

英语试题

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第一部分 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。

A

Many small American towns are known for their beautiful scenery, but very few have something special to offer. The following are known for their unique styles.

Scottsboro, Alabama

This attractive town is known as “The Lost Luggage Capital of the World” thanks to the unclaimed luggage center, where lost items such as snow skis, instruments and engagement rings are for sale. In addition to the store, which has become one of Alabama’s top tourist and shopping attractions, the city’s parks and heritage centers are popular places to visit.

Hope, Kansas

Hope is a city in southern Dickinson County, Kansas, with a population of 317. It’s the home of Klipsch Museum of Audio History, President William Jefferson Clinton’s birthplace and several antique shops. Hope’s motto, which is also the name of

“There will always be ‘Hope’ in Kansas”.

Branson, Missouri

Although its population is just over 10,000, Branson hosts over 9 million visitors each year. When the best-selling novel, *The Shepherd of the Hills*, written by Harold Bell Wright, was released in 1907, readers rushed to the Ozark hills to experience its famous views. Now tourists also get to visit the World’s Largest Toy Museum, the world’s largest Titanic Museum Attraction and the record-breaking theme park, Silver Dollar City.

Leavenworth, Washington

Leavenworth is a European-inspired destination, offering a collection of outdoor activities all year long. It welcomes almost 2 million tourists each year and is home to the Nutcracker (胡桃夹子) Museum, which has more than 7,000 nutcrackers from around the world. Many of its visitors travel to the village in December during its annual holiday festival to see it light up with more than one million Christmas lights.

1. Why is Scottsboro called “The Lost Luggage Capital of the World”?
 - A. It sells unclaimed lost items.
 - B. It has fancy heritage centers.
 - C. It features amusing city parks.
 - D. It offers top shopping attractions.
2. What can visitors do in Branson, Missouri?
 - A. Take part in festivals.
 - B. Shop at antique shops.
 - C. Visit theme museums.
 - D. Watch light shows.
3. Which of the following might be the most attractive to outdoor fans?
 - A. Hope, Kansas.
 - B. Branson, Missouri.
 - C. Scottsboro, Alabama.
 - D. Leavenworth, Washington.

B

As the world has changed, so has education. Since 2018, Nelly Cheboi and her non-profit TechLit Africa have been bringing computer technology into schools in Kenya, helping students join the digital world, and unlock their potential. With its own soft

curriculum (课程) and teacher training programs, this non-profit hopes to change Africa.

In 2012, Cheboi received a scholarship to College in Illinois that changed her life. She grew up in poverty in rural Kenya, watching her mother struggle to support her family alone. Cheboi had no experience with computers before moving to the US to study. She handwrote papers and then struggled to type them out on a laptop computer. Somehow she fell in love with computer science and began a career in the field. But she did not lose sight of her origins. "As an undergraduate, I invested all of my income from various campus jobs into my community back in Kenya," she said on the TechLit Africa website. But soon she wanted to do more for it and that is how TechLit Africa began.

Cheboi recalled how her background helped her understand how important technological knowledge could be for children living in poverty. She built a school with the idea of bringing computer science as part of kids' curriculum growing up. But she found that it was going to be really hard to impact as many people as possible, because it was so hard to fundraise. Then in order to reach more students, she introduced computer training to existing schools. Cheboi physically dragged over 40 recycled computers that had been donated to them by various tech companies to Kenya in suitcases.

Now, since the non-profit has grown, it works with various companies that help them clean the donated computers of data and send them to Africa. TechLit Africa runs its own curriculum with its own software programs in 10 Kenyan schools, and the hope is to increase to 100 throughout Africa by next year. The students love learning about computers, and in turn are gaining skills that will help them make use of their talents into a way out of poverty.

4. What has Cheboi been doing since 2018?

- A. Boosting her science career.
- B. Promoting digital education.
- C. Starting a scholarship program.
- D. Updating the computer courses.

5. What inspired Cheboi to set up TechLit Africa?

- A. Her love for computer science.
- B. Her desire to help her hometown.
- C. Her dream of supporting her family.
- D. Her childhood experience in the US.

6. What do we know about Cheboi from Paragraph 3?

- A. She hopes to help more kids.
- B. She plans to build new schools.
- C. She seeks to develop new courses.
- D. She calls for donations of computers.

7. Which of the following can best describe Cheboi?

- A. Sensitive.
- B. Devoted.
- C. Considerate.
- D. Cooperative.

C

A Purdue University invention could save millions of taxpayer dollars and significantly reduce traffic delays. The new invention, a sensor that allows concrete to “talk”, decreases construction time and how often concrete pavement (路面) needs repairs while also improving the road’s sustainability and cutting its carbon footprint. Fixed directly into a concrete pour, the sensor sends engineers more precise and consistent data about the concrete’s strength and need for repairs than is possible with currently used tools and methods.

“Traffic jams caused by repairs have wasted 4 billion hours and 3 billion gallons of gas on a yearly basis. This is mainly due to insufficient knowledge and understanding of concrete’s strength levels,” said Luna Lu, who has been leading development of the sensor since 2017. “For instance, we don’t know when concrete will reach the right strength needed to accommodate traffic loads just after construction. The concrete may be put into use too early, leading to frequent repairing,” she added.

With the technology Lu and her team invented, engineers can directly monitor the fresh concrete and accurately measure many of its properties at once. The sensor notifies engineers via a smartphone app exactly when the pavement is strong enough to handle heavy traffic. The stronger the pavement is before being used by vehicles, the less often it will need to be repaired. By decreasing road repairs and construction timelines, this technology could reduce carbon dioxide that vehicles would have given off while waiting in traffic to get around a construction site.

Methods that the industry has used for more than a century call for testing large samples of concrete at a lab or onsite facility. Even though these tests are well understood by the industry, differences between lab and outdoor conditions can lead to inaccurate estimates of the concrete’s strength due to the different concrete compositions and ter

surrounding area.

8. What can be learned about the new invention?
- A. It decreases accidents.
 - B. It is costly to produce.
 - C. It reduces road repairs.
 - D. It is difficult to operate.
9. What does Paragraph 2 mainly talk about?
- A. Waste caused by road repairs.
 - B. Characteristics of the concrete.
 - C. Situations of road constructions.
 - D. Necessity of inventing the sensor.
10. What does the underlined word “notifies” in Paragraph 3 mean?
- A. Signals. B. Awakes. C. Monitors. D. Examines.
11. What is the problem with the previous tests?
- A. Samples must be tested on the spot.
 - B. The results turn out to be unreliable.
 - C. Fewer properties have been measured.
 - D. Concrete is tested in certain temperature.

D

A study from the University of Montreal and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, published in *Frontiers in Medicine*, found that regular virtual visits to museums could help seniors stay mentally active and come with a host of additional health benefits. That's because these digital connections can make retirees feel less lonely and isolated (孤立的).

Social isolation has been associated with the risks for heart disease and the decline of recognition abilities in seniors and the pandemic (疫情) increased the risks due to the need for seniors to stay home and isolate, according to a press release from the university.

The researchers investigated the potential benefits of weekly virtual visits for a three-month period. The participants were people aged 65 and older who lived in Montreal. Half of the participants took part in online visits and a discussion afterwards, while the control group did not participate in any cultural events at all. The group who participated in the virtual visits showed improvements in their quality of life. “Our study showed that art-based

activities may be an effective intervention,” lead author Dr. Olivier Beauchet, a professor at the University of Montreal, said in the press release. “On a global scale, this participatory art-based activity could become a model that could be offered in museums and arts institutions worldwide to promote active and healthy aging.”

The initiative reflects approaches recommended by the World Health Organization to manage certain diseases, according to Beauchet. For instance, the WHO launched the Aging and Health Program in 2015 that included using community-based organizations to promote culture as a key component of improving health. Traditionally, these sorts of preventive health activities have taken place in schools, community centers, and workplaces. “While these are suitable locations that reach a great number of people, there are additional organizations and sectors that could become partners in public health research and practice development,” Beauchet said. “Museums are among such potential partners. They are aware of the needs of their communities and are consequently expanding the types of activities they offer.”

12. How do seniors benefit from regular virtual visits to museums?
- A. They get survival skills.
 - B. They raise interest in art.
 - C. They improve quality of life.
 - D. They connect more with family.
13. What can be inferred from Beauchet's words in Paragraph 3?
- A. Participants come from the whole world.
 - B. The museum needs better cultural events.
 - C. Face-to-face discussion is a useful intervention.
 - D. Seniors should attend more art-based activities.
14. What is the purpose of the last paragraph
- A. To advocate.
 - B. To entertain.
 - C. To advertise.
 - D. To warn.
15. Which may be a suitable title for the text?
- A. The Aged Form a Community to Reduce Loneliness
 - B. Virtual Art-based Activities Bring People Together.
 - C. Online Museum Trips Improve Seniors' Wellbeing
 - D. Retired Individuals Pay More Visits to Museums

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能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

It seems a bit strange to imagine ancient Egyptians celebrating their birthdays with layered cakes topped with lighted candles. 17

The first birthday cakes were nothing of what they are today and weren't even called birthday cakes. ~~17~~ At that time only they could afford to celebrate with something sweet. That is how cake became associated with special occasions.

Ancient Egyptians are credited with "inventing" the birthday celebration. And ancient Greeks borrowed the tradition but rightfully realised that a dessert would make the celebration all the more meaningful. So they baked moon-shaped cakes to offer up to the moon. 18

It wasn't just the ancient Egyptians and Greeks who celebrated with sweet cakes. 19 And it's believed that the original birthday cake came from them. Rather than just celebrating birthdays, though, ancient Rome was known for celebrating all things with a cake including wedding, but there was an exception—the birthdays celebrated were only for men who were citizens, and they had to be famous.

Modern birthday parties are said to get their roots from the 18th-century German celebration. On the morning of a child's birthday, he or she would receive a cake with lighted candles that added up to the child's age plus one. 20 The birthday child would make a wish, try to blow out all the candles in one breath, and dig in.

- A. Ancient Romans also had their traditions.
- B. Rather, they were symbolic of the noble class.
- C. Ancient Greeks made the first birthday cakes.
- D. On birthday, children would eat cakes made by their mums.
- E. They also decorated the cakes to make them shine like the moon.
- F. This extra candle was called the light of hope for another new year.
- G. However, they're the ones who first came up with the idea to do so.

第二部分 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 四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

In 2013, my husband Robin took a new job in Ghana. We relocated from London, where I worked as a photographer, to the capital, Accra. Robin worked, but my visa didn't permit me to, and I was left homesick and lacking 21. With few people around, I turned to 22. I photographed horses and considered the outdoors the place where I felt most 23.

In September 2018, after one bad thunderstorm, I found a bird, barely a month old, on the ground. He was 24 by his flock (群). His eyes were shut, too young to 25 alone. I placed him in a cardboard box and stayed up all night, researching how to 26 him. I spoke to an expert who said it would take 12 weeks to prepare him for the 27.

For the next 84 days, the 28 bird lived on me. He would fly alongside me. As he learned to fly, he'd make short 29 from my hand, to my shoulder, and then settled on my hair. I 30 named him because I had to 31 myself that he needed to return to the wild. In return for putting his life back on course, he 32 me by giving me purpose. Three months later, he was 33 enough and flying farther from me. It was time for him to go. Then on a clear day when his flock returned, Robin and I took him out and the little bird flew away with them.

34 him taught me how to live in the present. Last year, I joined local conservation efforts. That, along with the 35 that any little creature can make a difference, is what he left me.

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| 21. A. purpose | B. interest | C. experience | D. confidence |
| 22. A. family | B. sports | C. nature | D. school |
| 23. A. grateful | B. alive | C. stressed | D. scared |
| 24. A. envied | B. controlled | C. recognized | D. abandoned |
| 25. A. survive | B. fight | C. escape | D. play |
| 26. A. go with | B. care for | C. focus on | D. speak about |
| 27. A. travel | B. stay | C. wild | D. change |
| 28. A. rare | B. lazy | C. proud | D. tiny |
| 29. A. noises | B. dances | C. flights | D. stops |
| 30. A. kindly | B. cheerfully | C. once | D. never |
| 31. A. remind | B. promise | C. cheat | D. motivate |
| 32. A. attracted | B. honored | C. shocked | D. rewarded |
| 33. A. high | B. strong | C. smart | D. calm |
| 34. A. Raising | B. Tolerating | C. Evaluating | D. Amusing |
| 35. A. secret | B. message | C. news | D. |

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。

As evening sets in, Chung Chia-ming arrives at the busy night market of Nan'an District in China's Southwest city Chongqing, parks his car on the roadside _____ kicks up his mobile lemon tea stand.

"Customer flow has increased dramatically recently. I am very optimistic about business prospects this year," Chung said, _____ (add) that he once sold more than 200 cups of lemon tea in a single evening. The economy had been hit _____ (severe) by the COVID-19 crisis in recent years. The car trunk shop, which is a special feature of Chongqing's night market, offers an efficient service to the customers.

Obviously, the business _____ since the beginning of this year. Despite being very busy at times, Chung is _____ (excite) to earn money on his own, and it has also boosted his self-confidence. His shop has gained _____ (popular) among visitors. He has set _____ example for young people in terms of commitment and hard work.

The night market, _____ flexibility provides more employment alternatives for job-seekers, has brought joy and fun for consumers. Meanwhile, it boosts the confidence of the sellers. Chongqing's Nan'an District has been planning _____ (promote) consumption in the cultural industry. The night market has put great energy into the night economy in the past few months. Its great activity marks a good start for a _____ (hope) year.

第三部分 写作(共两节,满分 40 分)

第一节(满分 15 分)

假定你是李华,你将参加一个以“Live a Green Life”为主题的英语演讲活动,现需写一篇英语演讲稿。内容包括:

1. “绿色生活”的意义和方式;
2. 发出号召。

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1. 写作词数应为 80 左右;
2. 请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

Ladies and gentlemen,

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。

My father, Michael, led me through the little wooden house he'd filled with his paintings. "When I have an exhibition ..." he began, pointing to the artworks he'd created before stopping. "Poor Pa," I thought. In 1994 he got Parkinson's Disease (帕金森氏病), which had shocked the whole family as he was only in his forties.

A husband and father to three, Pa had had a successful career running an advertising agency and had always been extremely creative. Outside of work, he'd spent 15 years fronting the cover band, *Musical Chairs*, which performed at the pub in Sydney's Double Bay each week and, when I became a mother, he developed a very close bond with my daughter.

Even when his Parkinson's advanced, my father decided he wanted to paint. "Why don't you try classes?" my mum Louisa suggested to him. He agreed. In art lessons, the class practised painting still life objects, like pears, but my father had other ideas for his inspiration. He began producing abstract pieces, inspired by his favourite artist, Jackson Pollock, a leading abstract expressionist. "Why abstract?" I asked him. "Because," he replied, "it helps us to see the world around us in a different way. You can look at these paintings and ask 'what if?'"

Soon, I realized he was right. When I observed my father's work, I could interpret each of them in many ways. Once he got started, he showed no signs of slowing down. The little house was quickly filled with more and more works.

But in 2019, Pa developed cancer and was given just three months to live. The thought of losing him was too much for any of my family to accept, but we soon received great news that a new form of treatment can help him greatly. Since he continued speaking about wanting to share his paintings with the world, I knew what had to be done.

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I told him I would help organize an exhibition.

A month later, the big day finally came.