

of tending to Dennis had prepared her for dealing with the variety of hurts and ills. The inside calling echoed increasingly stronger.

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。

*After a year, she signed up for a training unit for firefighters.* \_\_\_\_\_

Finally came the written and physical fitness test day. \_\_\_\_\_

## 雅礼中学 2024 届高三一模

### 英语参考答案

#### 听力

1—5CBCCB 6—10ABAAC 11—15BBCBA 16—20BBAAA

#### 听力材料:

Text 1

M: Hi, Helen! Is this your new bike?

W: Yes, I bought it only yesterday.

M: It's cool! May I have a try?

W: Of course. Don't forget to ride on the left.

Text 2

W: You look tired and sleepy. Do you have trouble falling asleep?

M: No, I had to finish the paper for history class from 9:00 last night to 2:00 in the morning. because I didn't remember it until I finished watching TV.

Text 3

W: I'm disappointed that Everest did not accept our offer.

M: The director over there thought it wasn't low enough.

W: According to our research, it was generous by market standards.

Text 4

W: I'm going to try out some new recipes tonight.

M: Well, remember that the Johnsons are coming over for dinner. You know how much I like your cooking, dear, but maybe you shouldn't pick tonight of all nights to experiment.

Text 5

W: The bus isn't supposed to arrive at this stop for another 30 minutes. I guess we'll just have to wait until it comes.

M: Normally I'd agree with you, but I'm only going to the next stop, and I feel like having a walk.

Text 6

W: Hello, Louis Catering. What can I do for you?

M: Yes, I'm with the Colbert Corporation. We're having a company party on February 15th next week, and I need to arrange for all the food and drinks.

W: OK. How many people do you expect to take part in the party? And will it be an indoor one or outdoor one?

M: About 108 employees will be there. In addition, 12 managing staff will also be present. And we'll hold it indoors in one of our large conference rooms.

W: OK. I see.

Text 7

W: What are you going to do in Canada?

M: My lab is working together with a research station in Canada so I will work there for a long time.

W: How long will it take?

M: Three months, probably. It'll depend on how everything is going.

W: It's cold there. You may need some heavy clothes. Oh, this suitcase is probably too small.

M: Don't worry! I do most of the work in the lab. But I do need a large suitcase. I'll take a lot of research materials with me.

W: So why don't we go to the shop to get a larger suitcase?

M: OK. Let's go.

Text 8

W: Hi, Dad. Is your classmate still working in the power company?

M: Yes. He is now the manager. Why do you ask?

W: Oh. There is a summer vacation practice project of us students. Can you help me out? Besides, several of our classmates plan to have a picnic this morning.

M: OK. You can come to the power company for the practice after that. I can drive you there or you can take a taxi.

W: There is no need to do so. I can walk there.

M: Shall I telephone my classmate to tell him that you will visit him?

W: I'm not really a visitor. I plan to communicate with the workers and learn about their company culture.

M: That will be a really good practice experience and you can learn much from it.

W: I can't agree with you more.

M: Now, you have to prepare for the coming picnic. Enjoy your time.

W: Thank you, Dad!

Text 9

M: Welcome. Jenny and I have got lots to tell you.

W: That's right. This week Westfield Radio runs its annual competition. Last year it was to find the best dancer, and next year it will be the turn of local actors to enter. But this year we're looking for the best singer in our city.

M: And what are the rules?

W: Not many. You need to phone your entry. We don't accept entries through the Internet or by fax.

M: Right. Well, it's school holidays this week, so what's on offer?

W: The sports hall will open an hour earlier than usual at 8:00 am and shut later at 10:30 pm instead of nine. The indoor football ground is always popular and has to be booked in advance.

M: But what about the swimming pool?

W: Not quite such good news, I'm afraid. It will be open about a week later than planned, but good news now—there will be no charge for swimmers for the first week. It's the same size as the old one, but it is much better equipped.

M: That's great.

#### Text 10

M: I started my own company, CyberEdit, when I was a freshman. Most students have to write essays, and I aimed to provide computer editing services for them. During one summer vacation, I worked for an Internet company and in the evening. I spent another four hours working on my website. It's not easy to develop a business. If you hope to be financially independent, you must do something while you are young and you can work long hours. For a long time, I was editing nearly ten documents a night. I spent fifty hours a week doing this. It was hard. Then I hired my first four employees, and I never edited a single document again. The next year, I turned down my summer job at a big investment bank and spent the vacation expanding CyberEdit. In December, Wired magazine contacted me and asked me to write an article about my life. After the article appeared in March, interested investors began to contact me. In June, one of them decided to invest a large sum of money in the company. So the Wired article brought me over a million dollars in funding! More than anything else, good publicity helps a new business attract investors and customers. Investors came to me, not because I was making money and employing fifty college students, but because they read about it in Wired magazine, and saw it on ABC World News Tonight. My advice to young people who consider starting a company is: Do it now! Don't delay starting it until you've finished school or had some "real-world experience".

【导语】本文是一篇应用文。文章主要介绍了美国旅行公司提供的旅游一站式服务内容。

21. A. 细节理解题。根据第一段内容“we are proud to offer you various services unlike other tour companies where we offer one-stop shop for complete tourism.”（我们很自豪地为您提供各种服务，不像其他旅游公司，我们提供一站式的完整旅游。）可知，与其他旅行公司不同，美国旅行公司提供一站式完整的旅游服务。故选 A。

22. D. 细节理解题。根据文章 Luggage Concierge 中的内容“Give your bags to Luggage Concierge in advance and they will be waiting for you at your destination when you arrive.”（提前把你的行李交给行李礼宾部，当你到达目的地时，他们会在你的目的地等你。）可知，在旅游前，你可以把行李提前给行李部。故选 D。

23. B. 推理判断题。文章主要介绍了美国旅行公司提供的旅游一站式服务内容。故这篇文章的目的是在为美国旅游公司做广告宣传，旅游广告的目的是吸引游客。故选 B。

【导语】本文是一篇人物传记。文章主要描述了 Dick Van Dyke 的职业生涯和他对工作的态度，同时也提到了他的电视剧和电影作品。

24. A. 推理判断题。根据文章第一段“When asked how important it is that he's having fun when he's doing it, Van Dyke replied, “My whole career has relied on that. It's such a blessing to find a way of making a living that you love. I feel so sorry for people who hate their job. I look forward to going to work every morning!”（当被问及在比

赛中获得乐趣有多重要时, Van Dyke 回答说:“我的整个职业生涯都依赖于此。能找到一种自己喜欢的谋生方式是一种福气。我为那些讨厌自己工作的人感到难过。我每天早上都盼望着去上班!””可知, Van Dyke 很喜欢自己的工作。故选 A。

25. C. 细节理解题。根据文章第二段“*This week, CBS aired a two-hour tribute (致敬), “Dick Van Dyke, 98 Years of Magic”*, and for the occasion, they recreated the original Dick Van Dyke Show” set, down to that well-known sofa. (本周, 哥伦比亚广播公司(CBS) 播出了一个两小时的致敬节目“Dick Van Dyke, 98 年的魔力”, 为了这个场合, 他们重现了“Dick Van Dyke 秀”的原始场景, 包括那张著名的沙发。)”可知, 哥伦比亚广播公司为他制作了一个特别节目。故选 C。

26. D. 细节理解题。根据文章第三段“*From then on, Van Dyke was almost always assigned to play the good guy, though he claims to have missed out on a choice part: “Yeah, I could have been James Bond. When Sean Connery left, the producer said, ‘Would you like to be the next Bond?’ I said, ‘Have you heard my British accent? That’s a true story!’*”(从那以后, Van Dyke 几乎总是被分配扮演好人, 尽管他声称自己错过了一个选择角色: “是的, 我本来可以演詹姆斯·邦德的。当肖恩·康纳利离开时, 制片人问: ‘你想成为下一个邦德吗?’ 我说, ‘你听到我的英国口音了吗?’ 这是一个真实的故事!”)”可知, Van Dyke 本有机会扮演詹姆斯·邦德的。故选 D。

27. C. 主旨大意题。根据文章第一段“*When asked how important it is that he’s having fun when he’s doing it, Van Dyke replied, “My whole career has relied on that. It’s such a blessing to find a way of making a living that you love. I feel so sorry for people who hate their job. I look forward to going to work every morning!”*”(当被问及在比赛中获得乐趣有多重要时, Van Dyke 回答说: “我的整个职业生涯都依赖于此。能找到一种自己喜欢的谋生方式是一种福气。我为那些讨厌自己工作的人感到难过。我每天早上都盼望着去上班!”)”以及文章最后一段“*In an interview from 2017 with his friends, Van Dyke described what it was like hitting 90: “People are more afraid of aging than they are of death these days. And I want to say that remain young in heart and there’s a lot of good living to do.”*”(在 2017 年接受朋友采访时, Van Dyke 描述了 90 岁的感觉: “现在人们更害怕衰老, 而不是死亡。我想说的是, 保持年轻的心态, 还有很多美好的生活要做。)””可知, 文章主要讲述了 Van Dyke 将自己的成功归于获得乐趣。故选 C。

【导语】这是一篇新闻报道。文章主要报道了一个青少年 Sean Jiang 的发明创造, 他发明的设备能用声音帮助盲人顺利行走。

28. C. 推理判断题。根据第二段“*14-year-old Jiang decided to help those who can’t see. Blind people had a hard time navigating (导航) objects that are medium to far range. So Jiang wanted to design something to give them a heads-up on obstacles (障碍) that may be incoming. (14 岁的 Jiang 决定帮助那些看不见的人。盲人很难在中远距离的物体上导航。因此, Jiang 想设计一些东西, 让他们对可能到来的障碍有所预警。)*”可知, Jiang 设法帮助盲人顺利行走。故选 C 项。

29. D. 推理判断题。根据第三段中“*Jiang’s inspiration came from the powers of the hearing system. (Jiang 的灵感来自于听觉系统的力量。)*”以及 Jiang 所说“*I learned in school that bats and whales are able to use echolocation (回声定位) to help them navigate and just use their sense of hearing and I also saw on YouTube some very skilled blind people that use echolocation to help them walk. (我在学校里学过蝙蝠和鲸鱼能够利用回声定位来帮助它们导航, 而且我还在 YouTube 上看到一些非常熟练的盲人利用回声定位来帮助他们走路。)*”可知, Jiang 提到“回声定位”是为了解释他的发明灵感。故选 D 项。

30. A. 词句猜测题。划线词句后文 “When a blind is walking with the device, the sensor of the depth camera gathers the information regarding the obstacles’ position and distance. Then the AI system in it will turn the distance data into musical sound guidance. This could significantly increase the walking speed of a blind person as well as decrease the number of obstacles they hit. (当盲人使用该设备行走时,深度相机的传感器会收集有关障碍物位置和距离的信息。然后其中的人工智能系统将把距离数据转化为音乐声音引导。这可以显著提高盲人的行走速度,并减少他们撞到的障碍物数量。)”说明该设备能够帮助盲人避开障碍物,从而推知划线词句 “His creation uses a depth camera that can detect how close objects are, thus giving enough time to dodge the obstacles. (他的发明使用了一个深度相机,可以探测到物体有多近,从而有足够的时间 dodge 障碍物。)”故划线词汇意思是“避开”。故选 A 项。

31. B. 主旨大意题。通读全文,根据第二段中 “14-year-old Jiang decided to help those who can’t see. (14 岁的 Jiang 决定帮助那些看不见的人。)”以及第三段中 “Jiang’s inspiration came from the powers of the hearing system. (Jiang 的灵感来自于听觉系统的力量。)”等内容可知,本文主要介绍了一个青少年 Sean Jiang 的发明创造,他发明的设备能用声音帮助盲人顺利行走。故选 B 项。

【导语】这是一篇议论文。文章主要介绍了口语能力的重要性,呼吁英国工党改革学校课程以加强口语能力教学。

第 32 题 C 理解具体信息。从第一段 “Talk is the currency of politics. It is our way of negotiating, debating and persuading.” 在政治领域中,话语是一种重要的交流工具。在政治谈判、讨论和说服的过程中,谈话起到了关键的作用,谈话是实现这些活动的手段。这暗示有效的谈话能够增加说服力,政治家或决策者可以更好地影响他人,使他们接受自己的观点或立场。因此,可以说谈话能够增强说服力。

第 33 题 D 推断理解题。第三段讲雇主看重口头表达能力,流利地表达想法的能力是生活中取得成功的关键,这种能力是每个小孩应该必备的,但课程里却没有,在学校没有受到足够的重视,所以要课程改革。

第 34 题 B 写作手法题。第四段作者多次利用 it is about... 平行结构说明 oracy 的含义。

第 35 题 C 推断理解题。根据 “Our job, all of ours, is to get off our screens and give young people, and adults, the gift of listening.” 说话的另一面是倾听,倾听至关重要。作为父母,我们可以发挥自己的作用,比如吃饭时,我们应该放下电子设备,给大家倾听与被倾听的机会,进行面对面的直接交流。

【导语】本文是一篇说明文。文章介绍了提高工作中情绪自我管理能力的四个方法。

36. G. 前文 “One of the cores of emotional intelligence is self-regulation, an important skill in the workplace. Like any skill, mastery of emotional self-control requires intentionality and practice. (情商的核心之一是自我调节,这是工作场所的一项重要技能。像任何技能一样,掌握情绪自我控制需要有意识和实践)”引出话题,说明情绪自我控制技能的重要性,以及掌握它需要的要素,后文具体介绍了四种情绪控制的方法,因此 G 项 “Here are four ways you can develop greater emotional self-management (这里有四种方法可以提高你的情绪自我管理能力)”符合语境,表明提升该能力有方法,承上启下,其中的 emotional self-management 和前文的 emotional self-control 呼应。故选 G。

37. E. 前文 “At that point, although still physiologically keyed up, you will be able to ask yourself, “What is the best course of action right now?” or “What advice would I give someone else who is in my shoes?” (在那个阶段,尽管生理上仍然很紧张,但你可以问自己:‘现在最好的做法是什么?’或者‘如果是我,我会给别人什么建议?’)”建议停下来去思考这些问题,因此 E 项 “Stay focused on coming up with an answer and following through on it (专注于想出一个答案,并坚持到底)”符合语境,进一步说明要想出答案,承接前文,其中的 answer 和前文



的两个问题呼应。故选 E。

38. F。前文“Becoming aware of your self-talk can be difficult. Why is this an important skill to develop? (意识到你的自言自语可能很困难。为什么这是一项需要培养的重要技能呢)”表明意识到自言自语的困难,并提问培养这种技能的原因,因此 F 项“Because it is those background beliefs that fuel our emotional responses (因为正是这些背景式的想法激发了我们的情绪反应)”符合语境,解释了其重要性,是对前文问题的回答。故选 F。

39. D。前文“Ask others you trust to help you recognize when your emotions seem to be getting the best of you. (让你信任的人帮你认识到你的情绪何时会占据你最好的状态)”说明可以让信任的人帮助自己,因此 D 项“Explain your developmental goals and sincerely ask for help (解释你的发展目标,真诚地寻求帮助)”符合语境,给出具体的求助建议,承接前文,其中的 help 在前文有同词复现。故选 D。

40. B。前文“Our brains are wired to draw conclusions and form judgments at lightning speed, and those are frequently the cause of our negative emotions.”指出大脑过于迅速地形成判断会导致负面情绪,后文“but we tend to run with them, sparking the self-talk that follows”说明大家通常的思维倾向,因此 B 项“Those judgments are not necessarily accurate (这些判断不一定准确)”符合语境,对前文的判断做出评判,和后文的思维倾向形成转折,其中的 judgments 在前文有同词复现。故选 B。

【导语】这是一篇记叙文。文章讲述作者的父亲从小到大都很享受和作者在一起聊天的时间。在作者上大学期间,每个周日父亲都会和作者打电话聊天。长大后,在作者旅游期间,父亲仍和以往一样会周日打电话。在一次周日和父亲打电话聊天后不久,作者接到了告知父亲因为动脉瘤住院的电话。作者乘飞机赶到医院时,父亲已经去世。在此之后,作者意识到了父亲和自己聊天对自己的意义。

41. 考查名词词义辨析。句意:然后我们可以有时间交谈。A. change 改变; B. cooperation 合作; C. conversation 交谈; D. debate 辩论。根据下文“Now it was he who did not have 12 for a talk with me.”可知,父亲去世后,父亲再也不会时间和我聊天了,所以此处指我和父亲可以彼此交谈。故选 C 项。

42. 考查动词词义辨析。句意:我长大后离开家去上大学,从那以后,他每个星期天早上都给我打电话。A. contacting 联系; B. calling 打电话; C. educating 教育; D. meeting 碰面。根据上文“I grew up and left home for the college”可知,作者离开家上大学,可推知,此处指父亲每个星期天早上都给我打电话,下文“One Sunday morning, we had a telephone talk 9”是对此处的照应。故选 B 项。

43. 考查动词词义辨析。句意:后来,我买了房子,我爸爸在 30°C 的炎炎夏日里独自粉刷了三天。A. decorating 装饰; B. clearing 清除; 清理; C. repairing 修理; D. painting 油漆; 粉刷。根据下文“All he asked for was to hold his paint brush”可知,此处指父亲在我买了新房后,花了三天时间给我的新房子粉刷。故选 D 项。

44. 考查名词词义辨析。句意:后来,我买了房子,我爸爸在 30°C 的炎炎夏日里独自粉刷了三天。A. labor 劳动; B. rest 休息; C. heat 热量; D. misery 痛苦; 苦难。根据空前“in the 30°C summer”可知,此处指在炎炎的夏日里,故选 C 项。

45. 考查动词词义辨析。句意:他所要求的只是拿着他的粉刷刷子和他说说话。A. talk 谈话; B. tend 照顾; 护理; C. hand 搀扶; D. keep 保持。根据下文父亲给作者女儿组合秋千期间,让作者给他带一杯茶,和作者聊天以及在父亲去世后,作者意识父亲再也没有时间和自己聊天,可推知此处指父亲只是要求作者能和他聊天。故选 A 项。

46. 考查动词词义辨析。句意:几年前,他来看望我。A. joining 加入; B. visiting 拜访; C. following 跟随; D. leaving 离开。根据上文“I bought a house”及下文“He spent hours 7 a swing set for my daughter. He asked me to bring him a cup of tea and have a talk with him”可知,我买了房子,作者的父亲花了好

几个小时为作者的女儿组装秋千，并且和作者聊天。可推知，作者的父亲是来看望作者，故选 B 项。

47. 考查动词短语词义辨析。句意：他花了几个小时为我女儿组装一套秋千。A. putting together 组合；拼凑；B. giving away 赠送；C. tearing apart 拆散；扯开；D. making up 化妆。根据下文 “a swing set for my daughter” 可知，此处指作者的父亲给孙女组装秋千。故选 A 项。

48. 考查动词词义辨析。句意：他让我给他倒杯茶，和他聊聊天，但我要为旅行做准备，所以我没有时间进行长时间的交谈。A. prepare 准备；B. apologize 道歉；C. apply 申请；D. delay 推迟。根据上文 “for a trip, so I did not have time for any long conversations.” 可知，作者没有和父亲长时间聊天，是因为要为一次旅行做准备。prepare for “为……做准备”，故选 A 项。

49. 考查短语词义辨析。句意：一个星期天的早上，我们像往常一样通了电话，我注意到爸爸总是忘记我们最近讨论的一些事情。A. on time 按时；B. at first 首先；C. in return 作为回报；D. as usual 像往常一样。根据上文 “he had been \_\_\_2\_\_\_ me every Sunday” 可知，每个星期天，父亲都会和作者打电话聊天。故选 D 项。

50. 考查副词词义辨析。句意：同上。A. exactly 精确地；B. freely 自由地；C. lately 最近；不久前；D. personally 就个人而言。根据上文 “we had a telephone talk” 及 “I noticed that my dad kept forgetting some things we discussed” 可知，此处指在作者和父亲打电话期间，作者注意到父亲总是会忘记最近聊天谈起的事情。故选 C 项。

51. 考查名词词义辨析。句意：我立刻买了机票，当我到医院的时候，我父亲已经去世了。A. hospital 医院；B. flight 航班；C. journey 旅程；D. treatment 治疗。根据下文 “by the time I got to the hospital” 可知，作者接到告知父亲因为动脉瘤住院的电话后，买机票赶往医院。故选 B 项。

52. 考查名词词义辨析。句意：现在他没有时间和我聊天了。A. pleasure 愉快；B. interest 兴趣；利益；C. choice 选择；D. time 时间。根据上文 “my dad had passed away” 可知，作者的父亲已经去世，所以此处指现在父亲没有时间和我聊天了。故选 D 项。

53. 考查名词词义辨析。句意：在他死后，我对他有了更多的了解，我意识到我对他最深的思想和梦想所知甚少。A. death 死；B. illness 疾病；C. recovery 恢复；D. suffering (内心或肉体的) 痛苦，苦难。根据上文 “my dad had passed away” 可知，作者的父亲已经去世，所以此处指在父亲去世后，故选 A 项。

54. 考查名词词义辨析。句意：在他死后，我对他有了更多的了解，我意识到我对他最深的思想和梦想所知甚少。A. efforts 努力；B. demands 要求；C. thoughts 想法；D. struggles 斗争；奋斗。根据下文 “and dreams” 可知，此处指作者对父亲的想法和理想不了解。

55. 考查名词词义辨析。句意：过去所有他给我要的是我的时间，现在我每天都在关注他。A. relief 解脱；B. attention 注意力；C. comfort 安慰；舒适；D. courage 勇气。根据上文 “I learned more about him, and I realized how little I knew about his deepest \_\_\_\_\_ and dreams. All he ever asked me was my time” 可知，父亲在世时，他享受和作者在一起的聊天的时间，对作者的要求仅是一些时间。现在父亲去世了，作者每天都在关注父亲。故选 B 项。

【导语】本文是一篇说明文。文章介绍了汝瓷传承人 41 岁的继承人李超（音译）不遗余力地把它介绍给更广泛的群众。

56. as. 考查定语从句。句意：你熟悉流行歌手周杰伦的《青花瓷》吗？正如作曲家方文山所描述的那样，它的最初歌词的灵感来自汝瓷。此处是非限定性定语从句，先行词是 lines，关系词在定语从句中作宾语，表示“正如”，应用关系代词 as 引导。故填 as。

57. of. 考查介词。句意：公元 1100 年左右，大量的汝瓷涌入市场，但现在的汝瓷实际上是罕见的。固定短

语 oceans of 表示“大量”。故填 of。

58. existence。考查名词。句意：公元 1100 年左右，大量的汝瓷涌入市场，但现在的汝瓷实际上是罕见的。此处作主语，应用名词 existence “存在”，不可数名词。故填 existence。

59. closer。考查形容词。句意：由于汝瓷传承人的努力，人们现在可以比以前更近距离地欣赏汝瓷。根据 than 可知，此处应用形容词比较级。故填 closer。

60. bettering。考查非谓语动词。句意：李超（音译）出生于河南汝州，花了十年的时间来磨练技艺。spend time doing sth. 花时间做某事，固定搭配。故填 bettering。

61. first。考查序数词。句意：汝瓷要经过 72 道工序，其中一道工序就是揉泥。定冠词后加序数词表示“第几次”。故填 first。

62. fully，考查副词。句意：每一件艺术品都值得我们欣赏。此处修饰动词 deserve，应用副词 fully “完全地”，作状语。故填 fully。

63. be lost。考查动词语态。句意：汝瓷的制作技术将随着高级传承人的逐渐逝去而失去。主语 techniques 和谓语 lose 是被动关系，应用被动语态，will be done 表示将来时的被动。故填 be lost。

64. what，考查主语从句。句意：因此，李不遗余力地把它介绍给更广泛的群众。谓语动词前是主语从句，从句中缺少宾语，应用 what 引导，指代“做的事情”。故填 what。

65. To achieve，考查非谓语动词。句意：为了实现这一目标，他创造性地利用汝瓷制作了深受年轻人喜爱的日常用品。此处表示目的“为了实现”，应用动词不定式。故填 To achieve。

## 第四部分

### 第一节

Among the various sports, I am especially fascinated by basketball. It is a team sport played with two teams, each consisting of five players. The primary objective is to score points by shooting the basketball through the opponent's hoop. The team that scores the most points wins the game.

The reasons why I am so passionate about it are as follows. Initially, the immense excitement it provides is what I can't resist. Secondly, as a physically demanding sport, it helps me stay fit and energetic when I play it regularly. Last but not least, playing it with my friends makes me realize the valuable life lesson about cooperation with others.

In short, basketball is so attractive a sport that I call on you to participate in it. It not only offers us physical benefits but also teaches us the importance of perseverance. You will never know what you will gain until you try!

### 第二节

After a year, she signed up for a training unit for firefighters. No sooner had she stepped into the training venue than she found all her classmates were 18—22 young kids. “Could I really make it?” Peterson thought to herself, struggling. At the very moment, she was once again thought of the firm and courageous eyes of the firefighters who came to rescue her over 50 years ago. She instantly rolled up her sleeves and began to learn both theoretical and practical knowledge as her much younger peers.

Finally came the written and physical fitness test day. For Peterson, she was at an advantageous situation for the theoretical part, as her past rescue experiences on ambulance ride-along made her a qualified rescuer already. However, the 3-km running, push-ups, sit-ups, etc. all behaved as huge gaps awaiting her to conquer. Though she ranked the last among such items, her persistence, endurance as well as the passion for a childhood dream made her



name appear on the list of newly-announced firefighters. This time, tears blurred her eyes, as the dream born in the fire was eventually fulfilled.

