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第一部分 知识运用 (共三节, 30 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。

I was in my home office on a cold Sunday when I heard a quick knock on the door. I 1 downstairs, threw open the door and saw my dad 2 something wrapped up in paper in his arms. Strangely, he had given no hint (暗示) of it when we spoke on the phone last night.

“Open it.” he said.

I opened it to find a yellow begonia (秋海棠). It occurred to me that it was Mother's Day.

“But...but I'm not a mother.” I said, 3.

My dad smiled, “Well, some special people aren't mothers. but I think they 4 to get flowers, too.” With that, he hugged me and drove off.

Later, I called to thank him and we got to talking a lot. That's when he let me in on his little 5. He had decided that he would challenge himself to do one act of 6 per day. It had started several weeks before when he accidentally knew a friend of his was having a rough day. He knew she loved ice cream, so he drove straight to her house with a huge tub of ice cream.

“She laughed 7 when she saw it,” he said, “It really delighted me to know that I had 8 her day.”

When asked why, he added, “I already know about the importance of being 9 in the moment. So, I try to be there with each person I am spending time with. I want them to feel important and believe in the goodness in people in that moment.”

I realized my dad was making a difference in people's lives. 10, I also want to be more like my dad, who goes out of his way to make people feel loved and cared for.

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. A. fell | B. waited | C. raced | D. looked |
| 2. A. shaking | B. pulling | C. holding | D. collecting |
| 3. A. annoyed | B. confused | C. worried | D. disappointed |
| 4. A. deserve | B. decide | C. promise | D. pretend |
| 5. A. celebration | B. joke | C. secret | D. excuse |
| 6. A. faith | B. courage | C. appreciation | D. kindness |
| 7. A. coldly | B. excitedly | C. proudly | D. nervously |
| 8. A. kept | B. spent | C. predicted | D. brightened |
| 9. A. present | B. healthy | C. patient | D. humorous |
| 10. A. Depressed | B. Inspired | C. Terrified | D. Astonished |

第二节 选词填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1 分, 共 10 分)

阅读下面句子, 根据句意, 从方框中选择恰当的词或词组, 并用其正确形式填空。

bend	abandon	have an impact on	boil down to	leave out
significant	boost	for instance	be known as	on the contrary

11. Anne Sullivan was a superb teacher who _____ Hellen Keller.
12. Susan's success in business _____ her determination and bravery.
13. They're building new hotels in order to _____ tourism in this area.
14. I still remember one time I had to _____ my car in the heavy snow.
15. It's no trouble for me at all! _____, it'll be a great pleasure to lend you a hand.
16. John explained the case to his boss, being careful not to _____ any important details.
17. The discovery of the new drug is of great _____ to people suffering from heart disease.
18. Near the top of the hill, the path _____ sharply to the right and enters an open grassland.
19. We made many improvements to our house. _____, we painted the walls and bought a sofa.
20. In the third mass extinction, which _____ the "Great Dying" now, more than 90% of all species died out.

(请务必将第 11 至 20 题的答案写在答题卡指定区域内)

第三节 语法填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1 分, 共 10 分)

阅读下面句子, 根据句子内容填空。在未给提示词的空白处仅填写 1 个恰当的单词, 在给出提示词的空白处用括号内所给词的正确形式填空。

21. What a nice day today! Do you feel like _____ (go) for a picnic?
22. Sam _____ (write) the novel for three years and it was published last week.
23. Don't phone me between 8 and 10 tomorrow morning. I _____ (have) a class then.
24. We _____ (wait) for him for over an hour when he finally turned up at the meeting.
25. The manager was satisfied to see many new products _____ (develop) after great efforts.
26. Martin has a sense of humor and always keeps his friends _____ (amuse) with his stories.
27. _____ worried me that my mother's eyesight was declining.
28. After the heavy rain, the ground got so wet, _____ caused a lot of road accidents.
29. She brought with her three friends this time, none of _____ I had ever met before.
30. We need to take steps to save endangered species, including setting up special zones _____ plants and animals can be protected.

(请务必将第 21 至 30 题的答案写在答题卡指定区域内)

第二部分 阅读理解 (共两节, 38 分)

第一节 (共 14 小题; 每小题 2 分, 共 28 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

Whether your dream is to write a best-selling novel, design an award-winning advertisement, or simply describe stories from your own life, the course “*Creative Storytelling and Creative Writing*” in European Winter School will be ideal for you. It takes place on campus in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, from January 29 to February 9, 2024.

Who can apply?

The course is available for both students and young professionals worldwide.

Requirements:

- A minimum age of 18 (average age is 23).
- Medium level of English (Basic 1/Basic 2) required
- A personal laptop/tablet is needed for the majority of lessons.

What skills can you get?

While this course focuses on the importance of a story, we will mainly pay attention to the writer (his/her imagination, vocabulary, narrative styles, critical thinking, and experience)—YOU.

- You will master the art of storytelling (“Show Don’t Tell” techniques).
- You will think imaginatively and creatively with an outside-the-box attitude.
- You will write for the audience with an ability to make them see your point of view.
- You will sell your idea, concept or product through a variety of narrative tools and methods, such as presentation, advertisement, blog, CV, essay and public speech.
- You will improve your English vocabulary, composition and writing style.

What is the price?

We work on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the two-week course is €950, with an Early Bird fee of €850. You can only use the Early Bird discount until January 22, 2024. The fee includes:

- Course and study materials
- Application fee
- Weekly activities (except for entrance fees and weekend trips)

Please note: From January 26, 2024 there will be a €50 charged as a late application fee for all applications received after this deadline. Other expenses, such as meals, accommodation, and insurance are not included in the price.

Click here <https://europeanwinterschool.com> for more information.



31. According to the passage, applicants should _____.
- A. know some basic English B. be good at computers
C. come from European countries D. be aged between 18 and 23
32. After attending the course, applicants will be able to _____.
- A. design narrative tools B. improve writing skills
C. develop computer skills D. apply “Tell Don’t Show” methods
33. If you apply for the course on January 28, 2024, how much should you pay?
- A. €850. B. €900. C. €950. D. €1,000.

B

My Day of No Plastic

Since its invention, plastic has affected every aspect of our lives. It has made possible thousands of conveniences, but it has come with downsides, especially for the environment. In a 24-hour experiment, I tried to live without it to see what plastic stuff we can't do without and what we may be able to give up.



At the start of my no-plastic day, I made my way toward the bathroom, only to stop myself before I went in. “Could you open the door for me?” I asked my wife. “The handle is plastic.” She opened it for me, letting out a “this is going to be a long day” sigh (叹气).

My morning routine was a headache. I couldn't use my toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo or soap, all of which were made of plastic or put in plastic containers. Getting dressed was also a challenge, given that so many clothing items include plastic.

When I went out, I brought along two glass containers and cloth bags of various sizes. I walked to a sandwich shop. “Can you make the salad in this glass container?” I asked. The manager said OK but then rejected my request to use my steel spoon.

After lunch, I took the subway to Central Park, which scored me more violations (违规), since I need a MetroCard and the trains themselves have plastic parts. But at least I didn't sit in one of those plastic seats.

Back home, I recorded some of my impressions. By my count, on my day of no plastic, I had made 164 violations. I felt defeated. And also uncertain. The next day I called Gabby Salazar, a scientist who studies what motivates people to support environmental causes, and asked her for advice.

“You can drive yourself crazy,” she said, “but it's not about perfection. It's about progress.” Believe it or not, individual behavior matters. It adds up. “Remember,” she continued, “it's not about plastic being the enemy. It's about single-use as the enemy.”

I promised to try, even after my not successful attempt. I'll start with small things, building up habits. I can take cloth bags to the grocery. I might start packing my glass water bottle and steel spoon. And from there, who knows?

34. The author conducted the 24-hour experiment because _____.
- A. he was tired of using plastic stuff in his daily life
 - B. he tried to call upon people to ban plastic products
 - C. he wondered how much plastic he consumed each day
 - D. he wanted to figure out how to use plastic stuff wisely
35. Why did the author's wife sigh?
- A. Because she didn't know his intention.
 - B. Because she worried about her husband.
 - C. Because she thought it hard to avoid using plastic.
 - D. Because she didn't realize the downsides of plastic.
36. How did the author feel after the no-plastic day?
- A. Astonished. B. Discouraged. C. Relieved. D. Guilty.
37. How would the author deal with plastic in the future?
- A. Continue the plastic-free experiment.
 - B. Give up the attempt at using less plastic.
 - C. Reduce plastic use through small actions.
 - D. Encourage people to be environmentalists.

C

“Find your passion!” is an appeal well-intended and meant to inspire. But is it good advice?

“Finding” a passion implies that it already exists and is simply waiting to be discovered.

Unfortunately, this idea doesn't square with what science tells us. Instead, passions are developed. They often begin with a spark (火花) of curiosity caused by something in one's environment, such as a fascinating physics lecture. Through a process involving repeated engagement and positive experiences, people can come to personally value that content or activity and internalize it. What was at first *interesting* becomes an *interest*. If these qualities continue to intensify, a passion can emerge.

Actually, assuming passion as inborn tend to cause people to be less open, less courageous in the face of challenges and less creative in pursuit of new interests. Thus, encouraging people to “find” their passion may cause them to eventually believe that interests and passions are unchangeable. People who think this have a fixed mindset of interest. By contrast, some people, whom we refer to as having a growth mindset of interest, view their interests and passions as developed.

People with a fixed mindset of interest, for example, may fall into the trap of thinking, “If I have already found my passion, why keep exploring?” In recent studies, after engaging in a new science task, arts students with a fixed mindset expressed less interest in a scientific topic than arts students with a growth mindset. Meanwhile, science students with a fixed mindset responded similarly to an art-related task. For those with a growth mindset, having a strong pre-existing interest in the arts or sciences did not get in the way of them viewing a new area as interesting.

Worse still, people with a fixed mindset of interest tend to expect their passions to provide limitless motivation, such that their favorite topics should never feel too difficult or demanding. Such a mindset can also limit creativity and innovation. If people believe they are restricted to only a few inborn interests and, in consequence, do not explore other areas, they may miss seeing important connections across different fields. That loss is especially unfortunate considering how leaders at innovative companies have long prized problem-solving that draw ideas from diverse disciplines.

Of course, not every activity will become a burning passion. But a growth mindset of interest will help you remain open and curious. The old saying “find something you love to do, and you’ll never have to work a day in your life” needs to be updated.

38. The author uses the sentence underlined in Paragraph 1 to _____.

- A. set a target for criticism B. point out the fact
C. confirm people’s finding D. voice his opinion

39. What can we learn from the passage?

- A. Any interesting activity can spark a passion.
B. Companies prefer those who specialize in one field.
C. People with a fixed mindset of interest are hard to be motivated.
D. A growth mindset of interest promotes creativity and innovation.

40. Which will the author probably agree with?

- A. One should count on luck to excite a burning passion.
B. Reinforced positive experiences contribute to passion.
C. Those already interested in a field find new areas boring.
D. We’d better cherish the existing passion and look for more.

D

If the great dinosaurs hadn’t gone extinct, would they have dominated Earth today? There has been a debate about this possibility for decades. Recently two analyses have put the surprising cognitive (认知) abilities of dinosaurs—and their potential limitations—in a new light.

In one study, Suzana Herculano-Houzel at Vanderbilt University calculated the likely number of neurons (神经细胞) in dinosaurs’ pallium, a brain structure that is responsible for advanced cognitive functions. Research suggests that it is the number of neurons in these areas, rather than the brain size, that indicates an animal’s cognitive potential. For example, despite having a very small head, birds have more densely packed brain cells than many mammals (哺乳动物) and so can possess roughly as many neurons as monkeys. The result is that some birds show great cognitive abilities, comparable to the smartest non-human mammals. And it is precisely birds, being the only surviving lineage (宗系) of dinosaurs, that are Herculano-Houzel’s foundation. By comparing the relationship between brain size, number of neurons and body size in numerous

existing birds and available fossils of dinosaurs, Herculano-Houzel concludes that a large dinosaur such as T. rex could have housed two billion to three billion neurons in its pallium. If so, dinosaurs could have had the capacity for tool use and planning for the future.

But neurons' number may not be enough. For intelligence, brain architecture also matters. And this could be the weakness of dinosaurs, argues Anton Reiner from the University of Tennessee. Over 350 million years of separate evolution, mammals and dinosaurs found two rather different ways to organize cognitive functions. The mammalian neurons are organized in a relatively thin layer formed by compact columns. In each column, different parts can communicate with one another over short distances. In contrast, in the dinosaurs that survive today, namely birds, the organization is less compact. According to Reiner, expanding brain capabilities beyond a certain point could make the structure far more complex and less efficient than it is in humans. If this were the case, an increase in brain size would correspond to a greater distance between different parts of the brain, slowing down their communication.

The issue remains open to debate. Herculano-Houzel and Reiner each published a paper with rejections to the other's argument. Meanwhile, other scientists have entered the fight. For example, neurobiologist Giorgio Vallortigara assumes that speed in transmitting information between networks of neurons is probably one of dinosaurs' strengths.

Whatever the truth is, understanding how and if brain architecture imposes limits on the development of cognition could reveal much about the evolution of abilities and behaviors of various animals. Also, this debate may tell us more about our own species than about dinosaurs.

41. Why do Herculano-Houzel and Reiner study birds?
- A. Because birds are more intelligent than dinosaurs.
 - B. Because birds' brain structures are the same as dinosaurs'.
 - C. Because birds are the only survivors of the dinosaur family.
 - D. Because birds have the same cognitive abilities as dinosaurs.
42. What does the word "compact" underlined in Paragraph 3 most probably mean?
- A. Tight.
 - B. Light.
 - C. Large.
 - D. Wide.
43. What can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Dinosaurs' ability for tool use owes to bigger brains.
 - B. The number of neurons has little to do with brain architecture.
 - C. Greater inter-brain distance causes higher cognitive efficiency.
 - D. The factors behind dinosaur intelligence remain to be identified.
44. Which would be the best title for the passage?
- A. Are Dinosaurs Comparable to Humans in Intelligence?
 - B. Are Dinosaurs with Bigger Brains the Ultimate Geniuses?
 - C. How Smart Were Dinosaurs? New Studies Fuel the Debate
 - D. Can Dinosaurs Outsmart Birds? Researches Cast a New Light

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For many American high school seniors and their families, May 1 is “National College Decision Day,” when students make a decision about their academic future. 45 According to a recent survey, more than half of Americans don't even think college is worth the cost. This is upsetting, as completing college is as important as ever.

46 Even in today's competitive labor market, college graduates find work much easier and tend to command significantly higher incomes. The unemployment rate for those with a bachelor's degree or greater is currently half that of those with a high school degree. This college income advantage is due to technological advances like the personal computer and the Internet, which have caused a huge demand for skilled workers. The rapid advances today in automation and artificial intelligence will further increase the need for a highly skilled workforce. 47

It is understandable why many students and families suspect that college is no longer “worth it.” College tuition has been rising for years, and many students fear being burdened with loans after graduation. But in fact, the net price of a four-year college, which is what students pay after financial aid, has been falling since 2018 and is now lower than it was in 2006. 48 In other words, the investment paid off.

To make smart decisions about where to go and what to study, students and parents can make use of resources available today to make informed choices. 49 With these resources, students can gain a reasonable picture of what their future holds down each potential path.

- A. To acquire these advanced skills, college remains the surest path.
- B. However, recent years have seen a sharp drop in college registration.
- C. These attitudes are also reflected in the actions of the youngest generation.
- D. Higher education must make college pricing clear to would-be college-goers.
- E. Huge data shows a college degree actually gives graduates economic advantages.
- F. Furthermore, students in debt were more likely to finish their degrees and earn more later.
- C. For example, tools like College Scorecard offer graduation rates and future earnings across schools.

第三部分 书面表达 (共两节, 32 分)

第一节 (共 4 小题; 第 50、51 题各 2 分, 第 52 题 3 分, 第 53 题 5 分, 共 12 分)

阅读下面短文, 根据题目要求用英文回答问题。请在答题卡指定区域作答。

Group-Chat Culture Is Out of Control

For better or worse, we might be in the Age of the Group Chat. In a recent survey, most people said they felt stressed out by group messages, which can feel like a part-time job.

Connection is wonderful. Grexts, short for group texts, have the feature of imitating the casual back-and-forth of a dialogue, and the result can be more dynamic and fun than a two-person thread. Having a chat going also means you have a space to share your updates throughout the day, a reminder that you're part of something.

Some researchers call this “ambient (周围的) virtual presence”: Even when you're alone, you're not alone. One researcher compares this phenomenon to echolocation (回声定位), the process that some animals, such as bats and dolphins, use to locate objects: They produce a continuous sound and use the resulting echo to sense their surroundings. Humans might use technologies such as group chats in a similar way—as a call-and-response, taking in information about their social networks and locating themselves within those webs.

But taking in too many signals can be overwhelming. Professor Bayer argued that group chats can create a “waterfall type of effect”, where messages keep flooding in and adding up. Eventually, you're underwater. Another researcher suggested that different chat members all bring their own personalities, communication styles, and expectations for group norms. Without a standard etiquette (礼仪), people have varied opinions about what degree of responsiveness is required—which can cause real tension.

Grext anxiety is hard to resolve because it isn't just about the group-chat or even mobile technology in general; it's about the tension between being our own person and being responsible to others. Ultimately, most of us do want connection, even if it involves some duties.

50. What is the feature of Grexts?

51. How might humans use group chats like echolocation?

52. Please decide which part is false in the following statement, then underline it and explain why.

➤ *Without a standard etiquette, people have different ideas about what messages should be answered.*

53. Please describe how another mobile technology affects your relationship with others. (*In about 40 words*)

(请务必将第 50 至 53 题的答案写在答题卡指定区域内)

高二英语试卷 第 9 页(共 10 页)

第二节 (20 分)

假设你是红星中学高二学生李华。你校将于下周举办校园书市活动，你打算邀请英国交换生 Jim 参加，请你用英文给他写一封电子邮件，内容包括：

1. 活动目的；
2. 活动安排。

注意：1. 词数 100 左右；

2. 开头和结尾已给出，不计入总词数。

提示词：书市 book fair

Dear Jim,

Yours,

Li Hua

(请务必将作文写在答题卡指定区域内)

高二英语参考答案

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1. C 2. C 3. B 4. A 5. C
6. D 7. B 8. D 9. A 10. B

第二节 选词填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1 分, 共 10 分)

11. had an impact on 12. boils down to 13. boost 14. abandon
15. On the contrary 16. leave out 17. significance 18. bends
19. For instance 20. is known as

第三节 语法填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1 分, 共 10 分)

21. going 22. had written 23. will be having 24. had been waiting
25. developed 26. amused 27. It 28. which
29. whom 30. where

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31. A 32. B 33. D 34. D 35. C
36. B 37. C 38. A 39. D 40. B
41. C 42. A 43. D 44. C

第二节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 2 分, 共 10 分)

45. B 46. E 47. A 48. F 49. G

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52. > *Without a standard etiquette, people have different ideas about what messages should be answered.*

Without a standard etiquette, people have different ideas about what degree of responsiveness is required.

53. (1) The music apps on my smart phone have a positive influence on friendship. Thanks to the sharing functions, I have been able to get to know people who have the same taste of music and we can even listen to our favorite pieces at the same time. (47)
- (2) Video games have become a challenge to my relationships with friends. Sometimes I have to reluctantly play with them as a team even when I am busy. In addition, the disagreement and complaints when we are playing the game also potentially harm friendship. (43)

(请根据学生答题情况酌情给分)

第二节 (20分)

Possible version 1:

Dear Jim,

How's everything going? I'm writing to invite you to take part in the book fair on our campus. The activity provides us students with a good platform to make better use of our books. More importantly, we can make friends with like-minded people who share a passion for books and reading. The book fair will be held at the Students' Activity Center at 3:00 pm next Friday, when students can sell unwanted books, or buy books they need at a relatively lower price. We can pay in cash or by scanning QR codes. It is also welcomed to sell some of your books.

As a regular visitor, I find this activity appealing and rewarding. Would you like to come? Looking forward to your reply. (124)

Yours,

Li Hua

Possible version 2:

Dear Jim,

Hope this email finds you well. I am writing to invite you to the exciting annual campus book fair.

The activity, a long-standing tradition at our school, aims to give us a great chance to discover something new and exciting to read and improve our love of reading. It will take place from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm next Friday in the school's auditorium. We can browse through a wide range of new and second-hand books on display, including fiction, non-fiction, classics and so on. There will also be interactive games related to books and literature, such as quizzes, puzzles, and storytelling.

If you are interested, just let me know. Looking forward to hearing from you! (116)

Yours,

Li Hua