've ever had."

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| 41. A. approached  | B. span        | C. demonstrated   | D. delivered   |
| 42. A. damp        | B. lame        | C. sick           | D. blind       |
| 43. A. distinguish | B. mention     | C. motivate       | D. comprehend  |
| 44. A. left        | B. tied        | C. unfastened     | D. broke       |
| 45. A. stood up    | B. bent over   | C. lay down       | D. turned over |
| 46. A. journey     | B. chat        | C. letter         | D. visit       |
| 47. A. terrified   | B. pleasant    | C. lonely         | D. delighted   |
| 48. A. displeased  | B. regretful   | C. relaxed        | D. lucky       |
| 49. A. courses     | B. schedules   | C. contradictions | D. issues      |
| 50. A. generally   | B. immediately | C. increasingly   | D. gradually   |
| 51. A. shared      | B. forgot      | C. repeated       | D. complained  |
| 52. A. tense       | B. ashamed     | C. selfish        | D. caring      |
| 53. A. interview   | B. job         | C. lesson         | D. opportunity |
| 54. A. live        | B. work        | C. communicate    | D. start       |
| 55. A. attendant   | B. angel       | C. attendant.     | D. dancer      |

## 第二节 语篇填空 (共 10 小题: 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

阅读下面材料, 在空白处填入适当的内容 (1 个单词) 或括号内单词的正确形式。

The moment Jiang Mengnan received the Touching China Person of the Year Award for 2021, she said thrilledly she most wanted to express her 56 (grateful) to her parents. Born in 1992, Jiang's world has been silent since she was 6 months old, because of the drugs irreparably 57 (consume) her hearing. So, Jiang's parents, both middle school teachers, tutored her to learn vocalization and lip reading. She 58 (accept) as a PhD

candidate at Tsinghua University's School of Life Sciences in 2018 .

Jiang's story is one of victory over adversity. More 59 ( incredible ), she is helping inspire disabled children in her native Hunan Province .Because of her hearing 60 (lose ), she couldn't be a doctor. 61, she chooses pharmacy ( 药剂学 ) to help reduce people's pain and assist their recovery. Another crucial way she sticks to 62 (be ) to teach children in similar situations not limited by their disability. Jiang visits students in the special education schools ,many of 63 were inspired to do their best to achieve as much as a so-called healthy person.

She stressed that people with disabilities have no need to feel discouraged, as they can do the same or even 64 (good ) in the their normal life than non-disabled people around them. When God closes a door, he opens a window, and this girl believes 65 she encounters all the way is an impressive gift.

#### 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, 你校将举行以“节约粮食, 人人有责 ( **Saving food is everyone's responsibility** )”为主题的演讲比赛。请给在你校留学的美国朋友 Tom 发一封邮件, 邀请他参加。内容包括:

1. 活动的目的;
2. 比赛的时间、地点。

注意: 1. 词数 80 左右; 2. 可以适当增加细节, 以使行文连贯。

Dear Tom,

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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。

One evening a middle-aged lady was walking down the street when she noticed an old

beggar sitting on the corner. The man was elderly, unshaven, and ragged. As he sat there, pedestrians walked by him giving him dirty looks. They clearly wanted nothing to do with him because of who he was - a dirty, homeless man. But when she saw him, the woman was moved to sympathy.

It was very cold that day and the man had his torn coat - more like an old suit coat rather than a warm coat - wrapped around him. She stopped and looked down. "Sir?" she asked. "Are you all right?"

The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like that she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before. "Leave me alone," he shouted.

To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling - her even white teeth displayed in extremely bright rows. "Are you hungry?" she asked.

"No," he answered ironically. "I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away."

The woman's smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm. "What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone."

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked.

"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?"

The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for a while."

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。

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. \_\_\_\_\_

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She stared at him carefully. "Jack, do you remember me?" \_\_\_\_\_

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## 高三年级英语参考答案

## 第一部分 听力 (共两节, 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 30 分)

1-5 CCACB 6-10 AAABA 11-15 AACCA 16-20 BCACB

## 第二部分 阅读理解 (共两节, 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 50 分)

21-23 CDC 24-27 BCAB 28-31 ACBD 32-35 BBCA

36-40 AEGDC

## 第三部分 语言运用 (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)

41-45 ADDCB 46-50 DCCBD 51-55 ADACB

## 第二节 语篇填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

56. gratitude 57. consuming 58. was accepted 59. incredibly 60. loss  
61. Instead 62. is 63. whom 64. better 65. what

## 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)

Dear Tom,

I'm glad to tell you our school is to hold a speech contest themed Saving food is everyone's responsibility. And I'm writing to invite you to participate in it.

Our aim is to arouse the students' awareness of saving food. Besides, it can be helpful to develop students' good habits. The competition will be held on our Pearl Square at 8:20 am on September 28, when all the teachers and students in our school will take part. I'm convinced that it'll leave a deep impression on you.

Looking forward to your early reply and attendance.

Yours,

Li Hua

## 第二节 读后续写 (满分 25 分)

**"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted.** "Please give me a chance to treat you to dinner. Isn't it nice to have a warm place to stay on such a cold day?" said the woman. This time the homeless man did not refuse. He was indeed cold and hungry. When he came into the cafeteria, he sat down gracefully like a gentleman. Then he stood up again, bowed low to the lady to show his thanks, and quietly ate the food on his plate.

**She stared at him carefully. "Jack, do you remember me?"** The man looked up thoughtfully, he looked at the woman in front of him, but he didn't seem to remember anything, he smiled awkwardly and said, "No." "Do you remember that you saved a little girl from drowning? You saved me and then you left in silence. I only knew your name from your badge. It's Jack. I didn't have a chance to thank you." The man seemed to remember something, "Anyone can do that, and the best way you can thank someone is to continue that kindness," he said.

# 英语听力录音稿

## Text 1

M: You look different, Laura. Is it your diamond necklace? No, that's not it. I know — it's that new blouse you're wearing. You look good!

W: Actually, I wore this last Sunday. What's changed is my hair. I just cut it myself!

## Text 2

M: Who else is going to the pop festival at the park? I have space in my car for one more.

W: I'd like a ride, Ed! Adam was going to take me, but he decided to go shopping with Lisa at the last minute.

## Text 3

M: I don't like this. I feel like I'm sinking. Are you sure I'll be OK?

W: You're doing just fine. Just keep kicking your legs, and pushing out with your arms.

## Text 4

W: You did a great job today, Jack. I heard you made a very big impression on the students.

M: Thank you for giving me the opportunity. I really like this school. Please keep me in mind if you ever need someone again.

## Text 5

M: I wish I was an actor. I have the coolest job. Just think, if you had all that money, you wouldn't have to worry about anything.

W: The rich have problems, too. I would rather be content with less than have more but not be satisfied.

## Text 6

W: Finally, a scientific study with good results about coffee has been done!

M: What do you mean? Hasn't there been a lot of coffee research lately? I know I read that coffee is good for your heart; coffee can make your life longer; and coffee can prevent some diseases. What else have they found?

W: The best thing: Drinking coffee late in the day is good for some people, specifically, night owls. A late-night coffee affects morning birds badly, but not people like me who normally stay up late. We Italians often have a small cup of coffee in the evening. For me, the night can't start without one!

## Text 7

M: You know, Cathy, my life is full of missed opportunities. Can you pass me the fries?

W: Sure... What do you mean by that, Andrew?

M: Well, for example... This morning, I was just 10 seconds late and missed the train. I had to go back up on the street and catch a taxi. I ended up spending \$20 to get to work. Are you going to eat that last slice of pizza?

W: No...you can have it... Well, you only missed the train once.

M: It's not only that. When I got to work, I was already 30 minutes late. By the time I got up to the conference room on the 40th floor, my morning meeting was over. My co-worker Paul got promoted instead of me.

Hey, do you plan to finish that piece of apple pie?

W: It's yours. Well, you certainly don't miss an opportunity when food is involved!

## Text 8

W: I think we should take a trip to Italy this year.

M: I'm not sure if I can take the time off work. My company is really busy right now, and you know we need the money.

W: You always say that! We haven't been on a trip in years. Don't you want to go on vacation?

M: I do. But we're still paying off those crazy medical bills from that accident in the forest last year. It might be more responsible to wait until next year.

W: I understand that it's important for us to save money. What about a short trip instead? Just to get away for a couple of days...

M: Hmm, that sounds good. Why don't we go camping in the mountains or near the ocean? It would not be expensive, but most importantly, we'd be close by, so it would only be a two-day trip.

W: Come on, you know how much I hate sand! Let's stick to the mountains. Some fresh air will do us a world of good. What do you say?

M: Sounds awesome! Let's go next weekend.

W: Great!

### Text 9

M: Hello, there. Welcome to Delta Airlines. How can I help you today?

W: Hello. Just a minute, my hands are full... I have my passport here somewhere...

M: No problem, ma'am. Why don't you just give me your name? And I'll get your ticket ready for you.

W: It's Laura Jones. I'm on the 10:00 flight to Toronto, Canada. I'm running a little late because of the traffic. Is there anything you could do to help me?

M: I'll certainly try my best. I'll also need your baby's passport.

W: Here it is. I'm sorry. I am in such a hurry. My daughter has been crying all morning.

M: I completely understand, ma'am. Let me see what kind of seats are available for you.

W: Actually, I would prefer a seat near the walkway because of my daughter.

M: You know what, I have some very good news. Someone in first class has just canceled their flight. I can move you into their seat. That will give you lots of room, and you'll be right beside the washroom, too.

W: Are you kidding?

M: No, ma'am. But boarding begins at 9:30, which is 10 minutes from now. We'll find someone to accompany you through security, and have you at the gate in less than 20 minutes.

W: You are too kind! I really appreciate it!

M: It's my pleasure. Merry Christmas!

### Text 10

As the largest of its kind in the world, Penang Toy Museum has over 110,000 toys, dolls and other fun things. It has also entered the Malaysian Book of Records as the first toy museum in the country and for having the largest collection. The museum, opened in 2005, was founded by Loh Lean Cheng. He said it all began with his love of toys. He started to collect toys after visiting the London Toy and Model Museum at the age of 19. Starting from the first toy that he bought in 1973, the collection has just kept on growing and growing. Today, you can find almost everything about toys here. According to Loh Lean Cheng, some of his toys are limited editions. One of the most expensive things in the museum is a 1.8-meter tall Gundam robot from Japan. There are more toy collections to be added, according to the owner who receives about 1000 to 2000 visitors per day. If you go to Malaysia, don't forget to go and have a look at the toys. The museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., including weekends and public holidays.