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## 英 语

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### 第一部分：听力理解（共三节，30分）

#### 第一节（共5小题；每小题1.5分，共7.5分）

听下面5段对话。每段对话后有一道小题，从每题所给的A、B、C三个选项中选出最佳选项。听完每段对话后，你将有10秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话你将听一遍。

例: What is the man going to read?

- A. A newspaper.      B. A magazine.      C. A book.

答案是 A。

1. What are the two speakers most likely to buy?

- A. Apples.      B. Oranges.      C. Strawberries.

2. How will the woman probably go to the station?

- A. By bus.      B. By subway.      C. By train.

3. Where does this conversation probably take place?

- A. At a store.      B. At a hotel.      C. At a laundry.

4. When did the woman hurt her leg?

- A. Yesterday.      B. Three days ago.      C. A week ago.

5. What is the man doing?

- A. Asking for advice.      B. Giving a suggestion.      C. Making a complaint.

#### 第二节（共10小题；每小题1.5分，共15分）

听下面4段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几道小题，从每题所给的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5秒钟的时间阅读每小题。听完后，每小题将给出5秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白你将听两遍。

听第6段材料，回答第6至7题。

6. What does the man think of Italian food?

- A. It is hot.      B. It is delicious.      C. It tastes terrible.

7. Where are the two speakers going to have dinner?

- A. At an Italian restaurant.  
B. At a Chinese restaurant.  
C. At a Japanese restaurant.

听第7段材料，回答第8至9题。

8. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The only way of learning Spanish.  
 B. The best way of finding home stays.  
 C. The benefits of living with a host family.
9. What should you do if you are a vegetarian (素食者)?
- A. Ask for help in advance.  
 B. Tell the host family later.  
 C. Follow the custom of your host family.

听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。

10. Why hasn't the man decided when to hold the party?
- A. He hasn't decided who to invite yet.  
 B. One of his friends is touring in Spain.  
 C. The fixed time is not proper for everybody.
11. What does the woman suggest?
- A. Canceling the party.  
 B. Putting the party off.  
 C. Advancing the party.
12. Who is not coming to the party?
- A. David                      B. Lily                      C. Bruce

听第 9 段材料，回答第 13 至 15 题。

13. What is the man most worried about?
- A. Nobody can understand him.  
 B. There is still empty space in the newspaper.  
 C. He doesn't know anybody in the poetry club.
14. Why does the woman recommend Carl?
- A. Because he is one of her best friends.  
 B. Because he is very popular among the students.  
 C. Because he is the only talented writer in the club.
15. What does the woman suggest be put in the newspaper finally?
- A. Poems.                      B. Vacation tips.                      C. Job advertisements.

**第三节（共 5 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 7.5 分）**

听下面一段对话，完成第 16 题至 20 题，每小题仅填写一个词。听对话前，你将有 20 秒钟的时间阅读试题，听完后你将有 60 秒钟的作答时间。这段对话你将听两遍。请将答案写在答题卡上。

Package Mail Form	
Name	Patrick Goldstein
Destination Country	__16__
Item Description	A silk shirt, two pairs of trousers, some CDs and __17__

Way of Delivery	By <u>18</u> airlifted
Weight	One kilo and <u>19</u> grams
Price	410 yuan, plus a fee of 32 yuan
Special Request	<u>20</u> insurance for 2,000 yuan

## 第二部分：完形填空（共 15 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 22.5 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。

My senior year, I can't believe it's almost over. Now when I 21, it was stressful, but exciting, the ball, graduation, and then of course, college.

I started my college application process months before Christmas. My parents told me it would be 22 if I set up interviews and tours. But I was unmotivated. I wanted to go to college, but I didn't want to deal with the stress.

As the days flew by, my applications lay on my desk just as I had 23 them three months before. "You are wasting 24 time," my parents complained. Sweeping away the gathered 25 on the applications, I worked on them every Sunday until I finished. Next came writing the essays. I had many ideas, but every school had different requirements. I changed them until I was pleased. 26, everything was underway.

Now I just had to wait. In March, I started receiving letters of rejection(拒绝). I began to think that I had set myself up for 27. I had a letter from Salem State College stating that they wanted to see my third quarter 28 before they made their decision. Yes! At least someone wanted to 29 me. At the beginning of April, I received a letter from Keens State. I had been rejected. Those 30 words "We regret to inform you..." made me sit down and cry. I had 31 all hope. Then I heard from Plymouth State. Not my first 32, but...I had been accepted. Maybe if I get my grades up, I can transfer to another school...

The college application process 33 me deeply. All my friends had dozens of schools to choose from. I guess my parents were 34. High school grades are undoubtedly important to your future plans. If I could do it all over again, I would take it more 35.

21. A. hold back      B. look back      C. keep back      D. go back  
 22. A. smart      B. certain      C. convenient      D. available  
 23. A. found      B. left      C. sent      D. chosen  
 24. A. busy      B. spare      C. changeable      D. valuable  
 25. A. dust      B. ideas      C. work      D. troubles  
 26. A. Suddenly      B. Finally      C. Generally      D. Fortunately  
 27. A. disappointment      B. achievements      C. discrimination      D. preparations  
 28. A. papers      B. plans      C. grades      D. exams  
 29. A. accept      B. respect      C. judge      D. consider  
 30. A. borrowed      B. cheering      C. heated      D. opening  
 31. A. ruined      B. gained      C. lost      D. seen

32. A. chance      B. choice      C. guess      D. success  
 33. A. hurt      B. beat      C. punished      D. frightened  
 34. A. strict      B. right      C. kind      D. upset  
 35. A. firmly      B. readily      C. seriously      D. willingly

**第三部分：阅读理解（共 24 题；每小题 2 分，共 48 分）**

**第一节 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**

Our lifestyles today are very busy. We have family, school, sports, entertainment and social activities to fit into a time that seems never enough. We need to be healthy to meet the demands of daily life. But what does it mean to have a healthy lifestyle?

To have a healthy lifestyle, we need to:

- ◆ eat different kinds of healthy food most of the time.
- ◆ do exercise often.
- ◆ have time to relax.
- ◆ get enough sleep to give our bodies time to grow healthy and strong.

Read about a normal day in the lives of two children.

Abbey gets up at 7: 00 am, feeds the dog, and has cereal and a glass of juice for breakfast. She walks to school with her friend, Julia. She has a bag of chips for a morning snack, drinks water, and has a chicken and lettuce sandwich with a banana for lunch. She likes to play soccer with her friends at lunch and morning break time. She walks home with Julia, has some crackers with cheese and juice for afternoon snack and plays with the dog for a while. She plays computer games for an hour or two before dinner, then has a shower and does her homework. She watches her favorite television show for an hour, then usually goes to bed at about 9: 30 pm.

Carl gets up at 8: 30 am and has two pieces of bread with jam and a glass of milk for breakfast. His mother drives him to school on her way to work. He eats cookies with juice for morning snack and a pot pie ordered from the school lunch room with juice for lunch. He likes to play card games with his friends at lunchtime and climb the fixed equipment at morning break time. He catches the bus home, has a cereal bar and a can of soda for afternoon snack, then watches some television. He has a shower before dinner, then plays the computer for an hour or two. He goes to bed at about 10: 30 pm.

No matter which kind of lifestyle you agree on, just remember it's important to balance all aspects of life.

36. About a healthy lifestyle, the writer doesn't talk about \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. diet      B. exercise      C. relaxation      D. medicine
37. What can we learn from the article?

- A. Abbey plays soccer with her friends at school.
- B. Abbey does her homework first after school.
- C. Carl goes to school by bus every day.
- D. Carl has juice for breakfast.

38. Where is the article probably from?

- A. A health magazine.
- B. A clothing website.
- C. A sports guidebook.
- D. A travel advertisement.

## B

For nearly ten years, I have spent my Monday evenings attending rehearsals for my amateur choir(合唱队). Mondays are not my favourite day, and I often arrive in a bad mood, but by the end of the rehearsal, I usually feel energized. The singing does me good. So do the people. With a few exceptions, I would not describe my fellow choir members as close friends. We exchange brief chats, smiles and jokes—but that is enough for me to come away feeling a little better about the world.

There is no choir practice now, and won't be for a long time. I miss it. In lockdown, I do not feel short on emotional support, but I do feel short of friendly faces and casual conversations. Another way of putting this is that I miss my "weak ties".

In 1973, Mark Granovetter, a sociology professor at Stanford University, published a paper entitled "The Strength of Weak Ties". Until then, scholars had assumed that an individual's well-being depended mainly on the quality of relationships with close friends and family. Granovetter showed that quantity mattered, too. He categorized a person's social world as "strong ties" and "weak ties". His central insight was that for new ideas, weak ties are more important to us than strong ones. As Granovetter pointed out, the people whom we often talk to swim in the same pool of information as we do. We depend on acquaintances whom we see infrequently to bring us news of opportunities.

This was the idea behind the Pixar building, the design of which was overseen by Steve Jobs. The building has a large central hall through which employees from different departments have to pass several times a day. Jobs wanted colleagues to bump into each other and shoot the breeze(闲聊). He believed in the power of these seemingly random conversations to fire up creativity.

Encounters with weak ties can be good for our mental well-being, too. Gillian Sandstrom, a senior lecturer in psychology at the University of Essex, investigated the extent to which people get happiness from weak-tie relationships. She found that on days when a person had a greater number of casual interactions with weak ties—say, a local barista(咖啡师), a neighbour, a member of yoga class—they experienced more happiness and a greater sense of belonging.

For these reasons, we should continue to find ways to cultivate weak-tie relationships, during lockdown and beyond. Sandstrom adds that we can also engage in more weak-tie-style interactions with our strong ties. The goal is to let others know that you are thinking of them without asking for a great deal of time, energy or attention.

39. What can we learn about the author from the article?

- A. She has been a singer from an early age.

- B. She finds her Mondays quite difficult.  
C. She barely knows most of her fellow choir members.  
D. She has trouble maintaining friendships during lockdown.
40. According to Mark Granovetter, it's less likely for you to get new ideas from your strong ties mainly because you tend to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. have the same concerns                      B. avoid conflicts of interests  
C. see each other too frequently              D. be exposed to similar facts and ideas
41. According to the article, building networks of weak-tie relationships can NOT \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. make you feel connected                      B. improve your social skills  
C. put you in a cheerful mood                  D. provide you with inspiration
42. According to the article, which of the following statements is true?
- A. It's important to regularly interact with all of our friends.  
B. It's difficult to achieve a balance between strong- and weak-tie friendships.  
C. It's unnecessary to spend a lot of time strengthening friendship with our strong ties.  
D. It's a pity that people have had to shrink their social networks during lockdown.

### C

A recent issue of National Geographic magazine described one of the wonders of the earth, the tiny silver ants of the Sahara desert. These ants live in areas where temperatures reach up to 57°C, as the article described it, an environment “where shoes melt.”

These tiny ants are amazing. In the Sahara desert, where most creatures avoid going out in the middle of the day to avoid high temperatures, the Saharan silver ants have evolved(进化) a number of adaptations to do just that. Scientists have discovered that several unique features of the Saharan silver ants permit them to grow well in a scorching climate.

These ants have longer legs than other ants, which keep their bodies critically greater distance away from the hot desert sand. The ants run 108 times the length of their own bodies every second at a speed of just over 3kph. And they keep track of the position of the sun, so that they always know the most direct route back to the nest, thus lowering their time spent in extreme heat. Their bodies produce proteins that resist heat. Some other creatures produce such proteins after they come in contact with extreme heat. But since the silver ants only exit the nest for a few minutes at a time — not long enough for the protein to take effect — they produce the protein while still in the nest before they go out, or they would die before the protein could take effect.

Researchers also discovered that the ants are covered on their tops and sides with the uniquely triangular(三角的) shape of the silver hairs, which enable them to dissipate(消散) heat. The hairs help an ant's body exchange its heat to a cooler area, even under full sun conditions. This discovery inspired the scientists, for it could lead to new materials and paints that can be applied to rooftops or cars to keep them cool. And it is also expected to be applied in clinical care, wearable devices, protective clothing and other fields.

43. What does the underlined word “scorching” in Paragraph 2 mean?

- A. extremely chilly      B. extremely cool  
C. extremely mild      D. extremely hot

44. Which statement can be inferred from the text?

- A. The Saharan silver ants' hairs act like a tiny air-heating system.  
B. The Saharan silver ants are born with the ability to track the moon.  
C. The Saharan silver ants' adaptations to the desert are to be discovered.  
D. Inspiration from the Saharan silver ants will bring up more new inventions.

45. When do the Saharan silver ants produce the protein that resists heat?

- A. After coming in contact with extreme heat.  
B. Before traveling in the sun.  
C. While running under full sun condition.  
D. After coming back to the nest from outside.

46. What would be the best title for the text?

- A. Small Ants Make a Big Difference  
B. Small Ants Hunt for Food Easily  
C. Small Ants Survive in the Saharan Desert  
D. Small Ants Jump the Fastest in the World

#### D

##### To Friend or Not to Friend

We all love our parents and turn to them when we're in need, but would you like them to hear the conversations you have with your friends on the school playground or lunch queue? Social networking sites have become extensions of the school hallways, so would you add your parents as "friends" and allow them to view your online activities and conversations with friends?

In the past the generation gap included a technology gap, where children were up to date with latest technology and parents were left behind, content to continue their day to day lives as they always had because they had no need to know more about technology. However, more and more parents are beginning to realize just how important social networks are in their lives. This realization has given many parents the motivation to educate themselves about social networking sites.

These days many people are attracted to social networking sites because they can choose who they have around them; there's also a certain amount of control over privacy that we don't get in real life. Sometimes we feel that privacy is violated when we must accept a "friend" request from a parent or family member.

It's a difficult choice whether or not to allow a parent to become a part of our online lives. On the one hand we don't want to "reject" their request because that might hurt their feelings or make them feel you have something to hide. On the other hand if you do accept, then you could have a sense of being watched and no longer feel free to comment or communicate the way you did before.

A recent survey suggested that parents shouldn't take it personally if their child ignores their request: "When a teen ignores a parent's friend request, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are hiding something, but it could mean that this is one part of their life where they want to be independent."

Perhaps talking with parents and giving explanations would help soften the blow if you do choose not to add them to your friends list.

47. From Paragraph 2, we learn that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. parents feel secure about their privacy online
  - B. social networks successfully fill the generation gap
  - C. parents have realized the importance of social networks
  - D. social networks offer a platform for parents to communicate
48. Teenagers may refuse a parent's friend request because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. they hide something from their parents
  - B. they are unwilling to be watched by parents
  - C. their parents tend to fall behind in technology
  - D. their parents make negative comments on them
49. The passage is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. privacy online
  - B. social networks
  - C. the generation gap
  - D. parents' friend requests
50. The passage is written mainly for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. parents
  - B. teenagers
  - C. teachers
  - D. researchers

## E

If you don't want people to know much about you, you'd better keep your fridge contents secret, according to a British market research document released last week.

Researchers studied the fridges of 400 people in Britain and compared the contents with the owners' lifestyles. They claim to be able to classify the nation's people by fridge contents. They say those people can be separated into five categories: nutrition nerds (痴迷者), food -trend chasers (whatever is fashionable), strict mums, fast food fans and restaurant regulars.

Nutrition nerds care much about what they put into their bodies. Their fridges are filled with fruit, vegetables and healthy meat. People in this category tend to be highly organized and usually work as lawyers or accountants (会计). The majority of them are single, but if they have a partner, that person will be similar.

A fridge full of vitamins—enriched juices shows its owner works in media or fashion. They tend not to eat the foods they buy. Known as the food -trend chasers, they just want to be seen buying the latest important things.

A fridge filled with everything from steak to frozen fish suggests the strict mum. Her fridge tends to be filled with every kind of product, except what she herself wants. This fridge shows difficulty in balancing family and work life.

Fast food fans always buy mineral water or soda pop. The nearest they will get to fresh fruit is tomato sauce. Their fridges show someone who works hard and plays hard, and someone who doesn't like long term planning.

51. What did the researchers find out?
- A. People in Britain like to eat out.



- B. Most British people don't eat healthily.
- C. There are five types of people in the world.
- D. People's characters can be reflected by their fridge contents.
52. What can you infer about nutrition nerds?
- A. They rarely eat meat.
- B. They are mostly single.
- C. They care about food quality and expenses.
- D. Their lives are organized by lawyers or accountants.
53. What do we know about the five types of people?
- A. Nutrition nerds are always organized and successful in their jobs.
- B. Strict mums care about others in family more than themselves.
- C. Food-trend chasers like to fill their fridges with tasty foods.
- D. Fast food fans usually fill their fridges with fresh fruit.
54. What will those who often eat out put in the fridge?
- A. Food rich in vitamins.                      B. Only something to drink.
- C. Fast food with tomato sauce.              D. Food from restaurants.

**第二节 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。请将答案涂在机读卡上（题号为116—120）。**

What brings you happiness? \_\_\_55\_\_\_ Instead of just focusing on getting your wants, it's much easier to find happiness by ridding yourself of the things that don't serve a beneficial purpose. Here are things you should let go of if you want to lead a happy life.

Pride isn't necessarily a terrible thing. It can bring you confidence and self-assurance, which are two great qualities that can help you lead a happy life. \_\_\_56\_\_\_ It's essential to keep your pride in check and get rid of any overload that is no longer serving you.

\_\_\_57\_\_\_ It often arises from judgment or criticism of yourself and other people. It causes unhappiness and becomes a burden on your life. As long as you are the most honest and authentic version of yourself, no one has the right to judge you for it and that goes for you, too.

When you think about addiction, you might think of alcohol or drug addiction. But there are countless other forms of addiction, too. You could be addicted to work, sugar, video games, drama, or even a harmful relationship. \_\_\_58\_\_\_ If you want to be happier, think about dropping your addictions.

It's also important to recognize that leaving your comfort zone is a good, although often unwanted idea. If you never leave your comfort zone, you'll never grow. Even though something can make you feel uncomfortable at first, it will benefit you in the long run. \_\_\_59\_\_\_

- A If you're in this situation, you'll be much happier.
- B Always keep in mind that self-doubt has no benefits.

- C Drop the belief that your past will always be better than the future.  
 D Whatever your desire is, it will always be a barrier to your happiness.  
 E Many people believe if they fulfilled their desires, they would be satisfied.  
 F However, your extreme pride can ruin your personal and professional relationships.  
 G Ultimately, you'll expand your horizons on who you can be and what you can achieve.

**第四部分：单句语法填空（共 9 题；每小题 1.5 分，共 13.5 分）**

在下列句子中的空白处填入适当内容或括号内单词的正确形式。请将答案写在答题纸上。

60. This restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ ( feature ) the most famous chefs from France.  
 61. He told me the news in a very \_\_\_\_\_ ( excite ) voice.  
 62. If you feel stressed at work, you should take a step back and identify (识别) those of \_\_\_\_\_ ( great ) and less important.  
 63. We all have an \_\_\_\_\_ ( expect ) that he can pass the driving test next week.  
 64. Your full efforts will make it possible \_\_\_\_\_ ( get ) success for you.  
 65. Giving a speech in front of the class can be \_\_\_\_\_ ( challenge ).  
 66. We don't allow these equipment \_\_\_\_\_ ( take ) out of the lab.  
 67. They worked for two hours to rescue the man \_\_\_\_\_ was injured in the accident.  
 68. This year's children's party, \_\_\_\_\_ some parents were invited to , was a great success.

**第五部分：用方框中所给的词组的适当形式填空。（共 9 题；每小题 2 分，共 18 分）**

请将答案写在答题纸上。

be responsible for, suffer from, a variety of, pay off, as well as, be capable of, due to, adapt to, keep up with
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69. Jeff is \_\_\_\_\_ a high fever, therefore, he won't go to school.  
 70. The human body \_\_\_\_\_ doing many things, such as jumping high, running very fast.  
 71. The club offers \_\_\_\_\_ games to the local teenagers.  
 72. He found it hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the new the environment.  
 73. The careless driver should \_\_\_\_\_ this accident.  
 74. He reads for pleasure \_\_\_\_\_ for knowledge.  
 75. \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather, the flight was cancelled.  
 76. We all need to upgrade our knowledge to \_\_\_\_\_ the technical development.  
 77. Seeing the old man's smiling face, we felt our efforts \_\_\_\_\_ .

**第六部分：根据括号内的提示将下面句子翻译成英语（共 6 题；每小题 3 分，共 18 分）**  
 请将答案写在答题纸上。

78. 我经常积极参加各种志愿活动去帮助别人。( participate in )

79. 我们班想出了更好地利用旧材料的主意。( come up with )
80. 新规章对我们大家都会大有好处。( be of benefit )
81. 词汇在英语学习中起到重要作用。( play a/an... part in )
82. 比起去商店购物, 我更喜欢网上购物。( prefer to... rather than... )
83. 我们被他上周的演讲所鼓舞。( be inspired by, 定语从句)



## 参考答案

听力 CBACA ACCAC BABBC

Germany dictionaries surface 640 Parcel

完型 21-25 BABDA 26-30 BACDD 31-35 CBABC

阅读 A篇 36-38 D A A

B篇 39-42 B D B D

C篇 43-46 D D B C

D篇 47-50 C B D B

E篇 51-54 D B B B

7选5 55-59 E F B D G

单句填空

60. features 61. excited 62. greater

63. expectation 64. to get 65. challenging

66. to be taken 67. who 68. which

框词填空

69. suffering from 70. is capable of

70. a variety of 72. adapt to

73. be responsible for 74. as well as

75. Due to 76. keep up with

77. paid off

翻译

78. I often participate in various / a variety of / a wide range of volunteer / voluntary activities actively to help others

79. Our class came up with an idea / ideas to make / of making better use of old/ used material.

80. The new regulations / rules will be of great benefit to all of us.(great 不写不扣分, regulation 也可以单数)

81. Vocabulary plays an important part in learning English/ English learning.

82. I prefer to do shopping online/ on the Internet (to shop online) rather than go to the shopping mall.

83. We were inspired by the speech (which / that / x) he delivered / made last week.

## 录音原文

Text 1

M: Should we buy some fruits? I don't want to eat just apples and oranges anymore. Let's buy something new.

W: Sure. How about some strawberries? They're in season.

M: Good idea!

Text 2

W: Can I get to Beijing West Railway Station by bus?

M: Er... It's rush hour now. You can go there by subway.

W: OK.

Text 3

M: May I help you, Madam?

W: I'd like to buy a skirt to match this sweater. I'd rather have something darker, and a bit softer.

M: Well... What about this then? It's of good quality, made of pure wool and very soft.

W: Very good. May I try this on?

Text 4

M: Hello, Mary. I heard yesterday that you've been in hospital for three days.

W: I just hurt my leg a week ago. But nothing serious... And the doctor told me I'll be fine in a week.

Text 5

M: I would like to become an engineer in the future, but I haven't decided which university to apply for...What should I do?

W: In that case, I would suggest you enter Tsinghua University.

Text 6

M: Say, do you want to go out to dinner tonight?

W: Sure. Where would you like to go?

M: Well, what do you think of Italian food?

W: I love it, but I don't feel like eating it today.

M: I don't, either, I guess. It's a bit hot.

W: Hmm. How do you like Japanese food?

M: Oh, I like it a lot.

W: I do, too. And I know a nice Japanese restaurant near here.

M: Oh, I've always wanted to go there.

W: Great! Let's go!

Text 7

Living with a host family has two major benefits. First, it is the best way to learn Spanish and see what daily life is like for a native. Secondly, our host families will speak to you in Spanish 100% of the time, helping you practice the skills you're working on in class in a real context. Host families are carefully selected to make sure that your stay will be as pleasant as possible. We do our best to find home stays that will treat you as part of the family. If you're a

vegetarian, or have any other special requests, just let us know in advance and we'll do our best to satisfy your needs.

#### Text 8

W: Hi, Bruce. Have you prepared all invitation cards for Justin's birthday party?

M: Hi, Rebecca. Not yet, because I haven't decided when to hold the party.

W: Wasn't the time fixed for 4 p.m., September 13<sup>th</sup>? Is there any problem?

M: Yes, it is Thursday that day. Many people have classes that afternoon.

W: OK, I see. Let's put it off until 7 p.m., all right? I think everyone will be free at that time.

M: That's a good idea. Well, here is the invitation list. Just look and see if all the people are on it.

W: OK. Er, all the friends and teachers are included. But wait, it's said that David is touring in Spain. I think he won't come back in time. Oh, why is Lily not on the list?

M: Let me see. Oh, my God. How could I forget her? Thank God that you reminded me.

#### Text 9

W: Hi, Alex. You look anxious today. How is your work at the school newspaper office?

M: Ha, you can always read my mind. I haven't yet figured out how to fill the empty space in our school newspaper, which is supposed to be published two days from now.

W: I see. But why is there empty space?

M: A guy was supposed to hand in a story today, but he just called and said that he couldn't finish the article until next week for some reason. But the worst thing is I don't have any backup.

W: Don't worry, Alex. It happens sometimes. We need to find some solutions while we still have time. Maybe you want to try this — I know our school's poetry club has many talented writers. One of them is named Carl, and he is very popular among the students. Why don't you put some of his poems in the paper? I'm sure that the students will like it.

M: Sounds good. But you know that poems are always too short to fill up a whole page.

W: Oh... Maybe there is another solution to your problem — You can fill the blank space with some advertisements, like for finding jobs. Summer vacation is coming soon, and many students are about to look for part-time jobs.

M: Good idea! Thank you so much, Sally! You've saved the day.

#### Text 10

W: Good morning! Can I help you?

M: Good morning! I'd like to send this parcel to Berlin, Germany.

W: What's in it? Will you please open it?

M: A silk shirt, two pairs of trousers, some CDs and dictionaries.

W: All right, you can wrap it up now. Would you like to mail by sea, by air, or surface airlifted?

M: What is surface airlifted?

W: That means sending the parcel by air to the destination. Then, on arrival, it travels by land. It takes a little longer than airmail, but saves you money.

M: It's not that urgent... And how long will it take?

W: Usually it's about 4 to 5 days.

M: Sounds good... and how much is it?

W: Your package weighs one kilo and 640 grams, so that'll be 410 yuan.

M: OK... Er, another thing... Can I get parcel insurance for this package?

W: Yes, the maximum coverage amount is fifty thousand yuan per parcel.

M: I see... It's safer that way... I'd like to insure it for 2,000 yuan.

W: All right. That will be 410 yuan, plus a fee of 32 yuan. Please fill in the form and write your name here.

M: OK... Here's the money.

W: So your name is Mr. Patrick Goldstein?

M: Yes, G-O-L-D-S-T-E-I-N, Goldstein.

W: Got it, and here's your receipt and your change.

M: Thank you!

W: You're welcome.

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