石景山区2023-2024学年第一学期高三期末试卷

英 语

学校_____ 姓名_____ 准考证号

本试卷共 10 页，共 100 分。考试时长 90 分钟。考生务必在答题卡指定区域作答，在试卷上作答无效。考试结束后，将本试卷和答题卡一并交回。

第一部分 知识运用（共两节，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。

Most of my days I am as busy as a bee. When I'm not writing, I'm cooking, cleaning, paying grocery bills, as well as taking my 9-year-old daughter to and from school. Like millions of housewives, I'm short on time and __1__ with spending.

But all __2__ as I got inspiration from my daughter to set my good-deed-a-day goal. We had __3__ a girl in Somalia, a country in eastern Africa, and gave away our second-hand items to her from time to time. My daughter was crazy about __4__ and wanted me to do more, so I started my Simple-Deed Project. I looked for possible acts of __5__, as long as I stepped out. One day, I picked up some rubbish on the playground. Another day, I __6__ an old blind man at the subway station across the waiting line. Sometimes, I __7__ had to go out of my way to find something kind to do. I could only hope I was one of the __8__ examples to others.

After a few months, I felt almost proud of my simple deeds fitted into my busy life in a way that __9__ me. And even though most of what I'd done was small potatoes, somehow I knew I was making a difference, which also __10__ every single day of mine.

1．A．generous	B．content	C．careful	D．familiar
2．A．survived	B．advanced	C．continued	D．changed
3．A．saved	B．supported	C．praised	D．affected
4．A．charity	B．travel	C．adventure	D．study
5．A．courage	B．friendship	C．kindness	D．trust
6．A．limited	B．pushed	C．drove	D．guided
7．A．even	B．therefore	C．however	D．still
8．A．satisfying	B．inspiring	C．surprising	D．interesting
9．A．controlled	B．protected	C．suited	D．confused
10．A．brightened	B．predicted	C．represented	D．shortened

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

Sally nervously started her first day of a new school. In the afternoon, she had maths class, always a difficult one for her. But she __11__ (find) the teachers and classmates friendly and helpful. In chemistry class, however, the guy next to her, __12__ talked to her the whole time, got her a bit annoyed. At the end of the day, Sally became __13__ (confident) than in the morning and believed there must be a rich experience in the school.

B

In America, high school grades are used to decide __14__ a student is admitted into an academic program or not. However, a scientific survey shows that nearly 75% of student success is decided by other factors, often __15__ (describe) as 21st-century skills. The important things that lead to success are good study habits and stress management. In other words, the student's ability __16__ (deal) with challenges of the post-secondary world will shape their future.

C

Recently, a video of college students in military style cotton coats to class __17__ (trend) on social media platforms. With the price of down jackets increasing, cotton coats have made a major comeback this winter and stormed quite a few college __18__ (campus) in Northern China. One can buy ten cotton coats __19__ the price of one down jacket. Actually, a couple of people __20__ (wear) the coats might be laughed at, but when a group picks them up, it's the latest fashion.

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

Top Family-Friendly Events in January

These family-friendly events and activities at popular spots in and around Denver will surely entertain you.

ZooLights: Glow Wild Jan. 1—14

The Denver Zoo's yearly holiday light show is on until Jan. 14, allowing families one or more opportunities to enjoy the city's zoo, with millions of lights giving an added dimension to the festivities.

Glow Wild, 765 N. Galvin Pkwy., Denver, denverzoo.org, $12.95 members, $14.95 general admission.

Joy Park Snow Days Jan. 14—28

A new, multi-faceted winter experience is taking over the Children's Museum's Joy Park. Take a slide down the Snow Hill, go ice skating, cozy up by fire pits with hot cocoa, take a photo in giant snow globe, and try your hand at curling.

Children's Museum of Denver, Marsico Campus, joypark.com, $15 ages 2—59, $13 ages 1 and 60+, $1 Explorer Pass, free under age 1 and members.

Family Fun Winterfest Jan. 29

OdySea Aquarium in the Desert is hosting the third annual Family Fun Winterfest in its Desert Courtyard, featuring real snow for the kids to play in. This free event features everything from bounce houses to rides, games, snowflake crafts and face painting to go with various stands set up by local sellers, with food and other offerings for sale at the event.

8520 E. Via de Ventura, Denver, odyseainthedesert.com, free.

Youth & Teen Art Classes Jan.13—Feb. 3

Create Arts Center is hosting a four-week youth art course on Saturdays to teach artistic skills and knowledge through fun and challenging art classes in a wide variety of art materials, including painting, drawing, mixed media and sculpture, ensuring mentally stimulating sessions for all. Classes are designed for a variety of experience levels from beginners through advanced students.

Create Arts Center, 1 E. Main St, Denver, createartscenter.org or 301-588-2787, $98.

21. How can you get a discounted ticket to the ZooLights show?

A. By bringing a friend. B. By getting a membership.

C. By joining a tour group. D. By booking a ticket online.

22. What can you do at Family Fun Winterfest?

A. Have free food. B. Take art classes.

C. Enjoy real snow. D. Meet local artists.

23. Which event lasts the longest?

A. ZooLights: Glow Wild B. Joy Park Snow Days

C. Youth & Teen Art Classes D. Family Fun Winterfest

B

2002 it was, and I, a young girl who set out with the idea of getting my own library card, was permitted by my mother, Nichelle Nichols, to walk the mile from Prince George to the library in nearby Port Perry.

Down the street from Port Perry High was the library—a dark-brown brick building, imposing to a child of only seven years old.

To the left of the sidewalk was a series of steps that I climbed to push through a heavy door into a very large room filled with books. To an older lady I said, "I'd like a library card, please."

She replied, "The children's section is downstairs."

"But I want adult books, because I can read."

"Well, you are a child. You can't get a card up here."

"I'm six and I can read and write."

"Go along child," she said in a pleasant but authoritative voice.

I found the side door and walked in, seeing short and low shelves full of children's books. Upon opening one, I read, "See Spot run. Run Spot. Run." I opened another book. It read, "Once upon a time

there was." Sighing quietly, I walked out and back up to the main desk. By now, it was getting dark and I had to hurry.

"You're back." said the librarian.

"Yes. I will make you a deal. You hand me any book you like. If I can read a paragraph in it, you'll give me a library card." Shrugging (耸肩) happily, she handed me a thick book, I opened it and began to read. When I finished, the lady took the book back without a word.

I waited for a while and finally the lady stood up, handing me two cards. On one was printed the days and times the library was open to adults, and on the other were the precious words, Bonita Sue Nichols. I thanked her and quickly left the library.

24. What was the librarian's response to the author's request at first?

A. She made fun of it.　　B. She turned it down.

C. She took it seriously.　　D. She considered it reasonable.

25. What did the author think of the books downstairs?

A. Childish.　　B. Outdated.　　C. Short.　　D. Strange.

26. Why did the librarian give the author a card?

A. She took pity on the author.

B. She was eager to get off work.

C. She found the author a good reader.

D. She was moved by the author's courage.

27. What does the story intend to tell us?

A. Courage is a solution.　　B. Age is a restriction.

C. Optimism leads to success.　　D. Ability opens a door.

C

Research has shown that people tend to get more happiness from spending their money on experiences, such as travel and entertainment, than on things, such as clothes and electronic goods. But are people happier during the purchased experience itself? Or does the happiness come more from expecting or remembering the experience?

A new study, published in the Journal of *Experimental Social Psychology*, offers an answer. Our experiential purchases bring us greater pleasure in terms of expectation and remembrance than do our material purchases, but they also bring us greater in-the-moment enjoyment, the study found.

For the study, the researchers found 2,635 adults who agreed to receive texts at any time during the day. The texts began with a happiness question, which asked the participants to rate how they felt "right now" on a scale from very bad to very good. Half of them were then asked if they had made a material purchase within the past hour, such as clothing or electronic goods. The others were asked if they had made an experiential purchase within the past hour, such as eating in a restaurant or attending a concert.

The researchers found that the purchasers of the experiences express higher levels of happiness than the purchasers of the material goods, no matter how much the purchases cost.

To address possible differences in types of purchasers, the researchers made a second study in which they researched more than 5,000 adults. “We still observed the same result,” said Steve Lacy, the study’s lead author.

The researchers said a possible explanation is the endurance (持久) of experiences in people’s memories, while the observed value of material goods weakens over time.

“If you want to be happier, it might be wise to move some of your spending away from material goods and a bit more toward experiences,” Lacy said. “That would likely lead to greater happiness.”

28．The author put forward two questions in Paragraph 1 to _____.

A．make a fact clear　　B．introduce a new research

C．list possible problems　　D．doubt the opinion presented

29．Why did the researchers text the participants?

A．To ask them about their spending plans.

B．To understand their needs and spending habits.

C．To track their purchasing activities and feelings.

D．To find out the change in their purchasing choices.

30．According to the passage, which of the following can bring the greatest pleasure?

A．One picks up a few good bargains.

B．One pays for an amusement park trip.

C．One buys electronic goods in an online shop.

D．One spends a great deal on high-end products.

D

A Swiss radio station recently carried out a social experiment on air, testing robot-created voices and content. The 13-hour experiment took place at the French-language station Couleur 3. During the period, listeners heard the cloned voices of five human presenters. The station’s programming also included music created by artificial intelligence (AI) methods. The programming informed listeners about the experiment every 20 minutes.

“AI is taking your favorite radio by storm,” a voice said. “Our voice clones and AI are here to unsettle, surprise and shake you. And for that matter, this text was also written by a robot.”

Recent AI developments have led to the creation of a series of tools that permit robots to lead different human activities. These tools belong to a group of systems known as “generative AI”. The tools use machine learning methods to train AI systems on huge amounts of data to produce human-quality results. One of the most highly publicized generative AI tools is called ChatGPT. It received wide attention by demonstrating the ability to quickly produce written answers to questions at a level and quality similar to humans. However, the development of “generative AI” systems has led to some criticism of the technology. Critics have warned that such systems, if used incorrectly, could cause economic, cultural and social harms.

The station said in a statement it received hundreds of messages on the day of the experiment, with some supporting and others opposing. One person complained of unfunny jokes. Another listener admitted

to not recognizing the programming as an experiment. One critic called the project a waste of time for a station that gets public financing. Many listeners noted, “You can sense these are robots, and there are fewer surprises, less personality.” Some listeners were even more forceful, urging station officials to “give us back our humans!”

The Swiss station’s chief, Antoine Multone, told The Associated Press that Couleur 3 was able to carry out the experiment because it is already known for doing provocative things.

Multone defended the project as a lesson on how to live with AI. “I think if we become ostriches (鸵鸟) ... we put our heads in the sand and say, ‘Mon Dieu, there’s a new technology! We’re all going to die!’ then yeah, we’re going to die because it (AI) is coming, whether we like it or not,” Multone said by phone. “We want to master the technology so we can then put limits on it.” He added that about 90 percent of the listener reactions suggested the experiment was a good idea.

31．What did the social experiment test?

A．Audiences’ feedback.　　B．Robot-created systems.

C．Human presenters’ voices.　　D．AI-generated programmes.

32．What does the word “provocative” underlined in Paragraph 5 most probably mean?

A．Stimulative.　B．Conservative.　C．Persuasive.　D．Instructive.

33．What should we do with AI according to Antoine Multone?

A．Limit and prevent its progress.

B．Take human elements out of it.

C．Take advantage of it without defence.

D．Research and make use of it sensibly.

34．Which would be the best title for the passage?

A．Putting AI Voices on Radio　　B．Creating Generative AI Tools

C．Exploring the Development of AI　　D．Replacing Announcers with AI

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, 并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。选项中有两项为多余选项。

Reading is an exercise for the mind. It is good for our vocabulary and literacy skills, teaching us math or science concepts and helping us learn history. __35__ Have you read a story and felt tears well up because of a character’s suffering? If so, that is because you have empathy (共情) for the character. Empathy is a magic eye that sees into other people’s hearts and it can be learned through various fictions.

Research shows that human brains react differently to stories and facts. Many more areas of your brain light up when you’re enjoying a story, and your brain thinks you are in the story. __36__

Empathy helps you to read people’s emotions and work out the best way to respond. This skill, called emotional intelligence (EI), can make it easier to communicate and connect with people. __37__ One study found that people who read the *Harry Potter* novels, which tell stories about humans fighting against the

evil, were less likely to behave unfairly towards powerless groups including refugees (难民).

__38__ After reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, a story about a boy who is a refugee escaping from the war, students in St Michael's High School were inspired to do a 10-mile walk for the non-profit organization Refugee Action. Their empathy also stimulated them to raise £1,000 for people who were forced to leave their homes because of war.

Reading encourages us to empathise with others, which could potentially lead to several beneficial outcomes. Not only are we more likely to engage in helpful behaviors when we feel empathy for other people, but others are also more likely to help us when they experience empathy. __39__

A．Apart from those, reading has another benefit.

B．In a way, all this increases our ability to read well.

C．This theory of EI has been put into practice in schools.

D．This permits people to understand the emotions that others are feeling.

E．This means you experience the characters' thoughts as if they were real.

F．Research shows that building this intelligence can lead to greater tolerance.

G．For society to develop, communicative and empathetic individuals really matter.

第三部分 书面表达（共两节，32 分）

第一节 （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。

When I was in my second year in senior high school, I found a 16-dollar-an-hour part-time job at Lakewood Pizza. Like many teens, I longed to earn income as well as add experience for the time to enter the workforce. Just one week after I worked there, David Ross, the manager called me into his office. As the saying goes, "life isn't always a bed of roses". My first job ended in failure. His reason was that I showed up late twice and took more breaks than others.

"Oh, I'm a loser." I thought to myself. I believed that thought was shared by my brothers, neither of whom had ever been fired, and my mother, though she would never express it in those terms.

"I am too sad to do anything." I complained to my father.

After listening to my words, he laughed. "It's not funny; I'm a loser." I said. "No, you're not. This is a part of growing up. You will be all right, my son," he said, patting my shoulder. "Trust me. You are good enough." I looked into my father's eyes and I could see he really trusted me. And I believed him.

Since then, "Trust me. You are good enough." are the only words I have repeated to myself. I have worked hard to be a better person and cherished (珍惜) every moment I have got. Finally, I succeeded in entering a good university. After graduation I found my dream job.

40. How much did the author earn at his part-time job?

41. Why did the author lose his first job?

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

- ***After knowing the author's failure, his father complained and laughed at him.***

43. What can you learn from the author's story? (**In about 40 words**)

（请务必将答案写在答题卡指定区域内）

第二节（20 分）

假设你是红星中学高三学生李华。你的英国好友 Jim 最近在北京学习，感到不适应，他发来邮件询问你的建议。请你用英文给他回复，内容包括：

1．表示理解；

2．提出建议。

注意：1．词数 100 左右；

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）