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考 生 须 知	1、本试卷满分 100 分。 2、本试卷考试时间 90 分钟。 3、在本试卷答题纸上认真填写考生信息。
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第一部分：知识运用（共两节，25 分）

第一节 完形填空（共 10 小题；每小题 1 分，共 10 分）

阅读下面短文，掌握其大意，从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

“Just sign here, sir,” the deliveryman said as he handed Oscar Reyna a package.

The package consisted of a long, narrow box carefully wrapped in brown paper. 1 the box, Oscar saw an umbrella inside — a very old one with a beautifully carved wooden handle. Although he had not seen it in more than 20 years, he recognized it 2.

Oscar was 16 when he first saw the unusual umbrella. He had gone to a concert with his grandparents. As they were leaving, he noticed an umbrella on an empty seat, impressed by its 3, Oscar felt a strong desire to find its owner.

Oscar 4 the manager to look in the record of advance ticket sales. Just as he thought, a name 5 the seat where Oscar had found the umbrella. The name was Mrs. Katie O'Brien.

Oscar talked his grandparents into going by Mrs. O'Brien's 6 on their way home. He rang the bell, the door opened, and an elderly woman appeared. “May I help you?” she asked.

“I'd like to return it if it's yours,” Oscar said, holding out the umbrella as if presenting a 7 that had long been wished for.

“Why, yes! It's mine,” replied Mrs. O'Brien with a wide smile and shining eyes. “It was given to me by my father years ago. Thank you so much for returning it. May I offer you a reward for your 8?”

“No, ma'am,” he said, “My grandmother says that a good deed is its own reward.”

“Well, that’s 9 what my father used to say. What is your name, young man?”

Years later Oscar was staring at the finely carved handle of the umbrella as he remembered Mrs. O’Brien. It was in perfect condition, considering how old it was. Why had it arrived here today?

As if in answer, a note fell from the paper. It reads: Mrs. O’Brien wanted to 10 this umbrella as a present for a kind, unselfish gesture long ago.

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| 1. A. Opening | B. Closing | C. Touching | D. Searching |
| 2. A. clearly | B. fully | C. immediately | D. suddenly |
| 3. A. history | B. shape | C. length | D. beauty |
| 4. A. encouraged | B. convinced | C. forced | D. advised |
| 5. A. called | B. matched | C. written | D. taken |
| 6. A. family | B. theater | C. house | D. neighborhood |
| 7. A. chance | B. fact | C. result | D. gift |
| 8. A. kindness | B. patience | C. courage | D. determination |
| 9. A. obviously | B. naturally | C. exactly | D. probably |
| 10. A. possess | B. accept | C. refuse | D. value |

第二节 语法填空（共 10 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 15 分）

阅读下列短文，根据短文内容填空。在未给提示词的空白处仅填写 1 个适当的单词，在给出提示词的空白处用括号内所给词的正确形式填空。

A

The interesting part of a book is stored in your mind as a seed. Now this seed is unknowingly used by you in your future to develop new ideas. The same seed if 11 (use) many times, can help you link and relate a lot of things, of which you would never have thought of in your wildest dreams! This is nothing but creativity. The larger number of books you read, the broader 12 (you) mind will be. Also this improves your speaking skills to a large extent and also makes a significant contribution to your vocabulary. Within no time can you start speaking English or any language 13 (fluent) with your friends or other people and you never seem to run out of the right words at the right time.

B

Our school organized us to watch the live show of the 60th Anniversary of Miyun Reservoir yesterday, through which I learned about its history, the local people’s contribution in the process. Miyun Reservoir was built 60 years ago 14 (solve) the flood in Chaobai River and provide sufficient water supply for Beijing. At that time, there was no

modern equipment and the reservoir was built 15 hands and wheelbarrows. 200,000 workers and soldiers worked hard and sweated in the place. In order to make room for the construction of Miyun Reservoir, more than 60,000 local residents 16 (leave) the places where they had stayed for generations. As a member in Miyun, I decide to volunteer in all kinds of 17 (activity) of building my hometown more beautiful.

C

A warning system to prevent people from falling asleep while driving was introduced at the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services, 18 was held from September 4 to 9 in Beijing. It can judge whether the driver is drowsy(昏昏欲睡的) by monitoring how long the driver's eyes close or if his or her head drops. If the driver enters a state of tiredness, the system 19 (sound) an alarm until the drivers' eyes reopen and he or she starts to blink at a normal frequency. In the future, other dangerous driving behaviors, such as not wearing a seat belt and making phone calls while 20 (drive), might also be added into this warning system.

第二部分：阅读理解（共三节，55分）

第一节（共15小题；每小题2分，共30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，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

A

A gadget which makes water out of air could become the greatest household invention since the microwave.

Using the same technology as a dehumidifier(除湿器), the Water Mill is able to create a ready supply of drinking water because it can always get it from an unlimited source—the air.

The company behind the machine says not only does it offer an alternative to bottled water in developed countries, but it is a solution for the millions who face a daily water shortage.

The machine works by drawing in wet air through a filter(过滤器) and over a cooling instrument which changes it into water droplets. It can produce up to 12 liters a day. The Water Mill will also produce more water when storms pass over, as the amount of water which is contained in the air increases. In keeping with its eco-development, the machine uses the same amount of electricity as three lights.

Inventor Jonathan Ritchey said: "The demand for water is off the chart. So people are looking for freedom from water distribution systems that are shaky and unreliable."

The machine, which is about 3 feet wide, is likely to cost £ 800 when it goes on sale here in the spring. Its maker, Canadian Firm Element Four, roughly calculates that a liter of water costs around 20p to produce.

Environmentalists state that half the world's population will face water shortage because of climate change by 2080. One in five is said to lack access to safe drinking.

The Water Mill is not effective in areas where the amount of water contained in the air is below about 30 percent, but in Britain that won't be much of a problem.

21. What does the underlined word "it" in Paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. Water Mill. B. Invention. C. Microwave. D. Drinking water.

22. What do we learn about the machine?

- A. It absorbs steam and turns it into water.
B. It is very expensive for families to afford.
C. It works in the same way as microwaves.
D. It helps to make the water clean to drink.

23. What's the best title for the passage?

- A. A New Way to Solve Water Problem. B. A Dehumidifier to Produce Water.
C. A Machine to Make Water out of Air. D. An Absolutely New Invention.

B

Barditch High School decided to have an All-School Reunion. Over 450 people came to the event. There were tours of the old school building and a picnic at Confederate Park. Several former teachers were on hands to tell stories about the old days. Ms. Mabel Yates, the English teacher for fifty years, was wheeled to the park.

Some eyes rolled and there were a few low groans(嘟囔声)when Ms. Yates was about to speak. Many started looking at their watches and coming up with excuses to be anywhere instead of preparing to listen to a lecture from an old woman who had few kind words for her students and made them work harder than all the other teachers combined.

Then Ms. Yates started to speak: "I can't tell you how pleased I am to be here. I haven't seen many of you since your graduation, but I have followed your careers and enjoyed your victories as well as crying for your tragedies. I have a large collection of newspaper photographs of my students. Although I haven't appeared in person, I have attended your college graduations, weddings and even the birth of your children, in my imagination."

Ms. Yates paused and started crying a bit. Then she continued: "It was my belief that if I pushed you as hard as I could, some of you would succeed to please me and others would succeed to annoy me. Regardless of our motives, I can see that you have all been successful in your chosen path."

"There is no greater comfort for an educator than to see the end result of his or her years of work. You have all been a great source of pleasure and pride for me and I want you to know I love you all from the bottom of my heart."

There was a silence over the crowd for a few seconds and then someone started clapping. The clapping turned into cheering, then into a deafening roar(呼喊). Lawyers, truck drivers, bankers and models were rubbing their eyes or crying openly with no shame all because of the words from a long forgotten English teacher from their hometown.

24. What activity was organized for the school reunion?

- A. Telling stories about past events.
- B. A picnic on the school playground.
- C. Sightseeing in the park.
- D. Graduates' reports in the old building.

25. What can be inferred from Paragraph 2?

- A. Some graduates were too busy to listen to Ms. Yates' speech.
- B. Some people got tired from the reunion activities.
- C. Many graduates disliked Ms. Yates' ways of teaching.
- D. Most people had little interest in the reunion.

26. We can learn from Ms. Yates' speech that she _____.

- A. went to her students' wedding ceremonies
- B. gave her students advice on their careers
- C. attended her students' college graduations
- D. kept track of her students' progress.

27. Which of the following can best describe Ms. Yates?

- A. Reliable and devoted.
- B. Strict but caring.
- C. Proud but patient.
- D. Tough and generous.

C

In a recent announcement, Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) said that they have joined forces to offer free online courses in an effort to attract millions of online learners worldwide.

Beginning this fall, a number of courses developed by teachers at both universities will be offered online through a new \$60 million program, known as edX. "Anyone with an Internet connection anywhere in the world can use our online courses," Harvard President Drew Faust said during a meeting to announce the plan.

MIT has offered a program called OpenCourseWare for ten years that makes materials from more than 2,000 classes free online. It has been used by more than 100 million people. In December, the school announced it also would begin offering a special certificate, known as MITx, for people who complete certain online courses. Harvard has long offered courses to a wider population through a similar program.

The MITx will serve as the foundation for the new learning platform.

MIT President Susan Hockfield said more than 120,000 people signed up for the first MITx course. She said Harvard and MIT hope other universities will join them in offering courses on the open-source edX platform.

“Fasten your seatbelts,” Hockfield said.

Other universities, including Stanford, Yale and Carnegie-Mellon, have been experimenting with teaching to a global population online.

The Harvard-MIT program will be monitored by a not-for-profit (非盈利的) organization based in Cambridge, to be owned equally by the two universities. Both MIT and Harvard have provided \$30 million to start the program. They also plan to use the edX platform to research how students learn and which teaching methods and tools are most successful.

28. According to this text, edX is _____.

- A. a Harvard-MIT platform of free online courses
- B. a part of the free MIT Open Course Ware
- C. a free computer program by MIT and Harvard
- D. a free program online for universities worldwide

29. What is said about online education in the text?

- A. About 2,000 online courses have been offered.
- B. Universities have been trying online courses.
- C. Over 100 million people have finished courses online.
- D. Stanford and Yale together have courses similar to edX.

30. The underlined part in the text probably means “_____”.

- A. Get ready for the difficulties
- B. Get prepared to complete the online courses
- C. Get ready for this educational change
- D. Get prepared to make materials for the edX courses

31. What can be said about MITx according to the text?

- A. It is first offered as part of the edX learning program.
- B. It is another free MIT-Harvard online learning program.
- C. It is a new kind of free online course of Harvard and MIT.
- D. It is a standard to recognize online learners' achievement.

Why should mankind explore space? Why should money, time and effort be spent exploring and researching something with so few apparent benefits? Why should resources be spent on space rather than on conditions and people on Earth? These are questions that, understandably, are very often asked.

Perhaps the best answer lies in our genetic makeup as human beings. What drove our ancestors to move from the trees into the plains, and on into all possible areas and environments? The wider the spread of a species, the better its chance of survival. Perhaps the best reason for exploring space is this genetic tendency to expand wherever possible.

Nearly every successful civilization has explored, because by doing so, any dangers in surrounding areas can be identified and prepared for. Without knowledge, we may be completely destroyed by the danger. With knowledge, we can lessen its effects.

Exploration also allows minerals and other potential resources to be found. Even if we have no immediate need of them, they will perhaps be useful later. Resources may be more than physical possessions. Knowledge or techniques have been acquired through exploration. The techniques may have medical applications which can improve the length or quality of our lives. We have already benefited from other spin-offs including improvements in earthquake prediction, in satellites for weather forecasting and in communications systems. Even non-stick pans and mirrored sunglasses are by-products (副产品) of technological developments in the space industry.

While many resources are spent on what seems a small return, the exploration of space allows creative, brave and intelligent members of our species to focus on what may serve to save us. While space may hold many wonders and explanations of how the universe was formed or how it works, it also holds dangers. The danger exists, but knowledge can help human being to survive. Without the ability to reach out across space, the chance to save ourselves might not exist.

While Earth is the only planet known to support life, surely the adaptive ability of humans would allow us to live on other planets. It is true that the lifestyle would be different, but human life and cultures have adapted in the past and surely could in the future.

32. Why does the author mention the questions in Paragraph 1?

- A. To express his doubts.
- B. To compare different ideas.
- C. To describe the conditions on Earth.
- D. To introduce points for discussion.

33. What is the reason for exploring space based on Paragraph 2?

- A. Humans have the tendency to fight.
- B. Humans are nature-born to do so.
- C. Humans may find new sources of food.
- D. Humans don't like to stay in the same place.

34. What makes it possible for humans to live on other planets?

- A. The adaptive ability of humans.
- B. Resources on the earth.

C. Our genetic makeup.

D. By-products in space exploration.

35. Which of the statements can best sum up the passage?

A. Space exploration has created many wonders.

B. Space exploration provided the best value for money.

C. Space exploration may help us avoid potential problems on Earth.

D. Space exploration may benefit science and technology.

第二节（共 5 小题；每小题 2 分，共 10 分）

根据短文内容，从短文后的七个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。

Claustrophobia

Claustrophobia, or fear of enclosed spaces, is one of the most common fears. Claustrophobia can be deep fear or even panic as a result of being in a small space.

Claustrophobia can develop after a troubling childhood experience (such as being trapped in a small space during a childhood game), or from another unpleasant experience later on in life related to small spaces (such as being stuck in a lift). 36 This response then becomes programmed in the brain, making an association between being in a tight space and feeling anxious or out-of-control. As a result, the person often develops claustrophobia. According to Mark Powers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at Southern Methodist University, “Claustrophobia is a specific fear and not a type of panic disorder. The primary specific danger forecasts for claustrophobia are that either the person will be trapped or run out of air.”

37 Claustrophobia symptoms can include: sweating, accelerated heartbeat, upset stomach, passing out, light-headedness, shaking, breathing problem, etc.

Some common situations can cause anxiety in claustrophobia sufferers. The claustrophobia sufferer will look for an exit when inside a room, avoid driving on the highway or major roads where there is heavy traffic when inside a car, avoid taking lifts when inside a building, or stand near a door when at a party. 38

Claustrophobia can have harmful social and psychological effects, since the patient will often avoid situations in which she thinks she will have an anxiety attack, leading to hiding and sadness. 39 According to Dr. Powers, “Exposure treatment, a form of mind-behavioral treatment, usually results in a total reduction in anxiety symptoms if conducted properly.”

Flooding is a type of exposure treatment in which the person is exposed to a situation until the anxiety attack passes; a less extreme form of exposure treatment is counter-conditioning. Counter conditioning includes behavior treatment, as the person is taught visualization and relaxation techniques before being slowly reintroduced to the cause situation.

40 Medications to help treat claustrophobia include things which help to ease the heart pounding often associated with anxiety attacks.

- A. The good news is that claustrophobia is very treatable.
- B. The past experience can trace back to the moment of birth.
- C. According to some doctors, claustrophobia is worse than the fear of heights.
- D. When a person experiences such an event, it can often cause a frightening panic attack.
- E. In extreme cases, the very sight of a closed door can lead to feelings of anxiety in a person.
- F. Treatment for claustrophobia can also include medication or a combination of several treatments.
- G. When a person with claustrophobia finds herself in a restricted space, her body responds in certain ways.

第三节（共 5 小题；每小题 3 分，共 15 分）

阅读下面短文和问题，根据短文内容和每小题后的具体要求，在答题卡相应题号后的横线上写下相关信息，完成对该问题的回答。答语要意思清楚，结构正确，书写工整。

A seed expert who brought high-quality vegetable seeds to many countries, was awarded the 2019 World Food Prize. Simon Groot of the Netherlands is credited with introducing high-quality, disease-resistance vegetable seeds to more than 60 countries including the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia.

He began his search to create better vegetable seeds to help farmers in Southeast Asia in 1981. Sixteen years earlier, he had made his first trip to Indonesia. There, Groot learned that vegetable seeds which were developed for the climate of Europe, did poorly when planted in the hot tropics. He thought there was a great possibility to introduce hybrid vegetables to the area. The area lacked vegetable seed developers who were trying to create hybrids for the local climate.

“I noticed the seed quality in that part of world was so much below our standards and below achievable standards. I could not stand that the farmers there did not have better seeds.” Said Groot.

At that time, farmers in Southeast Asia usually saved seeds from season to season. That was because the seeds available for sale were often old. Those seeds were usually from Europe or North America and did not grow well in their tropical climate. This meant that the farmers ended up with smaller crops, and lower quality that changed greatly from season to season. The plant also could easily become infected with diseases.

Groot partnered with seed trader Benito Domingo of the Philippines. They put together a team of seed researchers and growers from Wageningen University in the Netherlands and the University of the Philippines. Within a few years, they developed a hybrid bitter melon that sold successfully. Then they adapted a tomato plant, followed by eggplants, pumpkins and leafy vegetables.

The early success led to the start of the East-West Seed Company ,which now has more than 970 improved seeds of 60 vegetable crops. Over the past 40 years, the discoveries have led to the creation of a tropical vegetable seed industry aimed at small farmers. The tropical seeds are now spreading into Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is estimated that the company's seeds are used by 20 million farmers each year in more than 60 countries.

The award was announced during a ceremony at the U.S. Department of State hosted by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "The remarkable improvements made in these tropical vegetable seeds helped small farmers in developing nations produce more food and importantly get more income for themselves and their families," Pompeo said. He added that these seeds fight hunger and help increase economic growth.

41. Who is Simon Groot? (不多于四个字)
42. Why was Groot awarded? (不多于六个字)
43. What caused lower incomes from crops in Southeast Asia in the past? (不多于三个字)
44. When did Groot begin his search to create better vegetable seeds? (不多于两个字)
45. Why does the author mention the Pompeo's statement at last? (不多于五个字)

第三部分： 书面表达（20分）

假设你是红星中学高三学生李华，你的英国好友 Jim 听说你近期参加了“Clear Your Plate”主题系列活动。他了解活动情况，请你给他发个邮件。内容包括：

- 1.活动背景
- 2.系列内容
- 3.活动感受

注意：1.词数不少于 100;

2.开头和结尾已给出，不计入总词数。

Dear Jim,

Yours,

Li Hua

(请务必将作文写在答题卡指定区域内)



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参考答案

第一部分：知识运用（共两节，25分）

第一节 完形填空（共10小题；每小题1分，共10分）

1-5 ACDBB 6-10 CDACB

第二节 语法填空（共10小题；每小题1.5分，共15分）

11. used 12. your 13. fluently 14. to solve 15. by

16. left 17. activities 18. which 19. will sound 20. driving

第二部分：阅读理解（共三节，55分）

第一节（共15小题；每小题2分，共30分）

21-25 DACAC 26-30 DBABC 31-35 DDBAC

第二节（共5小题；每小题2分，共10分）

36-40 DGEAF

第三节（共5小题；每小题3分，共15分）

41. A vegetable seed expert./A seed expert.

42. He created(introduced/brought)high-quality, disease-resistance vegetable seeds.

He brought many countries high-quality seeds.

43. Lower quality seeds/Seeds growing bad/Poor(old) seeds.

44. In 1981.

45. To show(praise) Groot's outstanding contribution(achievement).

第三部分：书面表达（20分）

One possible version:

Dear Jim,

How is everything going? Recently I have taken part in a series of activities with the theme "Clear Your Plate" in our school. Knowing you're interested in it, I'm eager to share my experience with you.

It's well known that the world is short of food nowadays. What's worse, a large amount of food ends up in landfills every year. President Xi Jinping called on us to take action by clearing our plates. As one of the responsible teenagers, we felt it our duty to do our bits to contribute to solving the severe food wasting problem.

I'd like to tell you what we did in the activities. First, in order to spread the idea of this series activities, we sent some handouts to the teachers and students in our school. From the handouts, they realized the meaning of saving food and how to do it. Then we selected some volunteers to help students order proper amount of food in canteen. To our delight, they ate up everything on their plates or took away the leftovers. We also organized some class speeches to make sure every student was involved in this campaign, and we prepared the winner classes some small gifts, such as books, mobile phone covers and hand warmers. After that, we made videos to share our experience and feelings about this series activities with more people.

From the Clear Your Plate campaign, not only did we raise our awareness of saving food, but also we developed a more environment-friendly and healthy lifestyle. Have you taken action to respond to the food wasting problem? I am really looking forward to your story.

Yours,

Li Hua

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