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英 语

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第一部分知识运用（共两节，共 30 分）

第一节 完形填空（共 10 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 15 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。

It was just about this time last year that my wife announced that she was no longer going to cut our lawn (草坪); instead, she wanted to let it go wild.

In fact, I did not accept her announcement. First, I could cut the lawn myself, something I hadn't done for years and was unwilling to do. Second, I could try to hire a 1 to do it but the teenagers here didn't seem exactly the type of people to be interested in 2 lawns. Third, I could acquiesce(勉强同意) to her suggestion.

Putting aside my pride and kissing goodbye to any hope of winning the first place in the shortest cut lawn competition, I drained (抽干) the oil in our lawn mower, pushed it into a corner and 3 it with a plastic cloth. I hope that once the lawn began to look too high, my wife would 4 her decision.

By the end of the third week of her "not work", things were not working out as planned. The grass of the lawn was almost a foot in 5, and the neighbors were beginning to 6 "Hey Mike, what's the matter? Is your lawn mower on strike?" one 7 joked. I replied, "No, the lawn mower isn't. My wife is stopping working." After six weeks, the lawn had begun to 8 a wild look, the sort of look that an old house has. But like a 9 haircut that turns out to be great once it grows, by the end of spring our lawn was beginning to show signs of real promise.

When in summer, people were stopping to look at the "jungle". They stopped to admire the island of green. The once lifeless yard was filled with birds hunting for the bugs that now crawled on the moist ground. The 10 of the birds filled the air from dawn to dusk. Many a night we lay in bed listening with pleasure to the birds chattering about their day's events.

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. A. teenager | B. driver | C. worker | D. cleaner |
| 2. A. sowing | B. cutting | C. growing | D. treating |
| 3. A. changed | B. picked | C. covered | D. colored |
| 4. A. recall | B. retell | C. rewrite | D. reconsider |
| 5. A. width | B. weight | C. height | D. depth |
| 6. A. enjoy | B. notice | C. forgive | D. argue |
| 7. A. colleague | B. relative | C. classmate | D. neighbor |
| 8. A. take on | B. put on | C. go on | D. bring on |
| 9. A. fashionable | B. bad | C. good | D. broken |

10. A.songs

B.scream

C.voice

D.noises

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一个适当的单词，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

If you want to get fit, make friends with people 11 enjoy exercising. It may be the best way to stay in shape because 12 (go) to the gym is infectious (有传染性的), scientists claim. Staying physically active with someone else inspires you to run faster and further, according to the first study of its kind. But it's bad news for men as the technique only works for women because they 13 (encourage) by each other. And another study found happiness spreads through social groups, and the closer you are to someone with a sunny character, the more likely you are to be happy as well.

B

Failures always come before success. You need only to look at history to see that countless failures always come before success. The world's most outstanding inventors didn't succeed the first time. Neither did famous architects, engineers, designers, painters, photographers, chefs, politicians, and so on. They 14 (fall), got injured and went on to design, create and found something better, 15 (strong), more memorable and valuable. For them, failure wasn't the end, 16 the beginning of a journey to success. It gives you a starting point to move on.

C

The Burning Man Festival is a special activity 17 (found) by the organization "Black Rock City". The festival first 18 (start) out as a celebration in 1986. The yearly event draws thousands of people from the community, during which people are able to express themselves in grand, joyful ways. For a week, attendees (出席者) will participate in a number of 19 (activity). Each year the festival chooses a different theme. Various events and shows will take place and there also will be plenty of camps for attendees. The Burning Man Festival aims 20 (cheer) the human spirit, deal with social problems and inspire a sense of culture and community.

第二部分阅读理解（共两节，共 38 分）

第一节（共 14 小题；每小题 2 分，共 28 分）

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A

If you're looking to buy cheap theater tickets, then you've come to the right place! Whether it be on Broadway(百老汇), or a show at your local theater, here at Sizzling Tickets we've got some great deals for you!

Aladdin the Musical

Run Time: 2 hours and 15 minutes, including one intermission(幕间休息) of 15 minutes

Audience: All ages

This musical comedy provides generous family entertainment with lively dance routines and constant action. Well loved songs such as A Whole New World and Prince Ali will have members of the audience singing along. This timeless story and its beauty, energy and magic will take your breath away.

Lion King the Musical

Run Time: 2 hours and 45minutes, including one intermission of 15 minutes

Audience: All ages

The Lion King musical was first staged on Broadway in 1997, when it achieved great success. In fact, the Lion King musical has won several awards over the years for the way that this popular story has been displayed and the cartoon characters really come to life in a very exciting way when they reach the stage.

The Book of Mormon

Run Time: 2 hours and 30 minutes, including one 15 minute intermission

Audience: Young teens and older

Winner of nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and many other awards, the Book of Mormon is entertaining from start to finish and looks set to stay on Broadway in the near future.

Phantom of the Opera

Run Time: 2 hours and 30 minutes, including one intermission of 15 minutes

Audience: All ages

The box office revenue(票房收入) for this show is higher than for any other movie or stage production. Some people love it so much that they have seen it twice, perhaps even again and again. The opera has been playing continuously at Her Majesty's Theatre in London since its first performance in 1986. And it's not just audiences that love the show. Phantom has won many awards, including Olivier Awards and Tony Awards.

21. If you want to see a play longer than 2 hours and 30minutes, you can choose.

- A. Aladdin the Musical
- B. Lion King the Musical
- C. The Book of Mormon
- D. Phantom of the Opera

22. The Book of Mormon.

- A.is suitable for all ages
- B.will not be played on Broadway in the future
- C.has won a lot of awards
- D.is telling an unhappy story

23. What do we know about the Phantom of the Opera from the text?

- A.Its box office revenue was the highest in 1986.
- B.It was first staged on Broadway.
- C.It has won two awards.
- D.It is worth seeing again and again.

B

Despite the fact that motherhood has not been easy, Maxi Aubi believes that her son, Gianluca, has taught her much.

Gianluca was born 13 years ago with Angelman Syndrome(天使综合症), a genetic disease. Maxi was never afraid about the fact that she did not know what this condition was about. She had to get out there and face the music. “When he was a newborn baby, he used to cry all day long. He wouldn’t eat or sleep. It was an endless cycle. We ran some tests and doctors told us his progress depended on us. But it was clear that something was wrong with him. So we visited several doctors and ran some other tests until he was five,” she explains.

Despite all of this, Maxi designed a treatment plan for Gianluca. It did not matter what he was suffering from; she believed love was the “medicine” that could cure him. She formed a group of ten people of different ages outside her family who were willing to help Gianluca’s development. These people would come to her house in shifts from 9 AM to 7 PM with only one goal: to show Gianluca that he could achieve whatever he wanted. “We started encouraging him with games. During those two or three years, he learnt how to walk and he made huge progress,” she remembers.

Learning about her child’s diagnosis(诊断) was a starting point for Maxi. To help relieve the pain of parents whose children suffered from the same condition, she created the Association for Parents coping with Angelman Syndrome (APSA) which currently has about a hundred families. Living with these children is very enriching. This is why the association is not only working to provide support and guidance for the families of children with this condition; it also wants to tell people that they can also learn from these children. “We want them to come and experience what we learnt from our children,” she says.

24. What does the underlined phrase “face the music” in the second paragraph probably mean?

- A. Enjoy the music.
- B. Accept the situation.
- C. Finish one’s work.
- D. Share the burden.

25. How did Maxi Aubi react to her son’s illness?

- A. She was afraid.
- B. She felt helpless.
- C. She cried a lot about her son’s suffering.
- D. She made a treatment plan for her son.

26. The ten people in the group.

- A. visited Maxi’s house to look after Gianluca in turn
- B. were Maxi’s relatives and friends
- C. helped Gianluca to design a study plan
- D. were doctors contributing to the treatment of rare diseases

27. What can we learn about Gianluca from the text?

- A. He complained his mother a lot about Angelman Syndrome.

- B.He liked playing games with people.
- C.He made great progress because of love.
- D.He ate and slept well when he was a baby.

C

In “Social Robots for Education”, a study published last August in Science Robotics, the summary is: “Social robots can be used in education as private teachers or peer learners. They have been shown to be effective in increasing cognitive (认知的) and emotional results and have achieved results similar to those of human teaching on some tasks. This is largely because of their physical presence, which traditional learning technologies lack.”

The study showed a few reasons why educational robots are becoming a teaching fashion. Firstly, they can help cut school budgets. Secondly, teachers seem at a loss as there are growing numbers of students per classroom. Besides, educational robots can meet the demand for greater personalization of students. Instead of just seating students in front of a computer screen with software to teach them, many teachers can choose a more interactive (互动的) educational experience through robots. “Robots are an ideal choice when the material to be taught requires direct physical presentation. For example, teaching physical skills, such as handwriting or basketball free throws, the study expressed. But, don’t expect Siri or Alexa to replace real teachers right away.

“Although robots can operate independently in certain contexts, fully autonomous social teaching behavior in all environments remains difficult to achieve,” the study said. “Although automatic speech recognition and social signal processing have improved in recent years, speech recognition for younger users, for example, is still not strong enough for most interactions.”

Robots are already used for science, technology, engineering and math, which is called STEM education. “More and more educational robots are being developed because they’ve been largely effective in teaching users topics like computer programming, AI and engineering, in a hands on, engaging way,” said Maria Jung, product public relations manager at DJI, developer of the RoboMaster S1.

She said the Rob Master educational robot was created with the purpose of benefiting middle to high school students learning, both inside and outside of the classroom. It helps students become familiar with the basics of robotics through simple controls.

“The main functions of an educational robot are to provide an opportunity to see lessons come to life, educate users in an interesting way and provide an on going stream of learning with new content,” she added.

28. According to the passage, what can we know about educational robots?

- A.They keep students learning in front of a computer screen.
- B.They can be fully independent in recognizing speech.
- C.They can carry out autonomous social teaching wherever possible.
- D.They provide a more interactive educational experience for students and teachers.

29. What will the class look like with educational robots’ help?

- A.Teachers won’t be needed anymore.
- B.More subjects can be taught in an effective way.

C.Students will be disturbed by the educational robots.

D.Students can have free communication with the robots.

30. What is the author's attitude towards the introduction of the educational robots?

A.Doubtful B.Disapproving

C.Objective D.Supportive

D

Climate change is threatening our future as more and more greenhouse gases like CO₂ are gathering in the atmosphere and heating up the planet. To fight the problem, both scientists and economists have suggested some good solutions. It turns out that whales, animals we've hunted to near extinction, are excellent at taking away CO₂.

Whales remove CO₂ from the air in two ways. First, they move nutrients(营养物) from their feeding areas deep in the ocean back to the surface, where they release them in their waste. Those nutrients aid the growth of phytoplankton(浮游植物), which, like other plants, takes away CO₂ from the air. Second, whales themselves collect CO₂ in their bodies when they eat other animals. The total amount of the gas adds up to about 33 tons over a whale's lifetime. When whales die, they take away all that CO₂ with them down to the ocean floor.

Saving the whales could also be more cost effective than planting trees. Financial experts say that one whale, taking away CO₂ and tour value, would be worth about US\$2 million over its lifetime. Compare this to the high costs needed to plant and keep forests for removing CO₂, and you'll see why whales might be an effective solution.

At one time, millions of whales swam the world's oceans. Unluckily, commercial whaling between the 1600s and the mid 1900s brought many whale species close to extinction.

Starting in the 1970s, careful management of whaling began. Many species are recovering, but the giant animals still face major threats. One threat is continued hunting despite international regulation. For example, in Japan, "scientific" kills are carried out—often an excuse to get whale meat, which is considered delicious food. Public outcry has pressured many countries to limit or end whaling, and experts believe a new way to make money from whales—whale watching—will also be effective. However, another is more difficult to solve—pollution. Whales are affected by pollution from chemicals, noise, and the huge amounts of plastic and garbage that end up in the oceans.

These giants of the sea are important to the future health of our planet. If whale populations increased to where they were before commercial whaling, whales could remove an estimated 1.7 billion tons of CO₂ per year. It might be an impossible dream, but it's one definitely worth fighting for.

31. Which of the following is NOT true about how whales remove carbon from the air?

A.They move nutrients from deep in the ocean to the surface.

B.Many species of whales don't release CO₂.

C.Whales collect CO₂ in their bodies through the food they eat.

D.When whales die, the collected CO₂ remains in their bodies.

32. What is the financial value of a whale compared to?

A.The commercial hunting of ocean animals.

B.The financial value of ocean tourism.

C.The high costs of tree planting and forest protecting.

D.The ability of phytoplankton to remove CO₂ from the air.

33. According to the passage, what threat is the harder to solve now?

A.Pollution. B.Scientific kills.

C.Whale watching. D.Continued hutting.

34. What is the main purpose of the passage?

A.To analyse the benefits whales bring.

B.To explain why whales are endangered.

C.To evaluate the effect of commercial whaling.

D.To call on people to save whales so as to protect the world.

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。

It's nearly closing time on a Monday night at a downtown Manhattan supermarket. We can see a worker beginning filling black bags with the days trash, such as last week's fruit and vegetables.

35 Within less than 30 minutes, they excitedly leave the supermarket, each carry at least one bag filled with food.

36 They are freegans(反消费主义者), who refuse wasteful consumer culture by living almost on what others throw away. 37 And the United Nations says the food that America throws away could satisfy every single empty stomach in Africa. Most food that is thrown away is less than perfect products. 38 Supermarkets can't sell milk tagged with yesterday's use by date which many of us define as a products expiration date(保质期), but in fact refers to its period of peak flavor.

39 "It's amazing what you can find in it," she says. Mary once found half gallons of milk and lemonade, both unopened, and bread that only an hour earlier was for sale. "I also found one pound bags of coffee beans just thrown away outside a store with the trash," she says.

A.These people are neither homeless nor poor.

B.Freegans, like 24 year old Mary MonDragon, live on food that is thrown away.

C.Just then, some people begin searching for food from the small mountains of trash.

D.Most freegans have a miserable life.

E.Who hasn't thrown away a dozen of egg after just discovering a broken one?

F.What do freegans live on?

G.They seldom go hungry thanks to the large amount of food Americans throw away every day.

第三部分书面表达（共两节，共 32 分）

第一阅读表达（共 4 小题,第 40、41 题各 2 分，第 42 题 3 分，第 43 题 5 分，共 12 分）

阅读短文，按照题目要求用英语回答问题。

An American woman, Missy Armstrong, has made a life-changing decision to make her dying best friend's last wish come true by adopting(收养) her three young children.

Sara is 36 years old. Her husband died and now she is in the final stages of a serious illness and is not expected to make it to Christmas. "She said she can deal with the fact that she's dying, but she can't deal with the fact that her kids will be separated," her best friend, Missy Armstrong, said. The two women have been friends for over a decade after first meeting in 1999 while at the same school. Taking their friendship a step further, Missy, 42, who is already a mother to two of her own children, adopted Sara's three young children, 11-year-old Cayden, nine-year-old Micah and eight-year-old Amara.

As Missy prepared to take on the huge task, one of her longtime friends, Rhonda DeBruyn, lent her a helping hand. Rhonda posted a message on a Facebook page asking for gifts to be donated so the growing family can have a great holiday. Since posting the message, donations have been pouring in for the family. "Missy is a kind friend and person. I've known her for 11 years and she has never been anything less than what you see. This doesn't surprise me that she stepped in. Missy and Sara's friendship is one of a kind. A friend in need is a friend indeed." said Rhonda.

"Missy now lives in a three-bedroom home, which is not large enough for the growing family. She needs to gain more support to buy a five-bedroom house," Rhonda said in a Facebook post. "Once we get her into the new house, then everything left over that we raised will go to future financial expenses."

To donate, an account has been created at the Southeast National Bank under the name of Missy Armstrong.

40. Why did Missy adopt Sara's three children? (2分)

41. What did Rhonda do to help Missy in the third paragraph? (2分)

42. How do you understand the underlined sentence "A friend in need is a friend indeed."? (3分)

43. Do you support Missy's action of helping Sara and explain why? (5分, about 40 words)

第二节 (20分)

假设你是红星中学高二学生李华。你的英国朋友 Tom 在给你的邮件中讲述了他心中偶像的故事，也请你和他分享一个你的心中偶像。请你给 Tom 回信，内容包括：

- 1 你心中偶像是谁
- 2 你心中偶像让你钦佩的主要品质是什么，给出理由
- 3 你心中偶像对你的影响

注意：1 词数不少于 60；

2 开头和结尾已给出，不计入总词数。

提示词：idol 偶像

Dear Tom,

Yours,

Li Hua

(请务必将书面表达写在答题卡指定区域内)



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参考答案

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第一节 完形填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 共 15 分)

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

第二节 语法填空 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 共 15 分)

11. who/that 12. going 13. are encouraged 14. fell 15. stronger
16. but 17. founded 18. started 19. activities 20. to cheer

第二部分 阅读理解 (共 2 节 38 分)

第一节 (共 14 小题; 每小题 2 分, 共 28 分)

阅读 A 篇: 21. B 22. C 23. D 阅读 B 篇: 24. B 25. D 26. A 27. C

阅读 C 篇: 28. D 29. B 30. C 阅读 D 篇: 31. B 32. C 33. A 34. D

第二节 阅读七选五 (共 5 小题; 每小题 2 分, 共 10 分)

35. C 36. A 37. G 38. E 39. B

第三部分 书面表达 (共 2 节 32 分)

第一节 阅读表达 (共 4 小题, 第 40、41 题各 2 分, 第 42 题 3 分, 第 43 题 5 分, 共 12 分)

第 40 题 (2 分)

To make Sara's last wish.

To make Sara's last wish come true.

She wanted to make Sara's last wish come true.

Because she wanted to make Sara's last wish come true.

第 41 题 (2 分)

Rhonda posted a message.

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Rhonda posted a message on a *Facebook* page asking for gifts to be donated so the growing family can have a great holiday.

第 42 题 (3 分)

Missy and Sara were good friends. In Sara's most difficult time, Missy took the responsibility of a friend, gave her a helping hand, adopted her three young children, and completed her last wish. The friendship between them was true.

第 43 题 (5 分) Possible version:

I support Missy's action of helping Sara because they are good friends. What are good friends? Facing difficulties, good friends walk in to give a helping hand when the rest of the world walks out. Good friends can change the life by being part of it. Good friends make us believe that there really is good in the world. Good friends cheer up in spirits each other. Good friends not only spend the happy times together, but also get through the hard times, the sad times, the confused times.

第二节 书面表达 (20 分) One possible version:

Dear Tom,

It's great to hear from you. I feel inspired knowing your idol's story.

As for the person that I admire best is JK Rowling. I appreciate her special characteristic of keeping trying. As a fan of Harry Potter, I know the author JK Rowling didn't listen to the negative comments from the twelve publishers who rejected her books. For two years, she tried to get the books published. Even the publisher who gave her a contract said she had no chance of making money in children's books. He was wrong and for the last ten years, J K. Rowling has been the author of the most famous children's books in the world.

JK Rowling's keeping trying impresses me deeply. Once I set my eyes on my target, I will follow through. Generally speaking, successful people start at the bottom and get to the top. We can, too!

Cheers!

Yours

Li Hua

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