

2023 拔尖强基联合定时检测

英语试题

(满分: 150 分; 考试时间: 120 分钟)

2022 年 11 月

注意事项:

1. 答题前, 考生先将自己的姓名、班级、考场/座位号、准考证号填写在答题卡上。
2. 答选择题时, 必须使用 2B 铅笔填涂; 答非选择题时, 必须使用 0.5 毫米的黑色签字笔书写; 必须在题号对应的答题区域内作答, 超出答题区域书写无效; 保持答卷清洁、完整。
3. 考试结束后, 将答题卡交回 (试题卷学生保存, 以备评讲)。

第一部分 听力 (共两节, 满分 30 分)

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 三个选项中选出最佳选项。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. How will the woman help the man?
A. By helping him paint. B. By handing in a painting. C. By filling in a form.
2. What is the woman doing?
A. Asking the way. B. Giving directions. C. Having a haircut.
3. What does Todd have to do alone?
A. Pick up the clients. B. Give a presentation. C. Go on a business trip.
4. What does the man mean?
A. He gave Jane a ride.
B. He took a bus home yesterday.
C. He didn't see Jane on the way home.
5. What are the speakers talking about?
A. Some songs. B. A car race. C. A video game.

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. How many languages can the man speak fluently now?
A. Two. B. Four. C. Six.
7. What is the relationship between the speakers?
A. Classmates. B. Waiter and customer. C. Interviewer and interviewee.

听第7段材料，回答第8，9题。

8. When will Sally celebrate her birthday?
A. This Friday. B. Next Monday. C. Next Friday.
9. Who will most likely help the woman?
A. Helen. B. Sara. C. Carmen.
10. What is the book about?
A. Traveling rules. B. Foreign languages. C. Tourist attractions.
11. Where is the man going after his business trip?
A. To Saudi Arabia. B. To Italy. C. To France.
12. What does the woman ask the man to do?
A. Give her some suggestions. B. Buy her a souvenir. C. Make a plan for her.

听第8段材料，回答第10至12题。

10. What is the book about?
A. Traveling rules. B. Foreign languages. C. Tourist attractions.
11. Where is the man going after his business trip?
A. To Saudi Arabia. B. To Italy. C. To France.
12. What does the woman ask the man to do?
A. Give her some suggestions. B. Buy her a souvenir. C. Make a plan for her.
- 听第9段材料，回答第13至16题。
13. Why did Carla change the way she worked?
A. She didn't enjoy the work she did.
B. She spent little time at home.
C. She had health problems.
14. What is the reason that Carla runs her own business?
A. To have a flexible schedule. B. To take more holidays. C. To earn more money.
15. What has Carla changed about exercise?
A. The amount. B. The time. C. The form.
16. Which time-saving idea does Carla find efficient?
A. Checking emails on the way to work.
B. Having a lot of similar clothes.
C. Making to-do lists.

听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17. Who might Mary Locke be?
A. A news reporter. B. A plane designer. C. A fire ranger.
18. Where do the pilots pick up water?
A. From a river. B. From a lake. C. From the Fire Center.
19. How does the speaker describe the pilot's job?
A. Dangerous. B. Exciting. C. Extraordinary.
20. What can we learn from the talk?
A. The plane's tanks hold no more than 5,000 liters of water.
B. The fire rangers should keep the plane away from the fire.
C. The crew has to drop water 20 times to put out the fire.

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）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的 A、B、C 和 D 四个选项中选出最佳选项，并在答题纸上将该项涂黑。

A

Get stuck into chemistry with these fascinating guides.

An Elementary Guide to the Periodic Table

by Gill Arbutnott (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

There are lots of funny stories, fascinating facts and interesting explanations packed into this book, which aims to provide a good introduction to the periodic table. As well as plenty of information, there are lots of eye-catching diagrams and illustrations.

Exploring the Elements

by Isabel Thomas. Illustrated by Sara Gillingham (Phaidon Press)

This beautifully designed book provides an introductory guide to the chemical elements — where they are found, their properties and the remarkable ways we've learned to use them. Smart and stylish, the book even comes with an illustrated periodic table.

The Elements in the Room

by Mike Barfield. Illustrated by Lauren Humphrey (Laurence King)

As the candidate for lots of awards, this entertaining book invites you to join detective Sherlock Ohms as he tries to solve the mystery of how absolutely everything came to exist. This is a fun way to learn about the basics of chemical elements, from aluminum to zinc.

The Periodic Table Book

by Dorling Kindersley, Ltd

If you are just starting your chemistry learning, look no further than this comprehensive visual encyclopedia, which is packed with stunning photographs. It covers all the basics of chemistry, with information about the different elements, and you'll also learn about some of the famous scientists who discovered them.

21. Which book can explain the application of the elements?

- A. *An Elementary Guide to the Periodic Table* B. *Exploring the Elements*
C. *The Elements in the Room* D. *The Periodic Table Book*

22. How is Mike Barfield's book different from the other books?

- A. It contains an illustrated periodic table. B. It includes interesting stories and facts.
C. It introduces some of the famous chemists. D. It has the potential for winning prizes.

23. Who are the four books especially intended for?

- A. Chemistry researchers. B. Chemistry majors.
C. Chemistry beginners. D. Chemistry teachers.

B

The tornado came without any sign — the sky was blue and the sun had been out. My husband Jimmy ran upstairs to find me in our third-floor bedroom. No sooner had we found coverage of the tornado than it was on top of us. The bones of the house shook, and the power went out. The wind began to roar through the house. We had three flights of steps to navigate to get to the relative safety of the first floor. Because the closet down there was installed underneath a brick staircase, it seemed like the most solid place in our house to wait things out.

I didn't know how or if we would make it down the steps. It felt as if there were no floor underneath me as the wind lifted me off my feet. I gripped the handrail (扶手) and tried to move forward, but this intense pressure held me in place. In those seconds of stillness, I could hear everything around me rattling.

As we reached the last flight of steps, our front door blew out. Pieces of glass that looked like broken ice flew everywhere. Suddenly, a three-foot-long tree branch whipped through the doorframe. It flew over our heads, missing us by inches. Had we been one step up, it would have gone through us and caused serious injuries. The back wall of the house followed suit and tore off into the darkness outside.

Instantly I reached the closet, Jimmy pushed me down to the closet floor, but he couldn't get inside himself because of the wind. I gripped Jimmy's arm as the tornado sucked the door open and tried to bring Jimmy with it. My knees were full of glass, but at that moment, I felt no pain. If I had let go, Jimmy would have flown right out and into the bay. "Hold on! Hold on!" he yelled. But there was nothing in this closet to hold on to.

All of a sudden, Jimmy lifted off his feet like people in tornadoes do in the movies. I thought he was gone. And then everything stopped. He landed on his feet. At those first quiet moments, I couldn't believe it was over. Jimmy said he'd go outside to check. "No," I said. "Don't leave me."

Our neighbor says the storm lasted four minutes. At that time, four of the twelve houses in our community were completely destroyed. Of the houses left standing, ours suffered the most damage. However, none of us were severely injured.

24. What can we learn from Paragraph 1?
- A. The tornado came on a rainy day.
B. During the tornado the first floor was safer.
C. Before the tornado, the author was sleeping.
D. The brick staircase was destroyed by the tornado.
25. How did the author impress on us the force of the tornado?
- A. By giving concrete descriptions. B. By offering specific examples.
C. By making striking comparisons. D. By quoting complex conversations.
26. What happened when the author reached the closet?
- A. The door was tightly closed. B. Jimmy flew right out.
C. She struggled to hold Jimmy's arm. D. The glass made her feel much pain.
27. How did the author feel after the tornado?
- A. Frightened but relieved. B. Amazed and excited.
C. Regretful but hopeful. D. Disappointed and worried.

C

Every year thousands of people come to the city of Pamplona, in north-eastern Spain, for the opportunity to run for their lives as six fighting bulls are released to charge through the town. There are injuries and deaths every year, but the event is of interest to many people. A paper just published in *Science* describes the insight the event offers into the psychology of panicked crowds.

That is a useful topic to explore. Architects, civil engineers and urban planners must try to work out how people will behave in the event of a disaster like a fire, a flood or a terrorist attack so they can design their creations to avoid potentially deadly collisions. Unfortunately, solid information is hard to come by. Daniel Parisi, the paper's lead author, realized that the Pamplona bull-runs offered the perfect natural experiment.

Dr Parisi and his team went to two different rooftop locations in Pamplona in July 2019, and filmed the runners as the animals were released. Later in the lab, they calculated the speed of the runners, the density (密度) of the crowd, the probability of a runner tripping and falling and the relationship between runner-group density and speed.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the researchers found that runners picked up speed when the bulls drew near. Less expected was the finding, that the speed of individual runners augmented with the density of the crowd, which was contrary to a long-held assumption in architectural and urban-design circles that people will slow their pace as group density goes up, in order to lower the risk of a collision, which could lead to a fall and, perhaps, injury or death.

It seems that, in the heat of the moment, people pay little attention to the danger of colliding with each other and even accelerate. The responsibility therefore falls upon urban designers to work out how best to plan the construction of future tunnels, bridges and other passages that restrict flow. The only option may well be to make them broad enough.

28. Which statement is true according to the first two paragraphs?
- A. Bull-runs in Pamplona are exciting but dangerous.
B. People are well aware of the psychology of the panicked crowds.
C. The research paper to be published in *Science* was written by Dr Parisi and his team.
D. It is easy to obtain reliable information of panicked people's behavior in disastrous events.
29. Why did Dr Parisi and his team go to two different rooftop locations?
- A. To enjoy a thrilling bull-fight. B. To prove their theory.
C. To design a psychological experiment. D. To collect relevant data.
30. What does the underlined word "augmented" mean in Paragraph 4?
- A. Remained. B. Decreased. C. Doubled. D. Increased.
31. What can we infer from the last paragraph?
- A. People lose their mind in disasters.
B. Future tunnels and bridges may be wider.
C. Panicked crowds take notice of the danger of collision.
D. Restricting flow results in people's colliding with each other.

D

Asparagus (芦笋) is a very odd vegetable. It can grow up to 2cm in an hour. Cut a field one afternoon, return the next morning, and with almost frightening speed it will be back. Whereas other vegetables spend time producing leaves, asparagus grows as single spears (嫩茎), making it superbly suited to robotic pickers.

In late June a small white object slowly makes its way along a field of asparagus in Gloucestershire. When it passes over a group of spears it pauses, whirrs then clunks: the asparagus has been sliced. This robot called Sprout is being developed by a London startup called Muddy Machines. It is more inflexible on wheels than Ex Machina android. However, John Chinn, Britain's largest asparagus producer, regards it with enthusiasm. For him, he says, it could be "fantastic".

The world is suffering from a shortage of seasonal workers. Last summer Mr. Chinn needed 1,300 workers. He got around 800. Trying to find labour is, for a farmer, "the thing that stops you sleeping". The shortage of workers is particularly acute in Britain, where Brexit (英国脱欧) has been spoiling harvests as well as growth.

Now, it is a time to innovate. Moravec's paradox (莫拉维克悖论) states that computers find things simple that humans find hard — and vice versa. Differential calculus (微分学)? Not a problem. Telling the difference between a ripe strawberry and a stone? Really hard. Harvesting is especially ripe for robotic puzzlement. Leaves confuse them; bumps puzzle them; colour prevents them. In 2015, Joe Jones, a roboticist whose inventions include the Roomba, a vacuum cleaner, was considering new areas to explore, and started to make a list of which crops a robot might be able to pick most easily. He considered different variables (变量) that “would make it easy for a robot to handle”, then scored each crop out of 12. “And what crop,” he wrote on his blog, “came out on top?”

In the fields of Gloucestershire is the answer. Sprout crawls forward; pauses. Another whirr, whoosh, clunk. It is an original model, but Mr. Chinn is optimistic. His dream would be to see a herd of 100 in his fields next year. He needs them. The stress is now so bad that “If we can't find a solution, we'll all give up soon.”

32. Why is asparagus particularly suited for robotic picking?
- A. Because it is an unusual vegetable.
 - B. Because it is always planted on a large scale.
 - C. Because it grows as single spears at an alarming rate.
 - D. Because it produces leaves quickly like other vegetables.
33. What do we know about Sprout?
- A. It is favored by Britain's largest asparagus producer.
 - B. It has an advantage over Ex Machina android on wheels.
 - C. It is well developed by a new company named Muddy Machines.
 - D. It is a huge white machine which will let out annoying noise while working.
34. What is the intention of mentioning Moravec's paradox?
- A. To remind us it's time to make technological innovation.
 - B. To prove computers find things easy that humans find difficult.
 - C. To show various factors must be considered in deciding crops ideal for robotic pickers.
 - D. To tell us computers are better at differential calculus than telling a strawberry from a stone.
35. Which is the most suitable title for the text?
- A. A Promising Helper
 - B. Asparagus, Getting Picky
 - C. Sprout, Helping Asparagus
 - D. A New Invention on the Way

第二节（共5小题；每小题2.5分，满分12.5分）

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

Memory allows the brain to store and retrieve (检索) information when required. Our short-term memory can hold a small amount of information for a short time, _____ 36 _____. Our memory is amazing, but why do we still forget things?

It's possible we don't always store information in our memory effectively, maybe because we are in a rush or we consider it irrelevant at the time. _____ 37 _____. If you don't have these connections, then it can be easier to forget. Luis Villazon says "It is also possible that memories decline over time. As they have not been revisited, their biological 'trace' becomes weak." It's true that if you don't perform a task for a long period of time, it can be difficult to recall how to do it. This could be because, just like in a computer, our memory is full, or that our short-term memory is easier to access.

_____ 38 _____. Have you ever gone into a room to fetch something only to forget what you wanted when you got there? This is called "The Doorway Effect". Psychologist Tom Stafford explains that "this occurs because we change both the physical and mental environments, moving to a different room and thinking about different things." _____ 39 _____

So, if you have a mind like a sieve (筛子), it could be because you have too much on your mind. _____ 40 _____. Generally, beyond our 50s our brains tend to shrink in volume and our memory begins to decline. That's when we're at more risk of getting Alzheimer's disease.

- A. so we can remember much knowledge at a stroke.
- B. But sometimes even our short-term memory can let us down.
- C. But we do need to keep our memory sharp by continually using it.
- D. Put simply, we are metaphorically trying to spin too many plates at the same time.
- E. while our long-term memory can hold an unlimited amount of information for a long time.
- F. It would waste our cognitive (认知的) resources if we remembered every detail of the world around us.
- G. When we do store information, we often make connections with other things, which helps us recall it later.

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 中，选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

Having worked in a bank for ten years, I determined to go beyond a nine-to-five job. Scanning advertisements, I learned a 41 company was to hire consultants. Excited, I made a(n) 42 with a branch president. That day, it went so well that I was 43 he would hire me on the spot. 44, he told me to come back for 12 more 45 with his top salespeople!

Over the next five months, every one of them 46 me from working as a consultant in finance. The more they attacked my dream, the more my stomach 47. I, though nervous, realized I would have to “fake it till I make it.”

48, the last interview with the president came. “You’ve got the job! But you must take an exam and pass it without one point lost on the first 49!” he announced.

I nearly choked at the prospect of taking a leap of faith into the unknown. However, attracted by this great risk I had never had, I 50 hard and said, “I’ll take it.” At last, when the scores were displayed, I let out a loud sigh of 51.

My experience 52 the truth of Thoreau’s words: “If one advances 53 in the direction of his dreams and 54 to live the life he had imagined, he will encounter success 55 in common hours.”

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| 41. A. commercial | B. marketing | C. financial | D. traveling |
| 42. A. appointment | B. arrangement | C. prediction | D. decision |
| 43. A. worried | B. positive | C. negative | D. skeptical |
| 44. A. Otherwise | B. Moreover | C. Instead | D. Then |
| 45. A. bargains | B. interviews | C. discussions | D. debates |
| 46. A. separated | B. freed | C. banned | D. discouraged |
| 47. A. loosened | B. changed | C. tightened | D. swelled |
| 48. A. Eventually | B. Surprisingly | C. Unfortunately | D. Constantly |
| 49. A. question | B. point | C. day | D. try |
| 50. A. swallowed | B. shook | C. clapped | D. worked |
| 51. A. belief | B. relief | C. regret | D. sorrow |
| 52. A. recognized | B. repeated | C. conflicted | D. confirmed |
| 53. A. confidently | B. aimlessly | C. randomly | D. lonely |
| 54. A. pretends | B. agrees | C. attempts | D. promises |
| 55. A. unpractical | B. unlikely | C. unfamiliar | D. unexpected |

第二节（共 10 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 15 分）

In June, the world's biggest trial of a four-day work week kicked off in the UK. More than 3,300 workers, based throughout the UK and 56 (represent) more than 30 sectors of the UK economy, began receiving 100% of the pay for 80% of the time. Similar programs 57 (choose) as a solution to the low-productivity in the workplace by several countries up to now, including the United Arab Emirates, Belgium, etc.

The campaign is aimed at enhancing employees' willingness 58 (adjust) the work-life balance and stimulating higher work 59 (efficient). For many workers, Mondays — or, more typically, Fridays — are transformed into something other than 60 regular workday. It may be as simple as making it a day of no meetings, which allows employees to catch up on projects they haven't finished, or as 61 (extend) as a companywide move to a 32-hour week. For some companies, the four-day work week is a new recruiting tool that sides with a younger generation laying great emphasis 62 work-life balance. Besides, the ongoing pandemic (流行病) 63 (speed) up the four-day trend currently.

64 carried out in some sectors, this work mode is by no means the mainstream, with potential negative effects. When Japan cut down working hours from 48 to 40 per week in the late 1980s and 1990s, their hardworking residents 65 (remarkable) watched more TV and spent more time on personal grooming (仪容).

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）

假设你是李华，你校英文报“Go Ahead”栏目拟刊登介绍国外大学的短文。请你给外教 Mary 写信约稿。

内容包括：

1. 栏目介绍；
2. 稿件内容；
3. 稿件长度：约 300 词；
4. 交稿日期：12 月 25 日前。

注意：

1. 写作词数应为 80 左右；
2. 可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯；
3. 文章开头和结尾已给出，不计入总词数。

Dear Mary,

Yours,

Li Hua

第二节 读后续写 (满分 25 分)

Sue and Johnsy had their art studio in Greenwich Village. In November, an unknown disease struck this village and Johnsy was seriously sick with it. The doctor took Sue aside and claimed, "She has one chance in ten. And that chance is for her to want to live."

Sue came into Johnsy's room, only to find Johnsy's eyes were open, but they weren't watching her. Instead, she stared out the window and counted backwards: "Ten, nine, eight, seven ..."

"What are you counting, dear?" asked Sue. "They're falling faster now," replied Johnsy. "Three days ago there were almost a hundred. But now there are only five left. When the last one falls, I must go, too. Didn't the doctor tell you?"

"Oh, I never heard of such nonsense. Now, try to take some broth (肉汤), and let yourself relax," quickly replied Sue. But Johnsy's mind was made up. "I don't want any broth. I just want to see the last leaf fall."

"Try to sleep," said Sue. Then she went to fetch her neighbour Mr Behrman, a failed painter, to be a model for her drawing. In 40 years he had never produced the masterpiece he longed to paint. Sue told him about Johnsy's longing to slip away like the leaves. Behrman cried with disbelief, "Such a foolish idea! This is not a place in which Miss Johnsy shall lie sick. Someday I will create a masterpiece, and we shall all go away."

Behrman and Sue looked out of the window at the vine (藤蔓) and noticed that there was just one remaining leaf. Then they looked at each other for a moment without speaking as if thinking of something artistic. What's more, a cold rain was falling, mixed with snow.

The next morning, Johnsy woke and asked for the curtains to be opened. One leaf remained on the vine, bravely holding on in the wind and rain. "It will fall today, for sure. And I will die with it."

That day in the afternoon, the doctor came, not for Johnsy, but for Mr Behrman, who was found lying in bed helplessly with pain, his shoes and clothing wet through and icy cold, and some brushes, paints, a lantern and a ladder on the ground.

The following day, Johnsy commanded that the curtain be raised again.

After Behrman's funeral, Sue came to Johnsy who was sipping her soup, and said, "I have something to tell you."

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(Text 1)

W: Your painting is fantastic, Roger!

M: I'm happy you like it. I'm going to enter a competition. Here's the form. Could you help me fill it out please? My hands have paint all over them.

W: OK.

(Text 2)

W: Excuse me. I wonder if you can help me.

M: Sure. What is it?

W: I want to have my hair cut, but I can't find a barber shop.

M: I know where one is. Come on — I'll show you.

(Text 3)

W: Hey, Todd. This is Sarah. My flight has been delayed. I won't be there on time.

M: I guess I'll have to do the presentation alone.

W: Can we postpone the meeting?

M: No. The clients are catching a flight right after the meeting.

(Text 4)

W: Jane's car was in the repair yesterday, so she had to take the bus home.

M: If I had seen her on my way home, I would have given her a ride.

(Text 5)

W: Have you tried playing City Driving yet?

M: Yes, but I was a bit disappointed with it, actually.

W: Me too. But the songs that play while you're driving add to the action at least.

M: I only got to the fifth stage of the game — the racing itself was fairly exciting.

(Text 6)

W: We reviewed your application. You are a perfect fit for our restaurant. Just curious, how many languages do you speak?

M: I used to be able to speak six, but I lost two of them completely because I didn't practice at all.

W: I am still impressed. I can only speak two. Can you speak the rest fluently?

M: Yeah. They are all close to native levels.

(Text 7)

W: I need a photographer for Sally's birthday. Any recommendations?

M: Isn't she celebrating it this Friday? I don't think it's possible to find one in a day.

W: She postponed the celebration for three days.

M: I see. Can Carmen help?

W: No, she won't be back from Ireland until next Friday. I also asked my neighbor Sara. She is always busy with work.

M: Did you ask Helen?

W: Great idea! She usually has time.

(Text 8)

W: What are you reading?

M: A book about traveling rules in foreign countries.

W: Why?

M: I'm going on a business trip next week.

W: Where are you going?

M: To our branch offices in Italy and Saudi Arabia. I'm also planning a trip to France for sightseeing after that.

W: That should be interesting.

M: Have you been to Saudi Arabia?

W: No. I'm scheduled to go there next month. Give me some tips after you return from your trip.

(Text 9)

M: This morning we're talking to Carla Smith, who's made some changes to her lifestyle. Carla, the first thing you did was change the way you worked. Why?

W: I used to have a busy job. It was interesting, so I never got stressed or needed time off like some of my colleagues, who became ill. I traveled all over the world. Then, suddenly I realized I was living in hotels and I thought "You know what? I'd like to spend more time in my own house!"

M: And now you run your own business.

W: Yes, and I choose which hours I work. I can stop when I want to. And I still don't go on holidays often — but that's my choice instead of my company's. Some people who leave big companies miss the big salaries, but that doesn't bother me.

M: Do you do more exercise now?

W: I spend about the same amount of time exercising as I did before. However, instead of doing it between work and dinner, I get up at 5 a.m. and exercise then. I'm into yoga, because it relaxes my body and mind. I've never really enjoyed team sports or athletics.

M: You're still a busy person. Do you have any time-saving advice?

W: Many people think checking emails or messages on the bus to work or school and making a list of things to do can save time. But the thing that works well for me is having lots of clothes which are similar, so you don't have to think about what to put on in the morning!

(Text 10)

M: In a forest in Minnesota, a fire starts and quickly spreads. At the Minnesota Fire Center, Mary Locke takes the call and then the other fire rangers go into action. The helicopter crew sends information about the fire back to the Fire Center. And then it's the turn of the crew of the CL2-15 to take off. The CL2-15 is no ordinary plane. It is a fire-fighting plane. The pilots have to be very experienced. They are going to pick up water from this lake. It can be a dangerous job. The CL2-15 is flying at 140 kilometers per hour now. The pilot must be very careful. If he makes a mistake, the plane will crash. It's time to open the water tanks on the plane. The plane picks up water from the lake. This is the most dangerous time for the crew. But the pilot does his job and picks up more than 5,000 liters of water. Then it's time to put out the fire. The pilot has to fly low over the trees to hit the fire. He also needs to wet the ground in front of the fire so it can't spread. The water drops on the fire. It's a good hit! But the fire is a big one — the fire rangers have to go back to the lake. In just two minutes, the plane is ready again. The crew has to drop water 20 times to put out the fire. At last, it's time for the fire rangers to go home until the next time.

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Dear Mary,

How's everything going? I'd like to ask you to write an article for "Go Ahead", a column of our school's English newspaper.

This column carries articles regarding topics of all sorts written by foreign teachers, which gains tremendous popularity among us students and provides a fantastic platform for us to learn foreign countries. Contributions introducing foreign universities are badly needed in the latest issue and we would especially welcome articles relevant to campus profile, accommodation condition and academic requirements, which are exactly three major aspects we are concerned about at present.

So could you write such an article with 300 words or so and have it submitted by Dec.25? I am looking forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours,

Li Hua

读后续写

Possible Version 1

The following day, Johnsy commanded that the curtain be raised again. Miraculously, the leaf was still there, clinging to its stem against the wall, like a strong-willed soldier holding his arms. Staring at the scene for a while, Johnsy turned to Sue and said in a soft voice, "I've been a silly girl, Sue. It is definitely a crime to want to die. Now, could you bring me a little broth, and help me sit up." At this, a flicker of a smile crossed Sue's face, as she knew inside the embers of hope, the fire of life had been rekindled. "Of course, dear," responded Sue with great relief. With a strong desire for life and careful nursing, Johnsy was on the road to recovery. Mr Behrman, however, failed in the fight against the disease which claimed his life mercilessly.

After Behrman's funeral, Sue came to Johnsy who was sipping her soup, and said, "I have something to tell you." Seated on the bed, Johnsy listened to her attentively. "Mr Behrman died for art and also for you, dear." Sue paused for a moment, eyes moist with tears. "Look out of the window at the last leaf. Didn't you wonder why it never fluttered or moved when the wind blew? Ah, dear, it's Behrman's last masterpiece. He painted it there the night when the last leaf fell." Upon hearing this, Johnsy felt as if she were struck by a sudden thunder, too shocked and moved to utter a single word. It didn't occur to her that in an attempt to cheer her up, Mr Behrman had created such an amazing piece of art at the cost his own life. She decided at that moment that she would cherish and live her life to the utmost and embrace this world with kindness and gratitude.

Possible Version 2

The following day, Johnsy commanded that the curtain be raised again. Everything outside was bathed in the warm sunshine and the remaining leaf on the vine seemed quite mesmerizing with its dreamlike bright color. "It is still there!" exclaimed Johnsy with amazement. Noticing her surprised look, Sue confirmed, "Indeed, it didn't fall after such a violent storm, so never should you give up the hope of recovery!" Staring at the last leaf, Johnsy felt a gleam of hope flaring up inside her heart, clear and dazzling. Then, she didn't lie lifeless in bed any more, but sat up and asked Sue for some food. "Never give up!" Johnsy murmured to herself with great courage and determination.

After Behrman's funeral, Sue came to Johnsy who was sipping her soup, and said, "I have something to tell you." Seeing a sense of sheer confusion flashing across Johnsy's eyes, Sue started, "The leaf left on the vine doesn't fall as it's a fake painted by Mr Behrman and me when the last leaf fell during the stormy night. Mr Behrman came up with this brilliant and risky idea and we carried it out together. He created his only masterpiece to give you hope at the price of his life." Johnsy froze there, overwhelmed by tremendous shock mingled with a feeling of guilt and gratitude. What she realized was that being exposed to the storm that night worsened Behrman's illness, which led to his death. Outside on the vine, the last leaf appeared so realistic and artistic, standing still tenaciously, like a tiny sliver light in the darkness of Johnsy's life.

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