

Unit 1

Kindle Your Spirit and Live Your Dream

Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分39秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Live Your Dream

People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

— Source unknown

In 1957 a ten-year-old boy in California set a goal. At the time Jim Brown was the greatest running back ever to play professional football and this tall, thin boy wanted his autograph. In order to accomplish his goal, the young boy had to overcome some difficulties.

He grew up in the ghetto (少数民族聚居区), where he never got enough to eat. This unlucky boy was so ill-fed and a disease called rickets (佝偻病) forced him to wear steel device to support his skinny, bowed-out legs. He had no money to buy a ticket to get into the game, so he waited patiently near the locker room

until the game ended and Jim Brown left the field. He politely asked Brown for his autograph. As Brown signed, the boy explained, "Mr. Brown, I have your picture on my wall. I know you hold all the records. You're a hero in my heart."

Brown smiled and began to leave, but the young boy wasn't finished. He shouted, "Mr. Brown, one day I'm going to break every record you hold!" Brown was impressed and asked, "What is your name, son?"

The boy replied, "Orenthal James. My friends call me O. J."

O. J. Simpson went on to break all but three of the rushing records held by Jim Brown before injuries shortened his football career. Goal setting is the strongest force for human drive. Set a goal and make it come true.

(256 words)

1. Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The saying at the beginning of this article probably means _____.
 - A. We should not judge things and people according to our own limited experience and way of thinking.
 - B. We should not interrupt others.
 - C. We should listen to others.
 - D. We should do what others are doing.
2. The word "autograph" in paragraph 1 possibly means _____.
 - A. signature
 - B. book
 - C. medal
 - D. picture
3. The main character of this article is _____.
 - A. unknown
 - B. Jim Brown

- C. O. J. Simpson
 - D. Mr. Brown
4. The title of this article suggests that people should _____.
- A. sleep more and dream more
 - B. not believe in one's dreams
 - C. escape the real life and live in dreams
 - D. set a goal for one's life and work hard to realize it

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. For Orenthal James, Jim Brown was a _____ in his heart.
2. O. J. Simpson broke all of Jim Brown's rushing records _____ three.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分40秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Consider This

Consider this:

—Socrates was called, “An immoral destroyer of youth.”

—When Peter J. Daniel was in the fourth grade, his teacher, Mrs. Phillips, constantly said, “Peter J. Daniel, you’re no good, you’re a bad apple and you’re never going to amount to anything.” Peter was not able to read at all until he was 26. A friend stayed up with him all night and read him a copy of *Think and Grow Rich*. Now he owns the street corners he used to fight on and just published his latest book: *Mrs. Phillips, You Were Wrong!*

—Beethoven handled the violin poorly and preferred playing his own compositions instead of improving his technique. His teacher called him hopeless as a composer.

—The parents of the famous opera singer Enrico Caruso wanted him to be an engineer. His teacher said he had no voice at all and could not sing.

—Charles Darwin, father of the Theory of Evolution, gave up a medical career and was told by his father, “You care for nothing but shooting, dogs and rat catching.” In his autobiography (自传), Darwin wrote, “I was considered by all my masters and by my father, a very ordinary boy, rather below the common standard in intellect.”

—Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. Walt Disney also went bankrupt (破产) several times before he built Disneyland.

—Thomas Edison’s teachers said he was too stupid to learn anything.

—Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four years old and didn't read until he was seven. His teacher described him as “mentally slow, unsociable and adrift forever in his foolish dreams”. He was driven out of school and was refused admittance to the Zurich Polytechnic School.

—Isaac Newton did very poorly in grade school.

—Leo Tolstoy, author of *War and Peace*, flunked (不及格) out of college. He was described as “both unable and unwilling to learn”.

—F. W. Woolworth's employers at the dry goods store said he had not enough sense to wait upon customers.

—Henry Ford failed and went broke five times before he finally succeeded.

—Winston Churchill failed sixth grade. He did not become Prime Minister of England until he was 62, and then only after a lifetime of defeats and failures. His greatest contributions came when he was a “senior citizen”.

—Eighteen publishers turned down Richard Bach's 10,000-word story about a flying seagull (海鸥), *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, before Macmillan finally published it in 1970. By 1975 it had sold more than 7 million copies in the U.S. alone.

(422 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Peter J. Daniel read a lot of books when he was a young student. ()
2. Beethoven was very good at playing violin when he was a student. ()
3. Charles Darwin's father thought of his son as a good-for-nothing. ()
4. Walt Disney was fired by his newspaper editor because of his strange ideas. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Leo Tolstoy became a dropout because _____.
2. In 1970 Richard Bach published his successful short story _____.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分9秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Fighting Spirit of Genghis Khan

The offspring (后代) of Genghis Khan's forces are leading an army of workers building highways and railways in the toughest places in China.

Eight years ago, Ma Yousufu decided to leave the dry and forbidding mountains of his home to join a team building the Qinghai-Tibet railway in Northwest China — the highest railway project in the world.

“It was difficult to breathe,” said Ma, 47. “It was higher than 5,000 meters above sea level. Every day I was struggling with a pounding head and severe vomiting (呕吐),” he said.

“My lips were full of bleeding blisters (疱). It was hard to eat and the weather was freezing.”

Ma is a member of the Dongxiang racial group in Gansu province, one of the poorest and most isolated places in the country.

Many Chinese scholars believe that Dongxiang people are offsprings of Mongol soldiers from Genghis Khan's army who settled in Gansu during the 13th century when the Mongols ruled China under the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368).

To lift themselves from poverty, about 600 farmers from the Dongxiang autonomous (自治的) county followed Ma to the railway construction project and they completed the highest section in the Tanggula Mountains.

Tanggula is a Mongolian word meaning a high place that even eagles cannot fly over.

Because of the tough environment, many construction companies took their names off the bidding (投标) list. The project was handed to the team from Dongxiang and included railway beds and bridges, culverts (涵洞) and slope protection.

Ma Zhanming, head of the Labor Bureau of Dongxiang, said more than 6,000 people from the county worked on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway yearly from 2002 to 2006. Doing excellent work, they were praised as “Dongxiang unconquerable army”.

Now he and his team of more than 300 are building a highway in Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

“It is always windy and dusty in Xinjiang, and drinking water is scarce,” Ma said. “But I don’t think that is difficult after I came back from the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.”

“We were born and live in high regions, and our lives were hard,” said Ma. “Or maybe because we Dongxiang people are the offspring of Genghis Khan’s forces we are strong and able to undergo hardship,” he said.

“The only way we can change our lives is to fight against challenges from the outside world with our hands,” Ma said.

(393 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The weather of Ma’s working place is _____.
 - A. hot
 - B. warm
 - C. chilly

- D. enjoyable
2. Genghis Khan's army settled in Gansu during the _____ century.
- A. 12th
 - B. 13th
 - C. 14th
 - D. 15th
3. Ma's project included the following except _____.
- A. railway beds
 - B. railway bridges
 - C. slope protection
 - D. shops
4. Which of the following statements about Genghis Khan is NOT true?
- A. Genghis Khan's forces are actually construction workers.
 - B. Genghis Khan's army are Mongolians.
 - C. Genghis Khan's forces were strong and able to undergo hardship.
 - D. None of the above.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Due to severe _____, many construction companies would not like to handle these construction projects.
2. Ma believes that the only way they can change their lives is to _____
_____ from the outside world with their hands.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分16秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Mark Pollock Faces His Biggest Challenge Yet

Mark Pollock's track record of overcoming hardship has inspired people all over the world.

After losing his sight aged just 22, he won two Commonwealth Games rowing medals, ran marathons in the Gobi Desert, and became the first blind person to walk to the South Pole.

But last year — 14 years after going blind — he suddenly found himself facing his biggest challenge.

He fell out of a second storey window while sleepwalking, suffering life-threatening injuries.

"I nearly died in the first few hours, and was unsure whether I was going to die in the first few days," Mark said.

"For the first month I couldn't move — I was lying flat on my back."

He spent 15 months in hospital and was discharged several weeks ago.

He is paralysed (瘫痪) from the waist down — and he has been told it is likely he will spend the rest of his life in the wheelchair.

But not for the first time — he is challenging the conventional (常规的) wisdom.

Back in his home town of Holywood, Mark explained how he's dealing with his new disability. He is having some aggressive (积极的) physical treatment at a

centre in California.

“The idea is that if you train the paralysed parts of your body, there’s a chance you may be able to re-route the nervous system to connect the brain and the paralysed limbs,” Mark explained.

When he’s at home, Mark has to do three hours of exercises a day. It is more mentally grueling (令人疲惫的) than physically demanding.

“The result is at the end of the day I’m exhausted. I’m trying to link in a memory, or an understanding of how my legs are moving with my brain.”

“New South Pole”

The aim is to walk again.

“I’m not saying every paralysed person should even consider having that goal and I’m not saying that what they’re doing is wrong.”

“But I absolutely hate being in a wheelchair.”

“I may never walk again, but I at least have a chance to try to influence the future.”

Mark’s friends have set up a fund to help him pay for the treatment in the US.

People all over Ireland are generating a special fund for him. Fun runners are even raising money in Holland and Australia.

“There are not thousands of PhDs out there at the moment to prove the treatment will work or won’t work,” Mark said.

“I suppose I am trying hard at something that makes sense to me — I’ve got to make a go of it.”

He describes the aim of walking again as his “new South Pole”.

“It’s going to be a very long road, and much harder than any adventure race I ever did,” he added.

(454 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Mark Pollock was born blind. ()
2. Mark Pollock suggested all disabled people like him should try hard to walk again. ()
3. Mark Pollock paid for his treatment all by himself. ()
4. Mark Pollock was always brave and positive facing physical disabilities. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Mark Pollock had a life-threatening fall at the age of _____.
2. Mark Pollock believed that his effort at walking again is _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分56秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Amazing Life Stories: Lessons Learned

“An Early Key Lesson”

Before I began my first teaching job, my mother, a teacher of 30 years herself, gave me a very special gift, five simple words that have had an impact on my entire life: “Make friends with the janitor (看门人).” I learned from her wisdom that all people, no matter their level of education, their bank balance or the size of their home, have much to offer, much to give. Those words helped me create a balance by being open to friendships with people in all stations of life. While many folks tend to spend time with those in similar careers, I learned from a wide range of people and it broadened my viewpoints. It taught me the ultimate (基本的) respect for all types of characters and continues to enrich my life to this day. Just five little words but what an impact they can have when you take them to heart.

“There’s Always a John”

My first year of teaching, there was a kid that drove me crazy. “John” made me want to dig out my own eyes; he was just that rambunctious (粗野的). While talking about him one day, a teacher who had 35 years to my one, put his hand on my shoulder and said, “There will always be a John. Your job is to learn to understand what makes him different and help him succeed.” The next year,

there was indeed another John. And he brought some friends. In the last 20 years, I've learned to enjoy all the kids like John. That advice taught me that there is something to appreciate in everyone.

(271 words)

1. Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The first author used to think that we'd better not make friends with someone _____.
 - A. who keeps a gate
 - B. who receives higher education
 - C. who earns more money
 - D. who lives in bigger house
2. The lessons learned and benefits gained by the first author include the following except _____.
 - A. learned that all people have much to offer
 - B. created a balance by being open to all types of people
 - C. broadened her viewpoints
 - D. became rich
3. Which of the following statements about the second author's reaction to John is NOT true?
 - A. The author was driven crazy.
 - B. The author even wanted to dig out her own eyes.
 - C. The author was eager to know more about John.
 - D. The author felt happy and excited.
4. According to what the second author was told, how should we deal with someone like John in the following ways except _____.
 - A. learn to find the reason behind

- B. give him severe punishment
- C. make friends with him
- D. help him succeed

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The lesson for the first author is that we should respect people regardless of their background and learn from them, and in this way we can _____
_____.
2. The second author was taught the advice that we should learn to _____
_____ everyone.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分43秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Take 100% Responsibility for Your Life

You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself.

—Jim Rohn

One of the most popular myths (神话) in the American culture today is that we are entitled (有权) to a great life — that somehow, somewhere, someone (certainly not us) is responsible for filling our lives with continual happiness, exciting career choices, blessed family time, and relaxing personal relationships simply because we exist.

But the real truth — and the one lesson this whole book is based on — is that there is only one person responsible for the quality of the life you live.

That person is you.

If you want to be successful, you have to take 100% responsibility for everything that you experience in your life. This includes the level of your achievements, the results you produce, the quality of your relationships, the state of your health and physical fitness, your income, your debts, your feelings — everything!

This is not easy.

In fact, most of us have been conditioned to blame something outside of ourselves for the parts of our life we don't like. We blame our parents, our

bosses, our friends, the media, our coworkers, our clients, our spouse (配偶), the weather, the economy, our astrological (占星的) chart, our lack of money — anyone or anything we can pin the blame on. We never want to look at where the real problem is — ourselves.

There is a wonderful story told about a man who is out walking one night and comes upon another man down on his knees looking for something under a streetlamp. The passer-by inquires as to what the other man is looking for. He answers that he is looking for his lost key. The passer-by offers to help and gets down on his knees and helps him search for the key. After an hour of fruitless searching, he says, “We’ve looked everywhere for it and we haven’t found it. Are you sure that you lost it here?”

The other man replies, “No, I lost it in my house, but there is more light out here under the streetlamp.”

It is time to stop looking outside yourself for the answers to why you haven’t created the life and results you want, for it is you who creates the quality of the life you lead and the results you produce.

You — no one else!

To achieve major success in life — to achieve those things that are most important to you — you must assume 100% responsibility for your life. Nothing less will do.

(424 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The popular myth says Americans have the right to enjoy a happy life offered by others. ()
2. Actually, we are fully responsible for everything in our life. ()
3. The man in the story lost his key in the street. ()

4. The man who lost his key thought that more light would help him find the key in the street. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Most people tend to believe that someone else is to _____ for some bad parts of their life.
2. The author told us that we should _____ for our own life.

Unit 2

Sports and Workouts



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分13秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Get Off the Couch and Get Outside!

If you're plopped (扑通落下) on a couch or chair right now, surrounded by four walls and a ceiling, you're not alone. In fact, you're taking part in America's No.1 anti-activity — sitting disease. It's the top reason more and more of us are overweight. Our increasingly housebound, car-bound, office-bound, computer-bound lifestyle claims at least 22 hours out of most adults' days in the United States.

Shocked? Do the math: Add 1 hour for meals, 1 hour for traffic, 8 hours on the job (or working in the home), 3 hours for TV, 1 hour for evening computer and phone time, 1 hour for waking-up and going-to-bed routines, and 7 hours for sleeping. That's 22 hours in which you have minimal

physical activity going on!

This is not what our bodies were built for. For the vast majority of mankind's history, we spent our days doing outdoor physical labor. Our sedentary lifestyle is a new arrival — in fact, less than 100 years old. But we've certainly taken to it! Why open a can by hand when an electric opener will do it? Why walk or bike when the car is waiting for you? Why cut wood for the fireplace when you can buy long burning, manufactured logs at the grocery store?

Convenience may be good, but lack of daily activity isn't. Many doctors believe that sedentary living has taken over cigarettes as the number one cause of illness in America today. Sedentary living has been linked to every major health issue of our times: heart disease, diabetes (糖尿病), overweight, stroke, and more.

Get outdoors! Turn off the TV, get up from the sofa, tie your shoes and get outside for at least 30 minutes a day, plus a few hours each weekend.

Yes, we know, you don't need to go outdoors to get a good exercise. What's wrong with fitness centers, treadmills (踏步机), exercise DVDs and so on? Nothing, of course. All are effective, fine ways to burn calories and strengthen muscles. But each of these lacks a few important things: Sunshine. Trees. Flowers. Breezes. Animals. The Feel of Grass under your Feet. Sights. Sounds. Smells. People. Unfiltered Air.

These are not insubstantial items. In a recent University of San Diego study, researchers found that exposure to sunlight lifted depression (抑郁). No surprise there — most of us just know that sunshine lifts our spirits and sense of wellness.

But the connection runs deeper than many might realize. For example, simply looking at flowers eases depression, according to Rutgers University psychologists (心理学家) who tested the moods of 100 women and men in the presence and absence of colorful flowers.

There's no research to confirm it, but it somehow makes sense that time spent outdoors contributes to good health, greater relaxation, more fitness, and by extension, fewer pounds. After all, whether you're walking, gardening, bicycling, or merely getting the mail, being outdoors definitely means being more active than being inside. It's not on any medical group's official recommendations, but we say, make "more time outdoors" one of your top health-improvement goals.

(507 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. It can be inferred that the author is for a _____ life style.
 - A. housebound
 - B. park-bound
 - C. car-bound
 - D. computer-bound
2. The word "sedentary" in "Our sedentary lifestyle is a new arrival..." in paragraph 3 can be replaced with _____.
 - A. sleeping
 - B. sitting
 - C. standing
 - D. walking
3. Lack of daily activity is not good for the following except _____.
 - A. this is not what our bodies were built for
 - B. doctors believe it has become the No.1 cause of illness in America today
 - C. it has been linked to every major health issue of our times
 - D. it brought us more convenience in life
4. It is good to go outdoors because _____.

- A. exposure to sunlight lifts depression
- B. simply looking at flowers eases depression
- C. time spent outdoors contributes to good health, greater relaxation, more fitness, etc.
- D. all of the above

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The problem with fitness centers and the like is that _____
_____.
2. The author strongly recommends _____ as one of our top health-improvement goals.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分50秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Tai Chi and Yoga, How Much Do You Know?

Give Tai Chi a Try

Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese discipline, could actually serve as a complete fitness program, since its graceful, fluid movements manage to combine the three forms of exercise: strength training, stretching, and aerobic (需气的) exercise.

Several studies have shown that Tai Chi helps people improve or maintain strength, joint flexibility, and balance, and can also improve aerobic capacity. But in addition, Tai Chi promotes a sense of well-being and relaxation.

Tai Chi consists of a series of movements, known as forms, that resemble ballet in slow motion. As you perform these movements, you concentrate on both the motion and your breathing. The combination of these movements provides a workout for all the limbs and muscles. And since Tai Chi is gentle and low-impact, it's ideally suited for people with arthritis (关节炎) or other conditions that make exercise difficult.

Tai Chi classes may be offered by local health clubs, martial-arts (武术) schools, and community centers. You can also buy or rent videos that instruct you in Tai Chi.

Frequently Asked Questions About Yoga

Although yoga has quickly become part of the American mainstream (主流) during recent years, many people still regard it as a special religion or something only rubber-jointed people can do. Here are some answers to common concerns.

Q: What does yoga mean?

A: Yoga simply means “union”. The practice is designed to unite your mind and body, as well as your spirit, through deep breathing, peaceful meditation (冥想), and physical poses (姿势) that stretch and strengthen the body.

Q: Does practicing yoga affect my religious beliefs?

A: No. Although yoga was developed by Hindu people in India 5,000 years ago and continues to be part of their religious practice, people of all faiths can perform yoga poses to calm stress and tone and energize the body.

Q: If I can't touch my toes, can I still do yoga?

A: Absolutely! Just as people who are out of shape should walk and lift weights to increase their physical fitness, people with tight muscles and stiff joints harvest benefits from practicing yoga. Just start slowly, modifying the poses as you need to, and never stretch to the point of pain. Within a few weeks, you should see noticeable improvements in your flexibility.

(376 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Tai Chi has nothing to do with one's mental states. ()
2. When performing Tai Chi movements, people need to focus on breathing as well as the motion. ()
3. Practicing yoga will not affect one's religious belief. ()
4. Yoga is not suited for people with tight muscles and stiff joints. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. According to the passage, Tai Chi is ideally suited for people with arthritis because _____.
2. Yoga is designed to unite people's _____.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分21秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

How to Prevent Sports Injuries

So you want to take up golf, tennis, or some other sport? Diving right into it without making proper preparations will put you on the fast track to injury — especially if you were a couch potato all winter. Here are some tips on how to avoid the most common sports injuries.

Get a physical: Visit your doctor before you start a new sport or fitness routine, especially if you've been injured before, have not exercised in three months, or have a medical condition.

Build up slowly: Increase your activity level by no more than 10 percent a week. If you start with 15-minute walks on your first week, for example, add only a few minutes at a time each consecutive (连续的) week. Mix up your routine with various low-impact activities — such as walking, swimming, and biking — to work out different body parts.

Exercise sport-specific: Sports such as golf and tennis require repetitive movements that can strain and tear muscles. So make sure you strengthen proper muscle groups for your sport beforehand. Elbow problems, for example, are one of the most common injuries for golfers. So if you're planning to take up golf, build up your forearms by squeezing a tennis ball or doing wrist curls (手腕练习).

Take lessons: Proper technique is critical to avoiding overuse injuries such

as stress fractures. So taking a few lessons in your sport — even if you’ve played before — would be very helpful.

Warm up and cool down: Warm up for 10 to 15 minutes to increase blood flow to the muscles and help your flexibility. A good warm-up includes an easy cardiovascular (心血管的) workout followed by simple stretching. Stretch slowly, and don’t jump! Cool down in a similar fashion to gradually reduce the muscles’ temperature.

Wear the right protective gear (用具, 装备) for your sport: Helmets (头盔) are necessary for biking, skiing, snowboarding, etc., and for team sports such as football, baseball, and so on. Protective eyewear and mouth guards are also important to prevent injuries. Running shoes are great for marathons, but don’t offer enough support for basketball or tennis. Make sure all equipment fits well and is in good condition.

Don’t be a “weekend crazy”: Try to exercise a little bit each day rather than push all of your activities into the weekend. Sitting on the couch all week and then playing 36 holes of golf on Saturday and Sunday is a practice for injury.

Know when to quit: Muscle exhaustion increases your risk of all sports injuries. So stop playing when you feel tired and give your body some time to rest.

Don’t play while injured: If you do get hurt, stop playing until you are healed. Continuing to play will only make the injury worse and can lead to long-term problems.

(459 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The word “couch potato” in “... especially if you were a couch potato all winter” in Paragraph 1 possibly means _____.

- A. a person who likes to eat potatoes on a couch
- B. a person who likes to spend much time sitting on a couch, usually watching television
- C. a person who likes to use a couch as a bed and sleep on it
- D. none of the above
2. You'd better have a physical examination first if _____.
- A. you start a new sport or fitness routine
- B. have not exercised in three month
- C. have a medical condition
- D. all of the above
3. Which of the following statements concerning a safe play is incorrect?
- A. Increase your activity level slowly.
- B. Elbow problems are one of the most common injuries for golfers.
- C. If you've played before, taking a few lessons in your sport is useless.
- D. Warming up and cooling down should be done in a similar fashion.
4. Which of the following statements concerning a safe play is correct?
- A. Helmets are necessary for baseball.
- B. Running shoes are also great for basketball or tennis.
- C. If you have no time for sport on weekdays, spend your whole weekend doing sport will also do.
- D. You'd better keep on playing when tired and this will make you stronger.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Taking up sport _____ will make you easy to get injured.
2. We can not continue playing while injured because _____.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分44秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Williams Complaint over Shanghai Open Final to Be Investigated

Snooker (斯诺克) chiefs are to investigate an incident involving Mark Selby and Mark Williams in the Shanghai Open final.

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association has launched an inquiry into a snooker that Williams laid in the 17th frame.

Williams, who lost 10-9, was convinced Selby fouled (犯规), insisting he struck the pink, but referee (裁判) Eirian Williams said Selby hit a red first.

“I was robbed. The referee made such a shocking decision,” said Williams.

The WPBSA made clear the result of the match would stand, regardless of the inquiry.

At the time of the incident, the Welshman led the best-of-19-frames match 9-7 and was 48-5 ahead in the 17th, but lost the frame in question and the last two of the match.

“It was plain to see that he hit the pink. We didn’t need to play it back,” added Williams.

But slow-motion replays were inconclusive and there was no freeze-frame option available in the match.

WPBSA chairman Jason Ferguson will lead the inquiry along with former

referee Alan Chamberlain, with finalists Williams and Selby and referee Williams to give statements.

“I want to make very clear from the beginning that this inquiry is not part of any established procedure and has no effect on the outcome of the match,” said Ferguson.

“Mark Selby is a deserving champion and won the match fair and square. Our rules state that any decision by the referee is final. However, through this inquiry, we will look to establish tighter guidelines for referees when such difficult decisions need to be made.”

(260 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The WPBSA launched an inquiry because the two players had a hand to hand fight in the final. ()
2. Mark Williams believed that Selby hit the pink ball first. ()
3. Slow-motion replays would decide the match result. ()
4. The inquiry would have no impact on the WPBSA at all. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The result would not be changed _____ of the inquiry.
2. According to Jason, Mark Selby won the match _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分52秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Physical Activity in Teens Linked to Mental Skills in Late Life

How active you are early in life may affect how able-minded you are late in life. That was the finding of a new study of cognitive impairment (认知损伤), or a loss in mental abilities.

The study involved more than nine thousand women in the United States over the age of sixty-five. They answered questions about their level of physical activity as teenagers (青少年) and at age thirty, fifty and late in life.

Laura Middleton of the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center in Canada led the study: “People who were physically active on a regular basis had lower risk of cognitive impairments in late life. But it seemed that teenage physical activity was particularly important in terms of the prevention of cognitive impairments.”

Speaking by Skype, Laura Middleton noted two long-lasting effects that physical activity can have on teenagers. Exercise could help strengthen the blood vessels that carry blood and oxygen to the brain. Also, physical activity is known to improve the brain’s ability to repair itself.

The study is in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics (老年病学) Society*.

Women who said they were physically active even once a week showed

less cognitive impairment as measured by a test. There was not a strong link between the amount of physical activity and the extent of impairment. But the link was strongest among those who were active as teenagers.

Laura Middleton says other studies of exercise and cognitive skills have found a stronger link in women than in men. Still, she says, there is no reason to suggest that the finding about teenage physical activity should not apply to men as well.

Now speaking of teenagers, they were the subject of another new study. It looked at the effects of a later start to the school day.

For the study, an independent high school in Rhode Island delayed morning classes from eight o'clock to eighty-thirty. The change affected about two hundred students in grades nine through twelve.

In online surveys, students reported feeling less sleepy during the day. They rated themselves as less depressed (压抑的) and more active in school. They also reported sleeping longer on school nights and making fewer tiredness-related visits to the school health center.

Judith Owens of the Hasbro Children's Hospital led the study. It appears in the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine* (儿科学与青少年疾病文献集).

The study says class attendance improved. It also says teachers and sports coaches had resisted the change. And administrators (管理者) had planned to return to the eight o'clock start time after the study. But students and teachers voted to keep the half-hour delay for another term.

(432 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following statements about the study of cognitive impairment is incorrect?
 - A. It involved more than 9, 000 old women in the United States.
 - B. The questions were about the levels of physical activity at various stages in these women's life.
 - C. It found that physically active teens had lower risk of cognitive impairments in late life.
 - D. None of the above.
2. Which of the following is not mentioned as the reasons for the finding?
 - A. Exercise could help strengthen the blood vessels that carry blood and oxygen to the brain.
 - B. Physical activity is known to improve the brain's ability to repair itself.
 - C. The effects of some physical activity on teenagers are long-lasting.
 - D. Physically more active teens tend to be physically more active elders.
3. The following statements about the link between physical activity and cognitive impairment are correct except _____.
 - A. there was a strong link between the amount of physical activity and the extent of impairment
 - B. the link was strongest among those who were active as teenagers
 - C. there was a stronger link in women than in men
 - D. the findings about the link should apply to men as well
4. The following statements about the effects of another new study on teenagers are correct except _____.
 - A. they reported feeling less sleepy during the day
 - B. they rated themselves as less depressed and more active in school
 - C. they reported sleeping shorter on school nights
 - D. they reported fewer tiredness-related visits to the school health center

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Teenage physical activity was particularly important in terms of the _____ of cognitive impairments.
2. Another study on teenagers was carried out to see the effects of _____.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分7秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Andy Murray Pulls out of Swiss Indoors Because of Injury

British number one Andy Murray has pulled out of the Swiss Indoors in Basel because of a muscle strain.

The 24-year-old, who is on a 15-match winning streak (一连串), withdrew shortly before his first-round match against Dutchman Robin Haase was due to start.

“I was struggling to walk,” said Murray, the world number three.

Roger Federer made progress to the quarter-finals with a 6-1 4-6 6-3 win over Finland’s Jarkko Nieminen.

Murray, who won three titles in Asia last month, had requested a wildcard (外卡) to play in an event featuring world number one Novak Djokovic and defending champion Federer.

“I trained twice on Monday and felt fine after that. It was a bit better on Tuesday morning and I went to a pool for some exercises and had a light hit. But this morning (Wednesday) I knew it was still not good enough.

“I don’t know how I did it or what it came from. I’ve never had anything like this before.”

Murray said he would travel to Paris on Thursday and take four or five days

off with special treatment in the hope of being fit for the Paris Masters, the final event of the regular ATP ([男子]职业网球协会) season, which starts on Monday.

Murray was replaced in the draw by Swiss Marco Chiudinelli, who later lost the match later against Haase 6-2 7-6.

Murray had chosen to play in Basle over Valencia, where he was champion two years ago, and was also set to play in the doubles with his brother Jamie.

The Scot was confident of adding to the titles he recently won in Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai, which enabled him to climb above Federer in the rankings.

Murray, who also won the Cincinnati Masters title in August, has only suffered one defeat in his last 26 matches — that came against Rafael Nadal in the semi-finals of the U.S. Open last month.

Murray is gearing (准备) up for the ATP World Tour finals in London from 20-27 November.

(336 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Murray got his injury in his match against Dutchman Robin Haase. ()
2. Murray was then the world number one tennis player. ()
3. Paris Masters was the final event of the regular ATP season. ()
4. Murray would have won all his last 26 matches but for the one against Rafael Nadal. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. _____ was the defending champion at that time.
2. Murray would travel to Paris for a four-or-five-day treatment _____
_____ being fit for the Paris Masters.

Unit 3

The World of Computer and Internet

Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分20秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Broadband Subscribers Pass 500-Million

Representatives from some of the world's leading broadband service providers and equipment manufacturers met in San Diego, California last week. They talked about the future of broadband and the Internet Protocols that govern it. Broadband is a high data rate connection to the Internet.

A group called Broadband Forum organized the meeting. It was the group's fourth meeting this year. The Broadband Forum has almost two hundred members from around the world. They work to develop broadband network standards across the industry.

Laurie Adams Gonzalez is the marketing director for Broadband Forum. She says the group has been helping service providers move to the newest Internet

Protocol, known as IPv6. Mrs. Gonzalez says the current version of the Internet, known as IPv4, could soon run out of space: “There is only eight percent of the IPv4 numbers left in the world and so there has been a very sensitive need for service providers to be able to support a whole new numbering scheme.”

Broadband is one of the fastest growing areas of the telecommunications industry. A report from the Broadband Forum says the number of broadband subscribers (用户) reached four hundred ninety-eight million worldwide in June. By the third week of July it had passed five hundred million. That represents one in five homes worldwide.

Mrs. Gonzalez says much of the growth has come from an unexpected source: “One of the things that we’re really seeing with broadband is that there are markets opening up, especially for emerging (新兴) and developing countries that they would have never had an audience for.”

Asia represents almost forty-one percent of the total broadband subscriptions. More than one hundred twenty million of those subscribers are in China.

The report from the Broadband Forum also looked at Internet Protocol Television, or IPTV. IPTV is one of the main developments leading the growth in broadband.

IPTV uses fast broadband connections to bring television programs into homes. It normally requires a subscription and a special box on top of the television.

The Forum report said IPTV subscriptions had grown to more than thirty-eight million by the end of June. France has the highest number of IPTV subscribers at more than nine million. China and the United States are next, with an average of more than six million subscribers each.

The Broadband Forum will release its latest usage report sometime this month. More growth is expected for both broadband and IPTV.

(403 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following statements about Broadband Forum is incorrect?
 - A. It was the organizer of the meeting in San Diego, California last week.
 - B. It has almost two hundred million members from around the world.
 - C. It works to develop broadband network standards across the industry.
 - D. Its marketing director is Laurie Adams Gonzalez.
2. Which of the following statements about Internet Protocol is correct?
 - A. It is a high data rate connection to the Internet.
 - B. Its current version is known as IPv6.
 - C. Its newest version is known as IPv4.
 - D. None of the above.
3. Which of the following is incorrect concerning broadband subscription?
 - A. The number of broadband subscribers passed 500 million in July.
 - B. Much of the growth was not from the developed countries.
 - C. Africa represents almost 41% of the total broadband subscriptions.
 - D. More than 120 million of those subscribers are in China.
4. The following statements about IPTV are correct except _____
 - A. It is short for Internet Protocol Television.
 - B. It is one of the main developments leading the growth in broadband.
 - C. It just requires a special box on top of the television.
 - D. France has the highest number of IPTV subscribers.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Mrs. Gonzalez says IPv4 could soon run out of space because _____
_____.
2. The unexpected source for much of the growth in broadband subscription refers to _____.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分5秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Angry Birds Developer Rovio to Open Stores in China

Angry Birds maker Rovio has announced plans to open stores in China within 12 months.

Unofficial products connected to the videogame has already proved popular in the country.

The company's chief marketing officer, Peter Vesterbacka, made the announcement at the Techcrunch conference in Beijing.

He said he was targeting \$100m (£62m) in sales from the shops in their first year of operation.

"On the physical side, we don't have a lot of our officially licensed products out here, so we have ourselves to blame," he told the conference.

Mr. Vesterbacka said he had been to China many times "checking out the Angry Birds' presence".

He told delegates (代表) he was unhappy with the quality of the unofficial products, but had also gained "a lot of inspiration from the copyists". The comment drew laughter from the audience.

"It is great that the brand is so loved," he added.

Egg hunt

The first official release in China is planned to precede (先于) stores in the firm's native Finland.

Angry Birds was first released through Apple's App Store in 2009.

The game's surreal premise (缘起) is that a group of pigs have stolen the Angry Birds' eggs, resulting in the latter's attacks.

Players use a slingshot (弹弓) to launch the birds at the pigs' defences, in order to progress.

The title has been downloaded more than 50 million times in China alone and Rovio hopes to double that figure.

The company indicated earlier this month that it may float its stock in 2012.

It is not surprising that Angry Birds merchandise has proved so popular in China, according to Robert Gregory, global research director at Planet Retail. Animal-based characters are already an established part of the popular culture there.

But he warned that Rovio would also be taking a risk with the move.

"The danger is that all trends come and go, and a year or two down the line are people going to get bored of Angry Birds and move on to the next game," he said.

(335 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Unofficial Angry Birds products have been welcomed in China. ()
2. Mr. Vesterbacka praised the quality of the unofficial products in China. ()
3. The word "surreal" in Paragraph 11 possibly means "happening in real life".
()
4. Robert Gregory thought Rovio's plan would be a sure success. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. According to Mr. Vesterbacka, his company was _____
for the widespread unofficial products in China.
2. According to Robert Gregory, _____ are already an
established part of the popular culture in China.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分58秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Free Wi-Fi in Central London Promotion Launched

Nokia has switched on a trial of a free Wi-Fi (无线联网) service in central London. From today until the end of 2011, the public will be able to use the high-speed service in certain parts of the city thanks to the phone firm.

If the two-month trial is judged as a success, the Finnish company plans to turn it into a fully developed free Wi-Fi service early in 2012.

The trial is one of many that will eventually see London dotted with hotspots offering free net browsing (浏览).

Nokia has set up 26 hotspots to support the service and these are largely concentrated around West End shopping areas. Victoria, Marylebone and Westminster will also get access points. The firm said people would not need to register or sign in to use the Wi-Fi.

The offer is the largest such project Nokia has set up. It said it was considering repeating the exercise in cities in Africa and India where telecoms infrastructure (基础设施) is poor.

The hotspots will be located on phone boxes owned and operated by project partner Spectrum Interactive. It said that the full service would involve using many more of its 1,000 sites in London.

The hotspots are built around web links that run at 20 megabits (兆位) per second but download speeds will be limited to a maximum of 1 megabit per user

to ensure others can get at the service.

“The trial is going to help us understand what people are using it for so we can improve it in the future,” said Craig Hepburn, Nokia’s director of digital and social media.

Free Wi-Fi is already widely available in London. In particular, London’s financial district, the Square Mile, has had free Wi-Fi provided by The Cloud for years.

In Central London free Wi-Fi is available generally via isolated access points in shops, hotels, pubs and bars. In addition some ISPs, such as BT, give their customers free Wi-Fi via their own-brand wireless services.

The separated nature of existing services has led the Greater London Authority to encourage boroughs (自治市镇) to set up free Wi-Fi along the busiest streets. Projects for Wi-Fi in Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea as well as Hammersmith & Fulham and other regions are believed to be in the closing stages of negotiation.

There are also ongoing talks to put Wi-Fi on London tube stations so passengers can browse the web while they wait for a train.

There is also a plan to provide free Wi-Fi in and around London for the 2012 Olympics to help visitors and tourists find their way around and to make it easier for the sights and sounds of the games to be shared.

(445 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following statements about the trial of a free wi-fi service in central London is incorrect?
 - A. It is launched by a phone firm.
 - B. The public will be able to use the service in all parts of the city.
 - C. It will last two months.

- D. None of the above
2. The trial service is available in _____ for the time being.
- A. West End
 - B. Victoria
 - C. Marylebone
 - D. Westminster
3. Free Wi-Fi services available in London are now provided by _____.
- A. Nokia
 - B. the Cloud
 - C. BT
 - D. all of the above
4. In Central London free Wi-Fi is available via the following access points except in _____.
- A. shops
 - B. hotels
 - C. pubs and bars
 - D. tube stations

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. In order to ensure other users can get at the Wi-Fi service, _____
_____.
2. _____ of existing services has led the Greater London Authority to encourage free Wi-Fi services along the busiest streets.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：5分12秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Do Video Games Contribute to ADHD?

The Verdict (判决)? Maybe.

Thus far, most studies point to no. People with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, 注意力缺失过动症) tend to enjoy video games, but there's no adequate evidence that the games cause or contribute to the condition.

Video-game haters like to blame many of society's ills on Pong and its spawn (后来的各种游戏). The highly regretted "short attention duration" of the MTV and Nintendo generations is an ideal example. Do computer games encourage this phenomenon? More important, can they contribute to ADHD? It's a good question, and one that hasn't been completely answered.

There have been several small studies investigating the issue, and most haven't found any causal link between video games and ADHD. But there's a definite chicken-and-egg puzzle here. One recent study of 72 high schoolers found that those who played video games for more than one hour a day showed more symptoms of ADHD than those who played for less time. (Only two kids in this study actually had been judged as developing ADHD.) On the other hand, experts know that children and teens with ADHD (little of this research involves adults) tend to enjoy the rapid excitement of playing video games, which could explain the connection without implicating (暗示) the games.

"More severe symptoms of inattention and ADHD behavior were found in

students who played video games for more than one hour,” the researchers noted, but “it is unclear whether playing video games for more than one hour leads to an increase in ADHD symptoms, or whether young students with ADHD symptoms spend more time on video games.”

Research has also found that heavy Internet users are more likely to exhibit ADHD symptoms, but again, studies haven't pinned down any causal effect.

(286 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Children and teens with ADHD like playing video games because they enjoy the rapid excitement. ()
2. It is clear that young students with ADHD symptoms spend more time on video games. ()
3. Heavy Internet users are more likely to exhibit ADHD symptoms. ()
4. ADHD has nothing to do with playing video games. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Thus far, there's no _____ that video games cause or contribute to ADHD.
2. The relation between video games and ADHD can be said to like the _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分47秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Ten Ways to Protect Yourself Online

1. If You Fall Victim to a Scam (诈骗), Report It

If you're a victim of online scam, contact the authorities. You can file an online report with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). Also contact your local police to file a report. The more people who report such crimes, the more criminals are arrested.

2. Guard Your Personal Information

Never respond to requests for personal or account information online (or over the phone). When your social security number is requested as an identifier, ask if you can provide other information instead. Watch out for convincing imitations of banks, card companies, and government agencies. Use legal sources of contact information to check the requests for information, such as your financial institution's official website or the telephone number listed on statements.

3. Don't Overshare

Don't share your birth date, mother's original name, pet's name or any other identifying information on social media websites such as Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter.

4. Stay Up to Date

Install anti-virus software (反病毒软件) on your computer and keep it

updated. Use the latest version of your web browser. Install security patches (补丁) and software updates as soon as they are ready to install.

5. Make it Difficult

Use unique and hard-to-guess passwords. Don't access secure websites using public Wi-Fi.

6. Beware of Fake Online Sweepstakes (独中大奖) and Contests

All offers that require payment or private information before giving an award are false. Take the time to check out the truthfulness of an offer. Ask for contact information from the sender and details about the company running the contest. Once you start asking a lot of questions and make it clear you won't be pushed to make an immediate decision, most scammers will go away.

7. Go Paperless

Enroll in electronic statements, use direct deposit, and make bill payments online (to avoid mail theft).

8. Don't Believe the Work at Home Hype (骗局)

Thoroughly conduct a background check on the company, making as many phone calls and Internet searches as you can. If in doubt, visit a local law enforcement (实施) office and ask their opinion. All offers to earn pay for re-shipping goods sent to your address are untrue. Unfortunately, some work-from-home scams not only ask the individual to target others, they also make an identity scam victim out of the individual!

9. Ask What Your Bank Is Doing to Protect You

Understand banks' responsibility for fraud protection: all large providers now offer zero-responsibility protection for credit cards, while a few offer a guarantee for online banking transactions.

10. Keep a Close Eye on Your Finances

Check your bank and credit card accounts weekly. Sign up for alerts to be sent to your mobile phone or e-mail. Monitor your credit and public information online to spot unauthorized activity. Free credit reports from each of the three

major credit bureaus are available each year through annualcreditreport.com. Optional (可选择的) fee-based services offer more extensive monitoring of credit information, personal identity records, social security numbers and online transactions.

(499 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. In order to guard our personal information online, _____ is incorrect.
 - A. Don't respond to requests for personal information over the phone.
 - B. Provide your social security number as an identifier.
 - C. Watch out for imitations of banks, card companies, and so on.
 - D. Use legal contact information to check the requests for information.
2. In order to stay up to date, we should _____.
 - A. keep your anti-virus software on your computer updated
 - B. use the latest version of your web browser
 - C. install security patches and software updates as soon as possible
 - D. all of the above
3. In order to guard against fake online sweepstakes and contests, _____ is incorrect.
 - A. conduct a thorough background check on the company
 - B. make as many phone calls and Internet searches as you can
 - C. visit a local law enforcement office and ask their opinion
 - D. earn pay for re-shipping goods sent to your address
4. In order to protect our finances online, _____ is incorrect.
 - A. check our bank and credit card accounts weekly
 - B. sign up for alerts to be sent to our mobile phone or e-mail
 - C. monitor our credit and public information online
 - D. none of the above

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Use _____ passwords to protect ourselves online.
2. All large providers now offer _____ for credit cards.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：5分11秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

You Know You're an Internet Addict When...

Most of us are spending steadily increasing amounts of time glued to our computer screens, often causing damage to our social and family lives.

Are you suffering from Internet addiction? Find out by taking a look at the questions below. If you answer “yes” to most of these questions, then you probably should reduce your Internet use. If you can't cut down, check out the links at the end of this piece for information on treatments available for Internet addiction.

- Do you often stay online longer than you intended?
- Do you neglect household chores (家务杂事) in order to spend more time online?
- Do you prefer the excitement of the online world to intimacy with your partner?
- Do people in your life complain about how much time you spend online?
- Do your grades or your work suffer as a result of your time on the web?
- Do you always check email or Facebook before settling down to the task at hand?
- Does your job performance suffer as a result of time you spend on the Internet?
- Are you defensive or secretive about the time you spend online?

- Do you feel that without the Internet your life would be dreary (沉闷的) and dull?
- Do you get annoyed with people who interrupt your online time?
- Do you lose sleep as a result of staying online too late?
- Have you tried to reduce your time online and failed?
- Do you choose to spend time online over spending time with friends or family?

For advice on treating Internet addiction:

HealthyPlace.com: "How Do You Treat Internet Addiction?"

Psych Central: "Internet Addiction Guide"

Sources: PLoSONE, Healthyplace.com, psychcentral.com, netaddiction.com, healthstatus.com

(285 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. You are probably an Internet addict if your classmates complain about the time you spend online. ()
2. You are probably an Internet addict if your grades or work suffer as a result of your time on the web. ()
3. You are probably an Internet addict if you try to keep your online time a secret. ()
4. You are probably an Internet addict if you sleep too much at night. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Spending too much time online may cause damage to _____.
2. If you answer "yes" to most of the above questions, then you are probably suffering from _____.

Unit 4

Customs, Practices and Scenery Spots

Overseas



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分1秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Quick Study: The Royal Wedding of Kate & Will

Bring on the Sentiment

More than \$16 million will be spent, and some four billion people around the world will watch. Here's how the young couple will pull it off.

There will be one striking absence on the big day: the mother of the groom, whom William has called “quite simply, the best mum in the world”. So it was fitting when Wills proposed to Kate with his mom's 18-carat sapphire (蓝宝石)-and-diamond engagement ring.

Keep the Plans a Secret

Everyone loves surprises, right? The Brits are mad for Kate's fashion sense. So much so that the royal blue dress the five-foot-ten, size-two beauty wore to announce her engagement — made by Issa, one of her favorite designers — sold

out on net-a-porter.com within 24 hours. But the bride has kept silent about her wedding gown.

But Spill Some Details

Before the official press conference, Will and Kate's engagement was announced online, followed by news that the happy couple would be married at Westminster Abbey by the archbishop (大主教) of Canterbury and that the Queen would throw a traditional reception at Buckingham Palace. But that was enough tradition for the modern couple. The real party will be a private dinner and dance for close friends and family only.

Don't Look Greedy

Royal aides say the couple is asking that guests donate to charity instead of sending presents because those bestowed (赠与) on royals in the past can be, well, a bit impractical. When the Queen Mum and George VI were married in 1923, they were given 1,000 gold-eyed needles.

Arrive (Or at Least Depart) in Style

Kate has said she'd prefer to make her way to the ceremony by car rather than in the traditional, Cinderellaesque (灰姑娘式的) "glass coach", though she will depart by carriage. One possible reason besides thrift? She's too sensitive to horses.

Do a Few Dry Runs First

Two carriage rides will take place before the big day, the first for pacing and the second — in the dead of night — with the actual royal carriages carrying people of exactly the same weight as the wedding party. Then coachmen will adjust the springs so that the carriage "doesn't sway too much and make the passengers sick," says a former driver.

Keep Security Tight

All trash bins along the route will be sealed ahead of time to prevent anyone from hiding a bomb inside them. On the wedding day itself, all rooftops will be covered by police to guard against potential snipers (狙击手). Kate will be

followed “from the moment she gets up in the morning,” says Alex Bomberg, a former royal aide. While the royal family will pay for the wedding itself, the security, paid for by the public, is estimated to cost at least \$8 million.

Don't Forget Souvenirs

The wedding will likely generate some \$1 billion. And a large part of that will come from the cups decorated with the couple's likeness, as well as unauthorized items such as tea towels — and even condoms (避孕套).

(496 words)

1. Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following statements is incorrect according to the first 2 paragraphs?
 - A. The wedding will cost at least \$16 million.
 - B. There will be an audience of about 4 billion.
 - C. William's mother will attend the wedding.
 - D. The engagement ring is decorated with precious stones.
2. The following details of the wedding are correct except _____.
 - A. the engagement was first announced online
 - B. the new couple would be married at Westminster Abbey
 - C. a traditional reception would be held at Buckingham Palace
 - D. the private dinner party would be open for all guests
3. Which of the following statements about the dry runs is NOT true?
 - A. There will be 3 dry runs altogether.
 - B. The first ride is for pacing.
 - C. The second ride is for weight.
 - D. The second ride will be carried out at night.
4. _____ are NOT mentioned as souvenirs in this article.

- A. Cups
- B. Tea towels
- C. Coins
- D. Condoms

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The couple would like guests to donate to charity instead of sending presents because some royal presents could be _____.
2. Kate don't like horse-drawn carriage possibly because _____
_____.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分55秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Ten Fun Father's Day Activities

On Father's Day, take your Dad out for something that you both can enjoy. Check out these easy and fun activities.

Fishing

Whether it's extreme, deep sea, or a trip to the neighborhood lake, a fishing trip can be a great time to connect with your dad, and with nature. Book an overnight trip or pick Dad up early for a day of fishing and bonding.

Outdoor music festival

The warm June weather is a perfect time to take Dad out for a music festival. Whether it's rock, soul, classical, or country, there are plenty of opportunities to check out great music in your area.

Paintball

Sign up for a trip to paintball country and let Dad explore his inner fighter. From indoor to outdoor places, you're sure to have fun with a little friendly battle. Just play, and forget the results.

Volunteer

Take a day with Dad and give back to your community by volunteering at a local soup kitchen, or community garden. Turn spending time with Dad into a meaningful opportunity to help those around you.

Spa day

Everyone deserves to be spoiled, even Dad. Book him a trip to the spa for a massage (按摩) or a hair cut, or even to get a professional shave.

Archives (档案库) tour

For the history lovers, check with your local library or historical society and ask if tours are available of their shelves and archives. Many organizations will be happy to show you a behind-the-scenes look at your town's history.

Battle reenactment (重现, 再上演)

Jump into a time machine and head to the 19th or 18th centuries to watch a Civil or Revolutionary War reenactment. Both you and Dad will enjoy experiencing a part of history.

Car show

Dad a car nut? Contact your local car clubs to find a nearby show of amazing vintage hot-rods (改装后能高速行驶的老旧汽车) or the latest electric car.

Shopping

Even Dad likes to go shopping, but it just may not be at the mall. Take Dad to all of his favorite stores and spend the day shopping for anything from hammers to antiques (古董).

Cooking class

Book a cooking class with Dad that explores his favorite cooking style. Dad can use the opportunity to sharpen his skills, or maybe show off a few you never knew he had!

(380 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Going out fishing with your Dad gives you the chance to be close to him only.
()
2. It's important to let your Dad win in your paintball battles. ()

3. Dads like to go shopping at the mall too. ()
4. It can be inferred that most Dads are poor cooks. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Volunteering at a local soup kitchen or community garden can become _____ to help those around you.
2. Visiting local library or historical society may give you _____
_____ look at your town's history.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分16秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

New School Trains in Different Religions

Claremont Lincoln University in California is a new graduate school made up of Christian, Muslim and institutions for religious education. It hopes to change the way religious leaders in the United States are educated.

The school will train Muslim, Jewish and Christian clergy together. The leaders think this is the first “interreligious university” of its kind.

The university is east of Los Angeles. It offers master’s degree programs in interreligious studies and Muslim leadership.

Three institutions founded Claremont Lincoln. One of them is the Claremont School of Theology (宗教学), where the university is located. The other founders are the Academy for Jewish Religion, California, and the Islamic Center of Southern California.

Students from one institution may take courses at the others. The Islamic school is just beginning its programs. The founders hope to begin training imams (伊玛目, 教长) sometime next year.

David Lincoln is chairman of the board of Claremont Lincoln. He and his wife, Joan, donated (捐献) fifty million dollars to the university: “The religions will be promoting peace in the world and not fighting each other. In a lot of places now they fight each other, and if the religions could encourage solutions to the problems, then the problems would be solved and we’d all be better off.”

Reverend (对牧师的尊称) Jerry Campbell, president of the Claremont School of Theology, says teaching religion this way will strengthen (巩固) society: “If we can’t love our neighbors who are not like us, if we can’t love them being who they are, how can our country hang together?”

Jihad Turk is director of religious affairs for the Islamic Center of Southern California. He says this way of educating religious leaders will send a message: “It will demonstrate to the world that the United States is not on a war against the Muslim world or the Islamic faith, but that there is great support from private institutions from the public at large and by the government as well that recognizes that Islam and Muslims are on the side of peace.”

Ebrahim Rasool, South Africa’s ambassador (大使) to the United States, recently spoke at the university. He says interfaith cooperation is a way to balance extremism: “Anyone can step into the rule-breakings and claim to be speaking for God, and unless the middle ground is able to establish what is God’s purpose, we will lose more and more ground to the fundamentalists (原教旨主义者).”

Reverend Campbell says he hopes to bring more religions to Claremont Lincoln, including the Bahai faith. An International School of Jain Studies will offer short-term exchange programs and discussions on Jainism, a religion from India.

Reverend Campbell says the goal is to unite people to promote religion as a source of healing, sympathy and peace.

(454 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The new graduate school will train the following clergy at first except _____.

- A. Muslim
 - B. Jewish
 - C. Christian
 - D. Buddhist
2. _____ is NOT one of the three institutions that founded Claremont Lincoln.
- A. The Claremont School of Theology
 - B. The International School of Jain Studies
 - C. The Academy for Jewish Religion
 - D. The Islamic Center of Southern California
3. Which of the following is NOT the ideas of the founders?
- A. The religions should promote peace instead of fighting each other.
 - B. We should love our neighbors who are not like us.
 - C. The United States is on a war against the Muslim world.
 - D. The US government recognizes that Islam is on the side of peace.
4. According to Ebrahim Rasool, _____.
- A. interfaith competition is a way to balance extremism
 - B. anyone has the right to break rules
 - C. the middle ground should establish what is God's purpose
 - D. none of the above

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. According to the leaders, the new graduate school in California can be called the first _____ of its kind.
2. Ebrahim Rasool thinks that if we don't want to lose more and more ground to the fundamentalists, then the middle ground has to establish _____.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分29秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in Missouri

In 1946 Britain's former prime minister, Winston Churchill, accepted an invitation from his Missouri-born friend President Harry Truman to speak at Westminster College.

In that historic address Churchill described the Soviet grip on Eastern Europe: "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has covered the entire continent."

In the early 1960s the college decided to honor the great British leader by reconstructing on its grounds a London landmark destroyed in World War II. The structure was the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, a 12th-century London church burned down by the great fire of London in 1666 and rebuilt by Christopher Wren in 1677. The church was knocked to the ground by German bombs in 1940.

Reconstruction began in 1965. Seven thousand stones weighing a total of 700 tons were cleaned, numbered, and shipped to Fulton, with new stones hand cut as necessary. Wood carvings, windows, and brass chandeliers (枝形吊灯) were all re-created from Wren's designs. A new organ was built in London, five new bronze bells were made in Holland, windows were copied by a glass company in West Virginia, and a London wood carver matched the original pulpit (布道坛).

Completed in 1969, the white church takes on a graceful simplicity. The inside is light and spacious, the decoration rich but unobtrusive. A library and a museum in the undercroft (地下室) relate the life and long public service of the prime minister.

Open year-round except holidays. Admission charged.

(247 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Winston Churchill was Britain's prime minister in 1946. ()
2. Aldermanbury was burned down by the great fire of London in 1666. ()
3. The reconstruction that began in 1965 was designed to be totally different from the original one. ()
4. The new white church was free for tourists. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. According to Chruchill, an _____ has covered the entire continent as a result of the Soviet grip on Eastern Europe.
2. The new white church looks _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分58秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Kyoto's Living Art of the Geisha

Catching a glimpse of a geisha (艺妓) hurrying to an appointment in the narrow streets of Kyoto's Gion entertainment district is a moment of pure magic: they have striking white faces and brilliant kimono (和服). If you're like most travelers, you may find it hard to believe your own eyes when you see one of these graceful beings.

A living tradition

The origins of today's geisha can be traced back to the Edo Period (1600-1868), although they became most popular during the Taisho Period (1912-1926). To answer the most common question regarding geisha: they are most definitely not prostitutes (妓女). Rather, geisha are highly skilled entertainers, who entertain guests at private parties and dinners. In many ways, geisha are living embodiments of Japanese traditional culture: each one is well trained in traditional dancing, singing, musical instruments and occasionally other arts such as tea ceremony and ikebana (flower arrangement).

An evening of geisha entertainment often begins with an delicate meal of kaiseki (怀石料理). During the meal, the geisha will chat with guests, pour drinks and light cigarettes. Following dinner, the geisha may dance to music provided by a musician, who plays the traditional, three-stringed shamisen. Geisha may also engage the guests in a variety of drinking games, at which they excel,

almost always resulting in guests getting progressively drunk.

Geisha events

Considering the cost of a geisha's training and kimono, it's hardly surprising that geisha entertainment is quite expensive: dinner for two guests with one geisha runs about \$700, and parties with a shamisen player and two or more geisha easily tops \$1,000 (making geisha entertainment a better idea for groups of travellers than individuals). These days, some hotels in Kyoto offer regular geisha events for guests. If you happen to be in Kyoto in the spring or fall, the geisha dances put on by the city's five geisha districts should be considered must-sees. For those who want to arrange private geisha entertainment, it can be done through private tour companies and high-end hotels. Finally, if you spot a woman who looks like a geisha wandering through the tourist districts of Kyoto during the daytime trailed by a photographer, you can be pretty sure she is a tourist who is paid to be made up as a geisha, and not a real one!

(383 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following descriptions about geisha is NOT true?
 - A. walk slowly
 - B. have very white face
 - C. wear bright cloths
 - D. look graceful
2. The word "embodiments" in Paragraph 2 possibly means _____.
 - A. value
 - B. representation
 - C. treasure
 - D. spirit

3. Geisha are well trained in the following except _____.
 - A. traditional dancing and singing
 - B. tea ceremony
 - C. drinking games
 - D. cooking
4. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as contributing to the high cost of geisha entertainment?
 - A. delicate meal and traditional music
 - B. geisha's training
 - C. geisha's clothing
 - D. expensive tips

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. According to this article, Geisha are surely not prostitutes but _____
_____.
2. The traditional, three-stringed musical instrument usually played during geisha entertainment is called a _____.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分59秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Walt Disney World Meets “Avatar”

What? Disney is building AvatarLand?

Okay. The news breaks that Disney is going to put a new “land” into Walt Disney World’s Animal Kingdom based on the movie *Avatar* (阿凡达). Since I follow the Disney blogosphere (博客圈), I expected all manner of responses, ranging from *My Prayers are Answered*, to *It’s the End of Life as We Know It*. In fact, they might as well have announced the installation of a new begonia (秋海棠) in the back of the parking lot for all the sensation that it caused. Then again, it won’t be completed for a number of years, so maybe most people are just taking a wait-and-see attitude, which I guess makes sense.

Still... The history of WDW is complicated, but the original plan was a city with a theme park. Now we have four theme parks, one of them the evolution of that city. Another of those parks is Animal Kingdom. The original plan for that included something called the Beastly Kingdom, with imaginary animals. One has to assume that any Beastly Kingdom plans are included or at least postponed by AvatarLand (or whatever they’re calling it). The thing is, I can see how AvatarLand sort of fits into WDW, as a response to HarryPotterLand down the road at Universal. And I have faith in James Cameron as a theme park partner because he strikes me as nutty (狂热的) enough to pull it off. It never would have occurred to me in a vacuum, though. Oh, well. We’ll have years to

think about it and follow its development. As they're saying at Disney, it's all very early days now. Like the Disney blogosphere, we'll just have to wait and see.

Meanwhile, writer Jim Hill is one of the biggest names in Disneyana, and he's written a straightforward and informative piece on the whole business for *Huffpo*:

Long story short: If you like the recently-opened "Star Tours: The Adventures Continue" ride at Disneyland Park and WDW's Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park, then think about how much you're going to enjoy an attraction that not only flies you to a far-off place like Pandora (潘多拉, 影片《阿凡达》中的星球) but also allows you to exit that craft and go off and explore this world.

Well, if you put it that way, where do I get my Fastpass?

(384 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. There are quite different responses to the news of AvatarLand. ()
2. WDW has a simple history and the original plan was a city with a theme park. ()
3. The Beastly Kingdom will keep real animals. ()
4. "Pull it off" in Paragraph 3 possibly means "spoil it". ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The author thinks it is reasonable to take a _____ attitude towards the news of the AvatarLand.
2. Jim Hill's description of the AvatarLand is _____.

Unit 5

Men of Fame and Honor



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分41秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Michael Jackson, 1958-2009: He Amazed the World with His Music and Dancing

Today we tell about one of the most famous performers in the world, Michael Jackson. Known as the “King of Pop”, Jackson sold more than seven hundred fifty million albums (唱片) over his career. Michael Jackson redefined popular culture with his energetic music, dance moves and revolutionary music videos.

But Jackson’s huge success as a performer was not always easy. He was a complex individual with an often troubled private life.

In 1982, Jackson released “Thriller” (颤栗) . The album was not just the best selling album of all time. It also won eight Grammy Awards and seven American Music Awards. And it helped establish the popularity of a new form of

entertainment, music videos.

The video for the song “Thriller” was important in the history of the music industry. Michael Jackson understood the power of these videos in bringing attention to his music and to his image. He worked hard to make exciting videos with complex stories and dances.

Michael Jackson was a huge success, but he was also a very troubled man. His behavior and appearance became increasingly strange. He had many operations to change his face. He acted and spoke in a childlike way. Jackson bought a huge property in California which he called “Neverland” after the children’s story of Peter Pan. He had amusement park rides, a zoo and a large movie theater built for his home. Michael Jackson also went into major debt. And he suffered from injuries and illness that reportedly led him to take many kinds of pain-killing medicines.

In 1993, a thirteen-year-old boy accused him of sexual abuse. The child molestation (骚扰, 猥亵) case was settled out of court with Jackson reportedly paying the boy millions of dollars. But ten years later, a similar accusation by another boy led to a criminal trial which began in 2005. A jury (陪审团) cleared Jackson of all charges. He called the trial the hardest thing he had ever done in his life.

Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009 of heart failure. He was just days away from launching a series of fifty concerts in London.

Fans around the world mourned (哀悼) his death. Prisoners in a jail in the Philippines danced for him. Fans in Paris, France attended a service at the city’s ancient religious center in his honor. Famous performers around the world told about the influence he had on their work. Michael Jackson left a huge mark on popular culture. His memory will live on in his unforgettable music.

(422 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Michael Jackson redefined popular culture with the following except _____.
 - A. energetic music
 - B. dance moves
 - C. revolutionary music videos
 - D. concerts
2. Which of the following statements about “Thriller” is NOT true?
 - A. It is released in 1982.
 - B. It was not the best selling album of all time.
 - C. It won seven American Music Awards.
 - D. It helped establish the popularity of music videos.
3. Michael Jackson’s behavior and appearance became strange because he _____.
 - A. had many facial operations
 - B. acted and spoke in a childlike way
 - C. named a property “Neverland” after the children’s story of Peter Pan
 - D. all of the above
4. Which of the following statements about the child molestation cases is true?
 - A. Jackson settled both cases in court.
 - B. Jackson did pay the first boy a large sum of money.
 - C. Jackson was innocent in the second case.
 - D. The trial brought Jackson no trouble at all.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. _____ took Michael Jackson’s life on June 25th, 2009.
2. It can be concluded that M. J. was _____ in terms of his career and _____ in terms of his private life.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分17秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Unique Artistry of William Steig

The art of William Steig looks only like the art of William Steig. Most famous nowadays, probably, for creating *Shrek!*, that merely scratches the surface of his abilities. Two of my favorites of his books are *CDB!* and its followup, *CDC?* (The letters replace words: say them aloud.) But mostly I see him as a cartoonist in the *New Yorker*, a cartoonist without which the *New Yorker* would not have been the same magazine.

Another wonderful artist, Roz Chast, talks about Steig in *The Paris Review*. It is a winning analysis of one unique talent by another:

“I first noticed William Steig’s covers and cartoons around 1970, when I was a young and would page through my parents’ *New Yorker* magazines. His drawings didn’t look like the rest of the cartoons in the magazine. They didn’t have gag lines (逗笑的话). There were no boardrooms, no cocktail (鸡尾酒) parties with people saying witty things to one another. His men and women looked as if they were out of the Past, although I wasn’t completely clear as to what era of the Past they were from. Sometimes the drawings made me laugh, and sometimes they didn’t, but I always wanted to look at them. I had a sense that these cartoons were made by someone who had had to create his own language, both visual and verbal (语言的), with which to express his view of the world.”

(235 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. *Shrek!* was far from William Steig's best artistry. ()
2. William Steig was of little importance to the *New Yorker*. ()
3. You can find Roz Chast's comment on William Steig in *New Yorker*. ()
4. Chast thought Steig's characters were sort of old-fashioned. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. William Steig expressed his view of the world with his _____
_____ own language, both _____.
2. If we are going to comment on Steig's artist work with one word only, then it
would be _____.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分22秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Sigmund Freud, the Founder of Psychoanalysis

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), Austrian physician, and founder of psychoanalysis (心理分析), who created an entirely new approach to the understanding of human personality. Through his skill as a scientist, physician, and writer, Freud combined ideas popular at the time with his own observation and study to produce a major theory of psychology. Most importantly, he applied these ideas to medical practice in the treatment of mental illness. His newly created psychological treatments and procedures, many of which in modified form are applied today, were based on his understanding of unconscious thought processes and their relationship to mental symptoms. Not easily accepted at the time, Freud's ideas have waxed and waned in acceptance ever since. Nevertheless, he is regarded as one of the greatest creative minds of the 20th century.

Freud was born into a middle-class Jewish family in Freiberg, Moravia, on May 6, 1856. When he was three years old, his family, running away from the racial unrest in Freiberg, moved to the German city of Leipzig. Shortly thereafter, the family settled in Vienna, where Freud remained for most of his life.

Although Freud's goal from childhood had been a career in law, he became interested in the rapidly developing sciences of the day after reading the work of British scientist Charles Darwin. Freud decided to become a medical student

shortly before he entered Vienna University in 1873. Inspired by the scientific investigations of the German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Freud was driven by an intense desire to study natural science and to solve some of the challenging scientific problems.

In his third year at the university Freud began research work on the central nervous system in the physiological laboratory under the direction of German physician Ernst Wilhelm von Brücke. Neurological (神经学的) research was so engrossing (非常吸引人的) that Freud neglected the prescribed courses and as a result remained in medical school three years longer than was normally required to qualify as a physician. In 1881, after completing a year of military service, he received his medical degree. Unwilling to give up his experimental work, however, he remained at the university, working in the physiological laboratory. At Brücke's urging, he reluctantly (勉强地) abandoned theoretical research to gain practical experience.

In 1885, following his appointment as a lecturer in neuropathology (神经病理学) at Vienna University, he left his post at the hospital. Later that year he worked in Paris with French neurologist Jean Charcot.

On his return to Vienna in 1886 Freud began private practice in neurology. In 1902 Freud was appointed professor of neuropathology at the University of Vienna, a post he held until 1938. When the Germans occupied Austria in 1938, Freud was persuaded by friends to escape with his family to England. He died in London on September 23, 1939.

(460 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Sigmund Freud's theory of psychology has much to do with his skill as the following except _____.

- A. a philosopher
B. a scientist
C. a physician
D. a writer
2. “Waxed and waned” in Paragraph 1 possibly means the ideas had their _____.
- A. goods and bads
B. ups and downs
C. lefts and rights
D. blacks and whites
3. Which of the following statements about Freud’s childhood is **NOT** true?
- A. He was born into a very poor family.
B. He and his family moved to Leipzig in 1869.
C. He and his family then settled in Vienna.
D. He wanted to study law.
4. _____ is **NOT** mentioned in this article to have influenced Freud.
- A. Charles Darwin
B. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
C. Ernst Wilhelm von Brücke
D. William Shakespeare

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Freud’s psychological treatments were based on his understanding of _____.
2. Freud had more than one escapes because _____.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分57秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Steve Jobs: Tech, Sure, but Don't Forget Show Biz

When Steve Jobs retired from Apple, most of the response was from the tech and business communities. I'm as Appled up as the next person, if not more so, and I followed this with interest, because unquestionably Jobs was a technology giant and Apple is one of the great 21st century success stories. But he had other impacts as well, such as changing the nature of the way we listen to music, which I talked about in *The Joy of Shuffling*. That, it would seem, just scratched the surface.

One of Jobs's businesses when he wasn't running Apple was a device called Pixar. He eventually worked out a deal where Disney purchased Pixar completely, and he earned himself a spot on the Disney board. Paul Bond, writing for the *Hollywood Reporter*, outlines the impact Jobs had on show business that far exceeds what many of us might have expected. There was the whole cruise ship business for one thing (Jobs wanted Disney to launch its own branded fleet (舰队), and that was just the beginning. For instance, "in addition to guiding the cruise ship initiative (首创, 主动权), sources say Jobs soon helped persuade [Disney CEO Bob] Iger to buy back many of the 335 North American Disney Stores that the company had sold just four years earlier. Jobs helped lead a redesign of those outlets using some of the same people who designed Apple Stores, and a prototype (原型) came out for the first time a year ago in Montebello,

Calif.” Considering that the Apple stores are now retail (零售) leaders, getting Disney into this business Apple’s way sounds like a great idea.

(272 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The title suggests that Steve Jobs is an excellent actor as well. ()
2. The author himself is not so crazy about Apple products. ()
3. Jobs had limited impact on show business. ()
4. Jobs’s first show business deed was the whole cruise ship business. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Steve Jobs changed the _____ of the way we listen to music.
2. Running the Disney Stores in Apple’s way seems to be a good idea because of the fact that _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分41秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Douglas MacArthur: Born to Be a Soldier

General Douglas MacArthur was a most unusual man. He was extremely intelligent and very demanding. He expected his orders to be followed exactly. Yet he had problems all his life following the orders of those who were his commanders.

Douglas MacArthur was very intelligent and could remember things that others would easily forget. He could design battle plans that left the enemy no choice other than surrender (投降) and defeat. His battle plans defeated the enemy and saved as many of his own men as possible.

At other times, he would make simple mistakes that made him appear stupid. He often said things that showed he felt important. Many people made jokes about him. Some of his soldiers sang songs that made fun of him. Others believed he was the best general ever to serve in the United States military.

General Douglas MacArthur was extremely brave in battle, sometimes almost foolish. It often seemed as if he believed he could not be killed. He won every medal and honor the United States can give a soldier. However, at the end of his life, he rejected war and warned American political leaders to stay away from armed conflict.

Douglas MacArthur was born to be a soldier. He was born on an Army base near the southern city of Little Rock, Arkansas in January, 1880. He grew up on

army bases where his father served. He said the first sounds he could remember as a child were those of the Army: the sounds of horns (号角), drums and soldiers marching.

There was never any question about what Douglas MacArthur would do with his life. The United States Military Academy at West Point, rejected him two times before he was accepted. He finished his four years at West Point as the best student in his class.

Douglas MacArthur began his service in the Army by traveling to several Asian countries including Japan, and to the Philippines, then an American territory. He also served at several small bases in the United States. He became a colonel (上校) when World War One began. He led troops on very dangerous attacks against the enemy. He won many honors for his bravery and leadership. After that war, he served as head of the West Point Military Academy. He became a general. During the 1930s, President Herbert Hoover appointed him Chief of Staff of the Army (陆军参谋长), one of the most important jobs in the American military. And when the Korean War broke out in 1950, the United States sent armed forces to aid South Korea and Douglas MacArthur was appointed commander of the United Nations forces in South Korea.

In April, 1951, Douglas MacArthur went home to the United States. It was the first time he had been there in more than fifteen years. He was honored as a returning hero. He was invited to speak before Congress. There was a huge parade (阅兵式, 游行) to honor him in New York City. Some political leaders wanted him to compete for some political office, perhaps for president. Instead, he lived a quiet life with his wife and son. He died at the age of 84 on April fifth, 1964.

(532 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. MacArthur was very intelligent because of the following facts except _____.
 - A. he could remember things that others would easily forget
 - B. he could design battle plans that defeated the enemy
 - C. he could save as many of his own men as possible in battle
 - D. he could be extremely brave in battle
2. Sometimes MacArthur could be said to be stupid because _____.
 - A. he made simple mistakes
 - B. he said things that showed he felt important
 - C. he was made fun of by his soldiers
 - D. all of the above
3. MacArthur was a born soldier because of the following facts except _____.
 - A. he was very intelligent
 - B. he was born on an Army base
 - C. he grew up on army bases
 - D. the first sounds he could remember as a child were those of the Army
4. MacArthur has set foot on the following Asian countries except _____.
 - A. Japan
 - B. South Korea
 - C. China
 - D. the Philippines

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Although MacArthur was born to be a soldier, he was actually _____
_____ war at the end of his life.
2. When General MacArthur went home in 1951, he was honored as _____
_____.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分13秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Noah Chomsky, More than a Linguist

Avram Noah Chomsky, born in 1928, is American linguist, educator, and political activist. Chomsky is the founder of transformational-generative grammar (转换生成语法), a system that revolutionized modern linguistics.

Chomsky was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a Ph.D. degree in linguistics in 1955 under the direction of American linguist Zellig Harris. While still a graduate student, Chomsky held an appointment from 1951 to 1955 as a junior fellow at Harvard University. He worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1955 as French and German teacher. In 1976 he became Institute Professor of Linguistics at MIT.

Chomsky created and established a new field of linguistics, generative grammar, based on a theory he worked on during the 1950s. In 1957 he published this theory, called transformational-generative grammar, in his book *Syntactic Structures*. Chomsky distinguished between the innate (天生的), often unconscious knowledge people have of their own language and the way in which they use the language in reality. The former, which he termed competence, enables people to produce all possible grammatical sentences. The latter, which he called performance, is the transformation of this competence into everyday speech. Before Chomsky, most theories about the structure of language

described performance; they were transformational grammars. However, according to Chomsky, linguistic theory also should explain the mental processes that serve as the foundation of language use — in other words, the nature of language itself, or generative grammar.

Chomsky placed linguistics at the centre of studies of the mind. He claimed that linguistic theory must account for general similarities between all languages and for the fact that children are able to learn language fluently at an early age in spite of insufficient data that has no systematic logic. His contribution to the cognitive (认知) sciences — fields that seek to understand how we think, learn, and perceive (感知) — stems from this claim. Of equal importance were Chomsky's arguments that a serious theory of mental processes should replace empiricism (经验主义), the belief that experience is the source of knowledge, as the primary model in American science.

Besides, Chomsky wrote on politics early in his life but began to publish more on the subject during the 1960s in response to United States policies in Southeast Asia. He chose to scale back his work on linguistics to spend more time in writing about the role of the media and academic communities in “manufacturing” the approval of the general public for U.S. policies. Chomsky also addressed the effects of U.S. foreign policy, and he felt that intellectuals (知识分子) have a responsibility to use scientific method in criticizing government policies that they find immoral and to develop practical strategies to fight against these policies.

(452 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. “Linguist” in the title possibly means someone who studies the nature and structure of languages. ()

2. Chomsky was a student of Zellig Harris. ()
3. According to Chomsky, the way in which people use the language in reality was called competence. ()
4. Chomsky wrote on politics in the 1960s in response to United States policies in South Africa. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Chomsky is the founder of _____.
2. _____ are fields that seek to understand how we think, learn, and perceive.

Unit 6

Entertainment



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分45秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

How to Tell a Good Joke?

Jokes come in all shapes and sizes and there are a few things to remember when you tell a joke:

Firstly, remember who you're telling the joke to. Choose a subject that your audience can appreciate—young people won't find jokes about economics funny, however, economics students may. Be careful not to offend people by mistake: a joke about Doctors or sick people may be funny, but not to a doctor or a sick person.

Never announce a joke "I know a very funny joke..." or tell anyone you know a story that will make them laugh. It will never be as funny as you want it to be. Tell the joke without introductions.

The timing of a joke is also very important. Don't rush towards the punch

line; the joke should build up a little tension (紧张感)...and a little more...and then a pause...and then a strong punch line. Your punch line could also be something that surprises, something your audience doesn't expect. In the same way, if your audience have to think a little before they understand the joke, they may appreciate it more.

Finally, topical jokes (jokes about events now) are funnier than jokes about events in the past. How many people would laugh now at a Margaret Thatcher joke, or a joke about the Berlin Wall coming down? But there are thousands of Tony Blair jokes or funny Internet sites about current events.

In the end, it's up to you what you find funny. And even if you can't tell jokes very well you can still enjoy them.

(261 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. When telling jokes, you should choose the right subject for the right people.
()
2. Before telling a joke, you'd better tell your audience that you know a funny story so that they will listen to you carefully and understand the joke better.
()
3. In order that your audience can understand the joke, you'd better tell the joke as slowly as possible. ()
4. Jokes about current events are funnier then jokes about events in the past.
()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. _____ will find jokes about economics funny.
2. Even if you can't tell jokes very well you can still _____.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分43秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Wii Fit

The Wii Fit was designed to have fun while moving and exercising. You improve your Body-Mass-Index, your body balance and stature (身材) and all this while having fun! You can work out any time you like and there's nobody watching you. And you can get your own personal trainer and you are still being challenged.

Packing and Content

The Balance Board is well covered and protected. The software CD is well wrapped and of course there is a nice and detailed manual. You'll also find four batteries, which is very convenient and useful. The box is light and it's even got a plastic handle.

The Balance Board

The Balance Board is rather big and a bit heavy, which is ok because it's got to carry some weight. The surface is white and it has got the Wii Logo on it. There are two pads where you'll have to place your feet. These pads are covered with anti-slip so you don't fall off too easily. The board leaves a very elegant (精美的) and still solid impression. It can carry folks with up to over 300 pounds. As we stepped on it, it didn't give in the slightest.

The board installation and setup is a no-brainer. You push the Sync Buttons on the Wii and on the board. This registers the Board as a remote control to the

Wii, just like the Wiimote, because from now on you control half of the game with the balance board. Don't forget to turn on the Board, too! The power button is on the front of the Wii Fit Balance Board. It's amazing how sensitive the board is. It registers even little pushes and steps very easily.

The Body Test and the Scale

Before you start, you'll have to go through a body test and weight. The Balance Board scales and even pretty exact, too. You can even tell the talking board how heavy you think your clothes are, and choose from a menu. After feeding the machine with all the useful data, it figures out your BMI (Body Mass Index).

The Wii even asks you how much weight you want to lose and within what given time span. It automatically figures out if this is feasible (可行的) or not.

The Software

Naturally not only the Balance Board belongs to the Wii Fit, but also a game. This is used just like any other game that comes with the Wii. You insert (插入) the disc, click on the disc channel and start.

The Wii Fit Game really is a collection of about 40 exercises and mini games. Some of these are only available after you went through a series of serious workouts, successful trainings and exercises. So, you got to go through rather simple games to be allowed to play the harder and longer ones. The games come in four categories: Yoga (瑜伽), muscle strength, aerobics (健身操) and balance.

(479 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. What is the peculiar feature of the Wii Fit?
 - A. With it, you can improve your Body-Mass-Index, your body balance and stature.

- B. You can work out any time you like.
- C. You can get your own personal trainer.
- D. With it, you can have fun while moving and exercising.
2. If you don't know how to use the Wii Fit, you'll find _____ in the package box useful.
- A. the Balance Board
- B. the software CD
- C. the manual
- D. the four batteries
3. Which is **NOT** true of the Balance Board?
- A. Its surface is white and it has got the Wii Logo on it.
- B. As a game instrument, it's too big and too heavy.
- C. It has two pads with anti-slip.
- D. It's very sensitive.
4. Some of the games are only available after you _____.
- A. went through a series of serious workouts, successful trainings and exercises
- B. paid for them
- C. downloaded them to the Wii Fit
- D. you passed the body test and weight

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Before you start using the Wii Fit, you'll have to go through a _____ and _____.
2. The Wii even asks you about _____ and within what given _____. It automatically figures out the _____ of your plan.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分59秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Magic

The word “magic” has many different meanings. A man playing card tricks in the street is doing magic, just as a wizard (巫师) in a story fighting with dragons (龙) is using magic. Magic is when something happens that we cannot explain or understand, often forcing us not to believe our own eyes or even appearing to be breaking the laws of physics or nature! When a rabbit appears in a hat or when someone claims to see into the future—both can be called magic.

Magic has always been used as a form of entertainment. People enjoy the mystery of working out which cup the little ball is underneath or how he knows which card I was thinking of. From early Egyptian times magicians have entertained people, and there have been many great magicians. Harry Houdini was one of the first world-famous magicians—famous for escaping from deadly situations. In more recent times, magicians such as David Copperfield or David Blane have become well-known names for their illusions (魔术手法), such as making the Statue of Liberty disappear or rise into the air.

Not a lot of people would argue that David Copperfield has real magical powers—he is just a great illusionist. But there are some who believe magic really exists and can change our lives. A few believe that a spell (魔咒) can make someone fall in love or some medicine will protect you from danger. White magic is the idea that spells, or mixtures of certain herbs (药草) can have a positive

influence on our lives. Black magic is the opposite of this; the idea that magical powers can be used to harm others. Dark magic is associated with the devil and evil powers, but white magic is more to do with the earth and nature.

Wizard, warlock, witch, sorcerer, enchantress are all names associated with magic, but made popular (and most created) through stories, plays or films. Shakespeare was not the first to add interest to a story with magic and the 20th Century saw a huge rise in stories about magic. The magic novel and film have created new universes where magicians fight to save the world, or something magical is the key to the story (like the ring in *Lord of the Rings*). T.H. White wrote about the most famous wizard of all—Merlin, in his books about King Arthur. The British author Terry Pratchett uses magic a great deal in his popular Discworld series of books, witches and wizards are often his main characters and there is even an Unseen University of magic. A young wizard called Harry is also quite popular in books and films at the moment...

Magical rings and three headed dogs may not be real, but does this mean nothing magical really exists? Can you always explain how the magician has done the card trick? Maybe it is better not to explain, but to leave a little magic and mystery in our lives. Pick a card, any card...

(494 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Magic can break the laws of physics or nature. ()
2. A lot of people believe that David Copperfield has real magical powers. ()
3. Shakespeare was the first person who included the element of magic in his works. ()
4. Terry Pratchett creates an Unseen University of magic in his performance. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Magic is when something happens that _____.
2. White magic is the idea that spells, or mixtures of certain herbs can have a(n) _____ influence on our lives. It is more to do with _____ and _____.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分8秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Girl's Games

Computer games have been criticized for quite some time over a whole range of issues. Some people say they are too violent and encourage violent behaviour particularly in children. Others say that they make children too active, unsociable (不爱交际的) and are bad for their eyes. Some have even related falling standards of knowledge and a lack of interest in reading to them. Now, however, it seems that computer games have also become a feminist (女性主义) issue.

Game manufacturers have, for some time, been looking to increase the number of female game players. The vast majority of computer games still sell to a mainly male market. Perhaps this is because the violent nature of many of the games appeals more to males or perhaps because many of the main characters in the games are male. Manufacturers' attempts to produce more female characters and so increase their share of the female gaming market have met with serious criticism from many women's groups.

Whilst female characters such as Lara Croft of the *Tomb Raider* game are seen as providing positive role models of strong women, many believe that the character's unrealistic (不现实的) Barbie like proportions are setting impossible standards in the minds of young women. Perhaps a stronger criticism is that although many games now include female characters, their role is often secondary and they support the main, male, action characters within the games.

Of course the nature of many of the games remains violent and destructive (破坏的) and this in itself could well continue to put off female gamers.

There are now, however, a number of websites springing up on the World Wide Web to help women deal with this issue. Sites such as Game Girlz, Women Gamers and Game Gal offer game reviews, articles, discussions and even employment opportunities for women interested in becoming part of the rapidly expanding games industry. The games are reviewed by women from a very female perspective. Some rate the games from one to ten across a range of standards which include the appearance of the female characters, the degree of intelligence attributed to them in the game and even the marketing attitude adopted by the company. The sites are obviously looking for games that move away from the very male dominated (主宰) and violent nature of the majority of computer games. Many of them review games that are more constructive and developmental. Instead of destroying opposing armies the aim of the game can be to make peace with them.

With this increased degree of awareness and involvement from women in the games industry many positive changes could be made that could encourage more women and young girls to become interested about technology and what it has to offer them. Perhaps we may even find more male gamers moving away from the traditional violent and destructive games towards the more positive values promoted by these more feminine role models, after all Tomb Raider is still one of the most popular computer games on the market, but perhaps that's too much to ask.

(502 words)

1. Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Most females don't like computer games because _____.
A. computer games are bad for their eyes

- B. many computer games are violent and many of the main characters in the games are male
- C. computer games cost so much time and energy that they affect their work and study
- D. they believe that the characters in computer games are unrealistic
2. Although game manufacturers are bringing in female characters, computer games with female characters are still being criticized because _____.
- A. people think the figures of the heroines are unrealistic and they set impossible standards in the minds of young women
- B. in most games, female characters are often secondary and they just support the main, male, action characters within the games
- C. for many games, the violent and destructive nature has not been changed
- D. all of the above
3. What's the main aim of women-game websites, such as Game Girlz, Women Gamers and Game Gal?
- A. To review the computer games from a very female perspective.
- B. To rate the games from one to ten across a range of standards.
- C. To provide employment opportunities for women interested in becoming part of the rapidly expanding games industry.
- D. To find games that move away from the very male dominated and violent nature of the majority of computer games.
4. Which one of the following plots most probably comes from a girls' game?
- A. You drive fast around a huge urban area and get in fistfights and shootouts.
- B. You are deserted in an old house and there are a lot of ghosts chasing you.
- C. You are living in a virtual city and raising a baby in a community.
- D. You are leading an army and trying to destroy opposing armies

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Many of the women-game websites prefer games that are more _____
_____ and _____.
2. Manufacturers' attempts to produce more female characters in order to
increase _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分11秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Why You're Not Allowed to Watch X-Men

“Who’s the superstar you would most like to get it on with?”

It’s one of the most common unimportant conversations you’ll ever have. It is a conversation that will most likely be initiated (发起) by your girl, and because of this you think honesty is the best policy, and that she’s obviously cool about the subject topic.

Not only are you wrong, but by answering honestly you are missing out on a golden opportunity to control hundreds of future entertainment hours. Read and learn.

Up until now, thousands of men out there are answering this well-laid trap with the following standard answers: Angelina Jolie, Jessica Alba, and Scarlett Johansson.

You take turns in this exchange with your girl—not particularly surprised to hear she is a fan of that *Desperate Housewives* (绝望的主妇) gardener along with the even more obvious choice, Brad Pitt—and move on, closer for the shared intimate relationship. Or so you think.

Two weeks later you stand in the queue at your local cinema. Two movies are playing now. One is the latest suspense / romance blockbuster (大片) starring not only Brad Pitt but Jessica Alba too. The second is a 3-hour arthouse film (非主流电影), based on the life of the man who invented teabags, set to the

soundtrack of *Les Miserables*.

Which do you think you'll be seeing?

"I'm tired of seeing the same movie over and over," says the Mrs.

"Don't you think it's about time we added a little culture to our lives?" she adds.

You think this is about the lack of variety in your home entertainment. You think this is about your girl needing to prove herself as a girl of wide knowledge among her film-talking friends. You think wrong.

Your girl will eventually see the blockbuster—with two girlfriends and an ice cream. And you won't. Because you failed to take advantage of the tool she so unconsciously laid out for you.

The problem with the sex images of today is that the women who kick butt (活力四射) on screen are the same ones that make the covers of *Maxim* (男性杂志名).

They star in your favorite films—*X-Men*, *Sin City*, *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, *Star Wars*, *Fantastic Four*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Blade: Trinity*... the list goes on.

Hence, by giving your girl a list of your most-liked, you are giving her a list of great bodies and great bodies of work from which she will try her best to prevent you from seeing ever again.

Relax. This is mended easily.

The following is a list of names from which you should choose a new hot girl, to have as a ready answer to this conversation that cannot be avoided. Bear in mind, the girl you choose will directly relate to the films you no longer have to see:

Sandra Bullock (*The Lakehouse*) (电影名), Reece Witherspoon (*Just Like Heaven*), Hilary Duff (*The Perfect Man*)...

You get the idea.

Try not to be too obvious. She is not going to believe you suddenly have a huge "thing" for Meryl Streep.

(505 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The question “Who’s the superstar you would most like to get it on with?” is most probably put forward by your daughter. ()
2. Angelina Jolie, Jessica Alba, and Scarlett Johansson are perhaps representatives of sexy actresses who star in blockbusters. ()
3. Of the two films on show, your girl friend prefers the 3-hour arthouse film to the blockbuster because she needs to prove herself as a girl of wide knowledge among her film-talking friends. ()
4. The author puts forward a solution to the dilemma by providing you with a list of names from which you can choose a new hot girl who seldom stars in blockbusters. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. By answering the question honestly, you are missing out on a golden opportunity _____.
2. By giving your girl a list of your most-liked superstars, you are giving her a list of films from which she will try her best to _____.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分17秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Little Wooden Armies

1500 years ago, a king in India named Kaid, who had built a huge country, was sick at heart. He called his minister, Sassa, to him and said: “Day and night I think about my past battles, I dream of conquests (征服) and invasions, I can’t sleep for thinking about imaginary wars and victories. But I have no more enemies, and it is a crime to make war without cause. What can I do to get back my peace of mind?”

The minister thought of a game which he had learnt from a Greek soldier. He taught the rules to the king, who found the game so interesting, such a perfect substitute for war, that he was a happy man again.

The game, if you haven’t guessed, was chess. It’s interesting that in all the various stories of chess’s origins the game is always said to come from somewhere else. Its ultimate place and date of birth are still a mystery. India, China, Persia, Greece? Nobody knows.

What is definitely true is that chess is pretty much without limits. There’s an Indian old saying: “Chess is a lake in which a mosquito (蚊子) can bathe—and an elephant can drown”.

In its long journey around the world, chess has borrowed from the cultures that took it in. The West plays with bishops (主教), knights (骑士) and queens, because they were powerful people in Europe of Middle Ages when chess

became popular. But in the East, including Russia, these pieces are named the elephant, horse and ferz (minister).

The players, too, reflect the spirit of their times. Anatoly Karpov, who dominated the game in the 1970s, played Cold War chess—Iron Curtain chess. He was slow and defensive but almost impossible to beat. Garry Kasparov took the title from him in 1985, on the eve of great changes in the USSR. He played Gorbachev chess, reform chess. Radical (激进的) solutions to problems, and risky moves with unpredictable results. His style was like a breath of fresh air.

It's worth remembering that chess can heal. My own favourite chess story is that of John Healy. His autobiography (自传), *The Grass Arena*, was made into a great film by the BBC. Healy was a failed boxer who became the most serious kind of alcoholic (酒鬼). He became homeless. The bottle nearly killed him. But in prison, he discovered chess, and managed to give up drinking completely. He is now a successful chess player, news reporter and writer.

There is a moving scene where Healy tries to find the words to describe how his life has changed. "It's like boxing again...but not with fists... with the mind." King Kaid, fighting his imaginary battles, would surely have recognized him.

(455 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

- Where did chess originate?
 - In India
 - In China
 - In Greece
 - No definite answer
- The Indian proverb "Chess is a lake in which a mosquito can bathe—and an elephant can drown" is quoted to support the idea that _____.
 - chess was invented in India
 - chess is pretty much without limits

- C. chess has borrowed from the cultures that took it in
D. chess can heal
3. The different chess-playing styles of Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov prove that _____.
- A. many world champions of chess are Russian
B. russian people never stop playing chess under whatever circumstances
C. the chess-playing styles of the players reflect the spirit of their times
D. chess has been deeply affected by the Russian culture
4. What do King Kaid and John Healy have in common?
- A. They are both good at playing chess.
B. They both find their dreams realized through playing chess.
C. They are both Indians.
D. They both think chess is a great invention.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The fact that the West plays with bishops, knights and queens, but in the East, these pieces are named the elephant, horse and ferz proves _____
_____.
2. The feature of “Gorbachev chess” is characterized by _____
_____ and _____.

Unit 7

Friendship



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：5分44秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

No One Likes to Take Orders

I once had the pleasure of dining with Miss Ida Tarbell, the dean (主任) of American biographers (传记作家). When I told her I was writing a book about how to make friends, we began discussing this all-important subject of getting along with people, and she told me that while she was writing her biography of Owen D. Young (an American industrialist, businessman, lawyer and diplomat), she interviewed a man who had sat for three years in the same office with Mr. Young. This man declared that during all that time he had never heard Owen D. Young give a direct order to anyone. He always gave suggestions, not orders. Owen D. Young never said, for example, “Do this or do that,” or “Don’t do this or don’t do that.” He would say, “You might consider this,” or “Do you think that would work?” Frequently he would say, after he had dictated (口述) a letter, “What

do you think of this?” In looking over a letter of one of his assistants, he would say, “Maybe if we were to phrase it this way it would be better.” He always gave people the opportunity to do things themselves; he never told his assistants to do things; he let them do them, let them learn from their mistakes.

No one likes to take orders. A technique like that makes it easy for a person to correct errors. A technique like that saves a person’s pride and gives him or her a feeling of importance. It encourages cooperation instead of rebellion (反抗). Bitterness and anger caused by a rude order may last a long time—even if the order was given to correct an obviously bad situation. Asking questions not only makes an order more acceptable; it often stimulates (激发) the creativity of the persons whom you ask. People are more likely to accept an order if they have had a part in the decision that caused the order to be issued.

(315 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Miss Ida Tarbell has ever worked together with Owen D. Young. ()
2. Owen D. Young would always dictate letters without thinking about others’ opinions. ()
3. If you don’t give orders and tell someone directly what you want him to do, he will never correct his errors. ()
4. People are more likely to accept an order if they have had a part in the decision that caused the order to be issued. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The man who had worked for Mr. Young declared that Owen D. Young always gave _____, not _____.
2. Asking questions not only _____; it often _____.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分49秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

China's TV Dating Shows: For Love or Money?

For a small but increasing number of young women in modern-day China, true love is all about the numbers. An acceptable suitor may have a good sense of humor and reasonable good looks, but what they say really matters is if he owns an apartment and how many square feet it is. A fairly large bank account is also a must, and, some say, so is a luxury car.

At least, that's the way things look if you watch Chinese television these days. Though China was slow to pick up on the reality-programming trend, a host of dating shows have come out in recent years, capturing millions of viewers but angering critics (批评者) who say the programs promote negative, non-traditional values among urban Chinese youth. The latest reality-TV show to astonish the nation involves Ma Nuo, a 22-year-old model from Beijing who appeared on China's most popular dating show, *If You Are the One*. She impolitely rejected an offer from a male contestant (竞争者) to take a ride on his bike, becoming a representative of the materialism that some say has come to define the nouveau riche (暴发户) of the post-1980s generation. "I'd rather cry in a BMW car than laugh on the backseat of a bicycle," Ma told her suitor.

The video swept the Internet and made an instant famous person of Ma, who left the show without a match but has since entertained numerous television offers and become one of the most talked-about women in the country. The

reaction among young Chinese was especially severe, reflecting growing anxieties over the widening gap between rich and poor, shifting social values and the difficulties of finding a mate in a country where men are expected to outnumber women by 24 million in a decade.

Of *If You Are the One* and the handful of other dating shows like it, a blogger, Xie Yong, wrote on the Web portal Sohu.com: “The most controversial aspect of these programs is the value contestants place on money worshipping and rich people. These opinions are so contrary to traditional values, like loving one’s country and respecting one’s elders ... But we can’t do anything if these people just like ugly things.”

This is cause for concern for the government. In response to the public outcry over Ma’s infamous quote — as well as comments from other money-obsessed (牵挂, 惦念) contestants on *If You Are the One* and shows like it — the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) issued a strict set of new rules in early June for matchmaking programs. “Incorrect social and love values such as money worship should not be presented in the shows,” the notice read. It also banned “morally provocative (挑衅性的) hosts and hostesses” and demanded that people who take part in the program undergo stricter screening procedures and “be careful before mouthing bold remarks”. After the new policies were announced, all of China’s dating shows said they would promptly comply.

(485 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. What does “true love is all about the numbers” in the first paragraph mean?
 - A. An acceptable suitor should have a good sense of humor.
 - B. An acceptable suitor should have reasonable good looks.
 - C. An acceptable suitor should be good at mathematics.
 - D. An acceptable suitor should own considerable money.
2. What do the critics think of the dating shows?
 - A. The critics think the dating shows are uninteresting.
 - B. The critics think the dating shows bring bad influence to the young people.
 - C. The critics think the dating shows may astonish the whole country.
 - D. The critics think the dating shows capture so many viewers that they have bad effects on other programs.
3. What does Ma Nuo’s remark “I’d rather cry in a BMW car than laugh on the backseat of a bicycle” imply?
 - A. She loves luxurious cars better than ordinary bicycles.
 - B. She prefers money to true love.
 - C. She thinks it is uncomfortable to sit on the backseat of a bicycle.
 - D. The car brand she likes most is BMW.
4. Which of the following is **NOT** included in the related rules issued by SARFT?
 - A. Dating programs should be banned.
 - B. Morally provocative hosts and hostesses should be banned.
 - C. People who take part in the program should undergo stricter screening procedures.
 - D. Incorrect social and love values such as money worship should not be presented in the shows.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The reaction to Ma Nuo's remark among young Chinese was especially severe, reflecting growing anxieties over _____, _____ and _____ in a country where men are expected to outnumber women by 24 million in a decade.
2. The worship that the contestants of the programs place on _____ and _____ are so contrary to traditional values.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分12秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

When Should You Give Up on a Friendship?

Is it ever okay just to walk away from a friend? Many of us feel bad when a friendship ends, but there are times when you need to move on. If you have been the one putting in the effort to keep your friendship going, how do you decide when to give up on it? Here are some common times when people decide to end their friendship with someone.

Your Friend Doesn't Want to Speak With You

Continued communication is important, so even if you and your friend are arguing it's better than not speaking with each other at all. When we fail to talk, the argument we've just had becomes bigger. We go over it in our minds and may even assume that our friend had certain motives for causing the argument. While we're doing that, our friend is probably doing the same thing.

Even if you and your friend have not had an argument, silence usually means one or both of you doesn't care about the relationship enough to nurture (培育) it. You might wonder why your friend hasn't called, and as a result assume they don't care. Meanwhile, your friend is wondering the same thing about you.

If your friend doesn't want to be an active part of the communication process, it may be time to leave the relationship behind. You can't keep up a friendship by yourself.

You Don't Have Anything in Common Anymore

While it's good to have a variety of friends, sometimes you and your friend don't have a thing in common anymore and as a result neither of you pays much attention to the friendship. Ending a friendship like this doesn't require a formal declaration. What usually happens is that you each drift apart.

Sometimes friends experience different life events and as a result it can seem as if you no longer have anything in common with the people you used to hang out (游玩) with. The good thing is that even if you walk away from this type of friendship, you may be able to pick up where you left off sometime in the future if the situation should change and you decide to be friends again.

Your Friend Betrayed You

It's great to forgive and forget, but there are times when a betrayal (背叛) is too great for you to continue with a friendship. Betrayal can involve all kinds of different things, from spilling secrets to infidelity (背信). When trust is broken, it really doesn't matter what the betrayal was because the effect is the same. Some friends are able to face betrayal and work through the residual (余下的) disagreements afterward, but for others the friendship is changed in such a way that they cannot try again.

(451 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. When you and your friend have different opinions, not speaking with each other is better than arguing. ()
2. It's good to have a variety of friends, so it's easy to keep in touch with a friend with whom you don't have anything in common. ()
3. In the future, if the situation changes, there is still a chance that you pick up the friendship you've given up on because of lack of common interests. ()
4. When facing betrayal, friends are doomed to end their friendship. ()

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Silence in friendship usually means one or both of you _____.
2. Sometimes friends _____ and as a result it can seem as if you no longer have anything in common with the people you used to hang out with.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分1秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Benefits of Facebook Friends

Is Facebook worth the time? Can you really get support and love like you would from the friends you see in person? Yes. Facebook may have some disadvantages, but there are also ways to build better friendships on the website as well.

Facebook Friends Give Instant Support

Did you ever try regretting for your bad day on Facebook? You'll probably get at least a few people who will instantly tell you something to cheer you up. Perhaps your husband or best friend doesn't want to hear about your desire for more coffee or a better hair day, but your Facebook friends will. This kind of support can help when it seems like no one else is listening.

Facebook is Always "On"

Sometimes your BFF (Best Friend Forever) isn't around and you just want human communication of some kind. Maybe you want to sneak (偷偷地做) in a moment to see what everyone is up to in between clients (客户端) at work, or when you're up at 4 a.m. and can't sleep. Regardless of when you want to log in (登录), Facebook is there waiting for you. This can give a sense of comfort and make you feel connected to the world.

You're Able to Show a Different Side of Yourself

Some of my Facebook friends know more about me than the people I see

in real life. That's because I'm able to upload (上传) pictures and videos, and post small notes on my wall about the way my day is going or how I feel about a certain subject. In some ways this gives people a sense of who I am. It also allows me to share links I like, which I wouldn't be able to do as readily if I was just meeting a friend for coffee.

You Can Connect With Your Past

Were you a stupid boy in high school? Or a silly person in college? Facebook allows you to connect with people from your past and show them how you've changed for the better. You can make improvement, give people support, and connect with someone you never thought you'd see again. This can be a good thing if you've got unresolved issues with that individual.

You Can Stay in Touch With Friends Who Are Far Away

One of the biggest benefits of Facebook is that you can easily stay connected with a best friend or family member who has moved away. Facebook allows you to instant message them or post photos, so you don't have to wait to chat or share your joys and sorrows as you would with phone calls or emails. This can ease the hurt when your friends move away and make it easier to keep your friendship going.

Connections with People You Never Would Have Met in Real Life

With Facebook you'll be "meeting" people from all over the globe. You get to friend famous people and people you just met but don't really know. A larger group of connections always means opportunity for growth.

(496 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. What can't you do on Facebook?
 - A. Connect with your past

- B. Stay in touch with friends who are far away
- C. Communicate with people you never would have met in real life
- D. Get a real hug and comfort from one of your friends
2. How do you show a different side of yourself on Facebook?
- A. You post small notes on your wall about the way your day is going.
- B. You post small notes on your wall about how you feel about a certain subject.
- C. You share links you like, which you wouldn't be able to do as readily if you were just meeting a friend for coffee.
- D. All of the above.
3. What is the most proper meaning of the underlined word "meet" in the last paragraph?
- A. see B. find C. communicate with D. listen to
4. Which one of the following words can best represent the key difference between communication with a faraway old friend on Facebook and that over telephone?
- A. vividness B. persistency C. instantaneity D. anonymity

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. When you're in a bad mood, you'll probably get at least a few people on Facebook who will instantly tell you something to _____.
2. Facebook allows you to connect with people from your past and show them _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分17秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

How to Make Friends in a New City

Moving to a new city can be exciting. After all, you are starting from scratch with a new place to live and work, sights to see, and of course, new friends to meet. While connecting with new friends isn't always easy, you can do it, and these strategies will help.

Turn Your Solitary (独自的) Pursuits (活动) into Group Activities

Find groups in your area centered around an activity you would normally do by yourself. If you enjoy reading, bookstores and libraries have free book clubs you can join. If activities like knitting or clothes-making are your pleasure, look up craft (手工艺) groups at places like your local community center or hobby shop.

If you like body building, get healthy while you meet new friends! Join a gym, but don't just take some exercise and then go home. When you register, ask people working in the gym to introduce you to some of the regulars. Also, find out if the gym has any leagues or groups you could join. For nearly every hobby, Meetup.com can help connect you with people who share your passion. If there isn't a group that matches your needs, start one yourself.

Meet New People by Volunteering

Volunteering is the perfect way to adapt to a new city. You'll feel good donating (捐献) your time and you'll get to meet people as an extra reward. Sites like Volunteer Match, Serve.gov, and Get Involved can help connect you with

organizations that need volunteers in your area.

Habitat for Humanity, for example, often needs various levels of support, from building knowledge or skill to marketing. For an organization like the American Red Cross, 96 percent of their work force is made up of volunteers. As a result, there are several opportunities to get involved, from donating blood to teaching swimming or CPR (心脏复苏法).

Let Others Know You're New in Town

Tell the people you work with or the waiter in your favorite coffee place that you are new in town. Make a point of asking for the best place to eat, shop, or see the sights when you're out. When people hear you are new to the area they will usually go out of their way to help you find places to go, which in turn gives you more opportunity to meet potential friends.

Be Open to the Experience of Meeting New Friends

With any of these activities, be sure to smile and remain open to meeting someone new. It can be difficult to be the new person everywhere you go, but rest assured that will only be the case for a short while. By using a few of these strategies, you'll have plenty of new friends in no time.

(455 words)

1. Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. In order to make friend in a new city, you can join a gym: take some exercise there and then go home refreshed. ()
2. Meetup.com is a website that can help connect you with people who share a similar hobby with you. ()
3. A majority of the work force of the American Red Cross is made up of volunteers. ()
4. It will be difficult to be the new person everywhere you go in the new city, so you should always keep alert so that nobody can cheat you. ()

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. If there isn't a group that matches your hobby on the website, you can _____
_____.
2. Doing volunteering work, on the one hand, you'll have to _____
_____, and on the other hand, you'll _____ as an
extra reward.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分57秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

How Age Difference Brings Unexpected Benefits to Friends

We tend to stick to our own group of the same age when it comes to socializing, but a friendship across different generations can bring unexpected benefits—not least a fresh perspective on life’s challenges and an introduction to some “guilty” TV pleasures.

When Deborah Shaw, 49, an image consultant (顾问) from London, hired assistant Amy Dermody, 24, she had no idea that they’d become such close friends. Now let’s see what young Amy says of their friendship:

Deborah is my oldest friend, but in many ways she’s more on a level with me than my peers. Our lives seem at a similar stage because we’re both career-oriented (以……为目标) with mortgages to pay. The friends I’ve known since school don’t own houses yet, and don’t understand when I stay in because I have no money. They’re up for drinking and clubbing, but I’m happier going to a bar where you can hear each other talk. That probably makes me sound old, but Debs gets where I’m coming from.

It hasn’t always been this way. When I first met Debs, I was a young girl without any experience, new to the City. We were poles apart, and I felt respect combined with fear for her cool confidence. But over the years, Debs has

presented me to the public in a new way. She's been an instructor, teaching me how to be sophisticated (老于世故的) yet fashionable. I remember us secretly going out of work early to go to the launch of the Roberto Cavalli collection at H&M. Debs has opened my eyes to culture too. Before meeting her, I only ate at chain restaurants, usually in Bluewater shopping centre near my home in Greenhithe, Kent. But Debs encouraged me to go to new places, such as strange vegetarian (素食的) restaurants in Covent Garden. We've been salsa dancing (萨尔萨舞), and I've been to arty plays that her friends have performed in. We've laughed lightly in a nervous or silly way doing girlish stuff too. I find her easy to open up to because I know she'll always be honest with me in a way that other friends worry might cause unhappiness.

When I told Debs I was moving in with my boyfriend Ben six months after we got together, she questioned if I was doing the right thing. Explaining it proves how right the move felt. I'm extremely excited she's coming to our wedding in Las Vegas.

My speedy career progression is completely down to Debs. She gradually taught me how important it is to be organized. I've just left the company where we worked to become district manager for a fashion company. Debs has given me financial advice, helping me clear the credit-card debt I had after university.

Having an older friend prove that confidence comes with age. Girls in their 20s don't know who they are, and often do not behave confidently, whereas Debs makes me see that you can go through life's ups and downs and come out a stronger person.

(492 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. What does the underlined word “mortgages” mean?
 - A. An amount of money that you have to pay to the government so that it can pay for public services.
 - B. A loan of money which you get from a bank in order to buy a house.
 - C. The amount of money that you have to pay for being taught in a university.
 - D. A sum of money you’re ordered to pay as a punishment because you have done something illegal or broken a rule.
2. Amy finds her friend Deborah Shaw easy to open up to because _____.
 - A. Deborah will always be honest with her
 - B. Deborah will always be patient with her
 - C. Deborah treats her like a child
 - D. Deborah is sophisticated
3. What does Amy think of Deborah’s questioning her moving in with her boyfriend?
 - A. She thinks Deborah was trying to control her.
 - B. She thinks Deborah wanted to stop her from moving.
 - C. She thinks Deborah was making trouble out of nothing.
 - D. She thinks Deborah was helping her understand the meaning of her decision.
4. What’s the most important lesson Amy has learnt from her friend Deborah?
 - A. A lady can be sophisticated yet fashionable.
 - B. A girl shouldn’t live together with her boyfriend before marriage.
 - C. A person should try to go to new places and have new experiences.
 - D. A person can go through life’s ups and downs and come out a stronger person.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Deborah is my oldest friend, but in many ways she has more _____
_____ with me than my peers.
2. Debs has given me financial advice, helping me _____ I had
after university.

Unit 8

Food and Drink



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分35秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Milk Facts — What's Wrong with Milk?

It may be difficult to understand, at first, why vegans (纯素主义者) keep themselves from drinking milk. It's supposedly healthy, and if the advertising is to be believed, comes from "happy cows". If you look beyond the image and examine the facts, you'll find that the objections range from animal rights to the environment to health concerns.

Animal Rights

Because cows are capable of suffering and feeling pain, they have a right to be free of use and abuse by human. No matter how well the animal is cared for, taking breast (乳房) milk from another animal is contrary to the right to be free, even if cows were allowed to live out their lives on beautiful green pastures (牧场).

Many believe that drinking milk is fine as long as the cows are treated

kindly, but modern factory farming practices mean that cows do not live out their lives freely on green pastures. Gone are the days when farm workers just used their hands and a milk bucket. Cows are now milked with milking machines, which cause breast diseases. They are artificially inseminated (人工受精) as soon as they are old enough to become pregnant, give birth and produce milk. When they are about five or six years old, they are killed because they are considered no longer profitable. These cows would have normally lived about 25 years.

Part of the increased milk production is due to breeding, and part of it is due to unnatural practices, such as feeding meat to the cows and giving rBGH to cows.

Environment

Animal agriculture is a very inefficient use of resources and is damaging the environment. Water, fertilizer and land are required to grow crops to feed to cows. Energy is needed to harvest the crops, turn the crops into feed, and then transport the feed to farms. The cows must also be given water to drink. The waste and poisonous gas from factory farms also cause environmental problems. The US Environmental Protection Agency states, “In the U.S., cattle emit about 5.5 million metric tons of methane (甲烷) per year into the atmosphere, accounting for 20% of U.S. methane emissions.”

Don't We Need Milk?

Milk is not necessary for human health, and may be a health risk. Except for domesticated animals to whom we feed milk, humans are the only kind of life that drinks the breast milk of another species, and the only species that continues to drink breast milk into adulthood. Furthermore, dairy consumption raises certain health concerns, such as cancer, heart disease, etc.

(417 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The author thinks it difficult to understand why vegans keep themselves from drinking milk. ()
2. Cows normally live about 25 years on modern factory farms. ()
3. rBGH in the 4th paragraph refers to something that helps to increase milk production. ()
4. Drinking milk may cause various diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, etc. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The objections to milk drinking range from _____ to _____ to _____.
2. As far as environment is concerned, animal agriculture is an inefficient use of _____ and is _____ to the environment.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分32秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

“Feeding the World”— Why We Need Rice

Rice is low-fat and high in energy, and you can mix it with just about anything to make a wide variety of nutritious (营养的) dishes.

Rice is closely connected to the culture of many societies. Indian and Buddhist (佛教) religions use rice as a religious offering. A Chinese proverb says that “precious things are not pearls and jade (玉) but the five grains, of which rice is the finest.” Chinese ancient story tells how, after severe floods, there was nothing to eat and the people were starving. One day they saw a dog coming across the fields, and hanging onto the dog’s tail were bunches of long yellow seeds. The seeds grew into rice and the people survived.

The origins of rice are uncertain, because rice has been grown for so many thousands of years. In several Asian languages, the words for food and rice, or for rice and agriculture, are the same, one of the facts that points to Asia as the origin of rice. It is certain, however, that rice cultivation is one of the most important developments in history, for rice has fed more people over a longer period of time than any other crop.

The demand for rice is growing steadily, with consumption stretching beyond the traditional rice growing areas in Asia. You can find rice fields in Europe, Latin America and Australia. However, Asia is still the biggest rice producer, accounting for 90% of the world’s production and consumption of rice.

Rice is a main food for many countries. In parts of Africa and Asia, many poorer urban families get over half their daily energy from rice. As the world population increases, can rice keep up? To meet growing demands, rice production has to be raised by at least 70% over the next three decades. The area devoted to rice cultivation cannot grow, so much international research is being done to find ways of growing rice on less land.

Rice needs a good water supply to grow. Water is wasted daily all over the world and estimates suggest that most Asian countries will have severe water problems by 2025. It takes 5000 litres of water to grow a kilo of rice, yet many rice growing areas in Asia and Africa are suffering drought (干旱). Scientists need to develop varieties of rice that can resist sudden heavy rains and compete with weeds.

Worryingly, rice production is affected by global climate changes. Global warming is caused by poisonous gas emissions (排放) in developed countries. And the rise in global temperature cuts rice-growing time. Methane (甲烷)-producing bacteria also grow well in wet rice fields and the plants themselves send the gas into the atmosphere. Water management could reduce methane emissions, but practical methods that do not reduce rice yields still have to be found.

(469 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. What is **NOT** one of the advantages of rice?
 - A. It contains low fat.
 - B. It contains high energy.
 - C. It is delicious.
 - D. It can be used to cook various dishes.

2. Why does the author hold the viewpoint that rice cultivation is one of the most important developments in history?
 - A. Because rice is closely connected to the culture of many societies.
 - B. Because rice has fed more people over a longer period of time than any other crop.
 - C. Rice is a main food for many countries.
 - D. The demand for rice is growing steadily.
3. Nowadays, rice is grown _____.
 - A. in Asia
 - B. in Europe and Latin America
 - C. in Australia
 - D. all of the above
4. From the passage we know that _____.
 - A. only by growing rice can we solve the worldwide problem of starvation
 - B. important as it is, rice production is still faced with several problems
 - C. many rice growing areas in Asia and Africa should stop rice production because of drought
 - D. because of the advantages of rice, rice production should be spread all over the world

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. In rice production, the scientists' task is to develop varieties of rice that can _____ and _____.
2. One of the facts that points to Asia as the origin of rice is that _____.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分57秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

How Is Tobacco Manufactured?

From seed to smoke

What do tomatoes and tobacco have in common? They are both a member of the same botanical (植物的) family. Tobacco is grown in more than one hundred countries with China being the largest producer, closely followed by the USA. Tobacco can grow well in poorer soils so a typical farmer can expect a good income from planting this crop.

Seeds and fertiliser are often provided by British American Tobacco. The seeds are so small that they must be protected in seedbeds for sixty days before transplanting to the field. Two weeks later, soil is carefully pushed up against the seedlings to further protect them and help to develop a good root system. Finally, after a couple of months, the flowering plants and some of the upper leaves are cut to allow more growth in the remaining leaves. The crop gradually grows towards the harvesting stage.

Harvest

In most countries harvesting is done by hand. The farmer takes off a few leaves from the lower part of each plant. A typical farmer can expect to harvest about 15,000 plants. This is quite a lot considering each plant contains around 22 leaves.

Curing

There are four main methods.

Air-cured tobacco is hung in unheated, aired barns (仓库) until the tobacco dries and the tobacco leaf becomes a light to medium brown colour.

Flue-cured tobacco is made when heat is introduced into a barn through pipes from a furnace (炉子) outside. The leaves are heated until they turn yellow.

Sun-cured tobacco leaves are hung out on special shelves and exposed to the sun's rays. The direct heat turns the leaves a yellow to orange colour.

For fire curing, wood is burnt under the tobacco leaves, which dries the tobacco and produces a smoky fragrance (香味).

Processing

There are four stages in processing. Dirt is removed from the cured tobacco. The leaf is separated from the stem (a process known as threshing). The moisture content is checked carefully. The processed tobacco is packed into 200kg cardboard boxes, for shipping to manufacturing sites.

Manufacturing

At the factory, the matured tobacco is checked for quality and then carefully blended with other materials which are needed for the brand recipe (处方), such as flavourings.

Moisture content is crucial. Too dry and the tobacco leaf will break into small pieces; too moist and it may spoil during storage. The blended tobacco is treated with just the right amount of steam and water to make it supple (有柔韧性的), and then cut into the form in which it appears in the cigarette. The cut tobacco is then given a quality check.

Cigarette making, once done entirely by hand, is today almost fully automated with the cut tobacco, cigarette paper and filters continuously fed into the cigarette-making machines.

Packing machines put the cigarettes into the familiar brand packs, wrap the packs in protective film and group them into cartons and cases. The completed cases, time-dated to ensure the freshest product possible, are then ready for distribution.

(492 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. China is one of the largest tobacco producers in the world. ()
2. Some of the larger leaves should be cut to allow more growth in the remaining leaves. ()
3. When manufacturing cigarettes, we need dry tobacco leaves: the drier, the better. ()
4. Among the four methods of curing, only air-curing doesn't need heat. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. _____ days' protection are needed before the seeds are transplanted to the field.
2. A typical farmer can expect to harvest about _____ leaves.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分29秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

KFC Accused of Racism over Australian Advertisement

The Australian arm of the fast-food chain KFC has been accused of racial insensitivity (迟钝) over a television commercial showing a white cricket fan, when facing a dancing, drumming and singing group of black West Indian supporters, handing out pieces of fried chicken to make them less angry and stop them from attacking him.

Aired as part of a series called “KFC’s cricket survival guide”, the 30-second advertisement shows an uncomfortable looking man named Mick wearing a green and yellow Australian cricket shirt, surrounded on all sides in a cricket stand by high spirited Caribbean fans.

“Need a tip when you’re stuck in an awkward (尴尬的) situation?” Mick asks. He then passes round a bucket of KFC chicken, the drumming stops and he remarks: “Too easy.”

Although intended only for an Australian audience, the advertisement has quickly found its way around the world on the internet, causing strong criticism in the US where fried chicken remains closely associated with age-old racist meaning about black people in the once segregated (隔离) south.

A writer at one US newspaper, the Baltimore Sun, questioned whether the ad was a trick, remarking: “If it is a genuine KFC advertisement, it could be seen as racially insensitive.”

Another on-line commentator, Jack Shepherd of BuzzFeed, asks: “What’s a white guy to do when he finds himself in a crowd full of black folks? KFC has the answer.”

KFC Australia has come out fighting, saying that the commercial was a “light-hearted reference to the West Indian cricket team” that had been “misinterpreted by some people in the US”.

The company said: “The ad was reproduced online in the US without KFC’s permission, where we are told a culturally-based image exists, leading to the incorrect implication of racism.

“We thoroughly condemn (谴责) racialism of any type and have a proud history as one of the world’s leading employers for variety.”

In the Australian media, the reaction has been mixed, with some commentators accusing Americans of “insularity (岛国根性)”. Brendon O’Connor, an associate professor at the University of Sydney, told 9 Network News that the association between fried chicken and ethnic minorities (少数民族) was a distinctly US issue: “They have a tendency to think that their history is more important than that of other countries.”

The issue comes three months after another racial discussion between Australia and the US in which the American singer Harry Connick Jr, appearing as a judge on an Australian television show, reacted strongly to a humorous short play in which a group of singers appeared with blacked up faces to imitate the Jackson Five.

On the show, called “Hey, Hey It’s Saturday”, Connick gave the group zero points and demanded an apology from the broadcaster, remarking: “If they turned up looking like that in the United States, it would be like ‘hey, hey, there’s no more show’.”

(466 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. “KFC’s cricket survival guide” is a series of _____.
 - A. novels
 - B. films
 - C. advertisements
 - D. TV shows
2. Why does the KFC commercial cause strong criticism in the U.S.?
 - A. Because Australian people don’t eat chicken.
 - B. Because fried chicken has some negative cultural meaning.
 - C. Because American people don’t like black people and they don’t want their products to be sold to the latter.
 - D. Because American people don’t like the Caribbean cricket team.
3. What does the KFC Company think of the commercial?
 - A. The commercial does have some cultural implication.
 - B. It is a funny advertisement only in order to promote the sales.
 - C. Racialism is reasonable.
 - D. Racialism of any type should be condemned.
4. The issue of Harry Connick Jr. is used to prove that _____.
 - A. the Australian media doesn’t support the American
 - B. the reaction to the KFC commercial has been mixed in the Australian media
 - C. the Australian media holds the opinion of racialism
 - D. there exist racial discussions between Australia and the U.S.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The advertisement was originally intended to be aired only for an Australian audience, however, was quickly _____ around the world on the internet.
2. The company said: “The ad was reproduced online in the US without KFC’s permission, where we are told that it has _____.”

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Chinese Drinking Game

As an important part of wine culture, the practice of giving a toast (祝酒) has been a ritual (礼仪) since ancient times. Entertainment of various kinds has been offered to people who are taking a drink in order to add to their enjoyment. Performances that may include song, dance, etc. as well as games like “Jiuling” (in Chinese) are all widely popular. This is highly representative of Chinese friendliness.

Jiuling has a long history dating back to the Western Zhou Dynasty (11th century BC - 771 BC). Originally it was introduced to control people’s drinking habits and so make sure that they should observe rules of etiquette (礼节) while not drinking too much. It was during the Warring States Period (476 BC - 221 BC), that Jiuling developed to include ways in which a toast could be made. This process became more and more popular until the Tang, Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties along with the development of wine production. Jiuling became quite popular and even artistic in its form thus meeting the taste of famous people and the practices of the common people.

A special book has described Jiuling as falling into two concepts. One, that is referred to as common Jiuling is easy and practical while the other is literary Jiuling, which as the title implies is artistic. The most popular forms are as follows:

Common Jiuling: These games do not require a great deal of wisdom and are thus easy to learn and play.

Dice (骰子) are rolled and players have to guess number of spots. Those who make an incorrect guess take a cup of drink as a punishment.

The “Gong (铜锣) Show” is another popular entertainment. A person beats a drum or gong behind the scenes, and the other people sitting around the table will quickly pass a flower from one to another. When the drummer stops, whoever has the flower will drink and even give a simple performance according to the rules. In the famous book *The Dream of Red Mansions*, the respectable family also played in this way.

“Finger guessing” is interesting. Two people stretch out fingers at the same time while shouting out a number from 2 to 20. If one shouts out a number that is equal to the total number of fingers extended, then he will win, while the person shouts a number that is different, will lose the game and has to take a drink as a punishment. To add to the fun of the game, the players do not just give the numbers but will say a phrase related to the numbers such as “two kind brothers” to represent 2, “three stars shining” (3), “making a fortune in four seasons” (4), and so on.

Literary Jiuling: has a more sophisticated style and consequently in ancient China only educated people could enjoy it. They also thought up many ways in which to play, such as asking puzzling question, composing poems, telling stories or jokes, and so on.

(495 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. In the beginning, Jiuling was introduced to control people’s drinking habits.

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2. With the development of wine production, Jiuling, because of its artistic forms, became popular only with famous people. ()
3. Common Jiuling doesn't require much knowledge and is easy to learn and play. ()
4. In "Finger guessing", the person who shouts a number that is equal to the total number of fingers extended will win the game and has the opportunity to take a drink. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Literary Jiuling has a more sophisticated style and as a result, in ancient China only _____ people could enjoy it.
2. Jiuling developed to include ways in which a toast could be made during _____ Period.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分53秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

School Cafeteria's Fruits and Vegetables Vie with Food Trucks' Sweet and Salty Treats

On Tuesday afternoon, Edgar Cardenas, 16, stood outside Novato High School buying his lunch from a food truck selling ice cream, candy, soft drinks and chips.

For \$3.50, Edgar, a second-year student, purchased a bag of Hot Cheetos, a can of Coca-Cola and a package of Airheads Xtremes candy.

In the school cafeteria (餐厅), the menu included a chicken sandwich with roasted potatoes or a veggie (vegetable) burger with fries (炸薯条) for \$3.25. While there were chips for sale, they were Baked Lay's. None of those choices appealed to Edgar, who buys his daily lunch from the snack (小吃) food trucks that park during lunchtime just down the street from the school.

"They don't have good food over there," he said of the school cafeteria. "They have, like, fruits and vegetables."

On Tuesday, Edgar was one of about 100 Novato High School students crowding to two food trucks to buy the kind of fatty and sugary snacks that by law, public school cafeterias in the state cannot sell.

In recent years, the state has restricted the calories, fat and sugar for sale in the cafeterias. Novato Unified School District has gone beyond the state's

requirements, even stop selling chocolate milk.

Yet, as the school lunch offerings in the cafeteria have become more restrictive, snack food trucks have moved in, sometimes as many as four at a time. And the drivers have been active pursuing the business, even paying the students to save the best parking spots for them, said Rey Mayoral, the principal of Novato High.

The food trucks have hurt the school cafeterias' bottom line. Last year, lunch sales in middle and high schools in the district were down by 12 percent.

"All these rules that the state of California has put into place have just gone out the window with these food trucks," said Miguel Villarreal, director of food and nutrition (营养) services at Novato Unified School District.

This year, chocolate chip biscuits are back on the menu in the school cafeteria, in hopes of attracting students back.

Teenagers know that the cafeteria food is better for them, but that does not mean they want to eat it. The food of the trucks is "not really the healthiest choice, but it tastes better," said Trent Eisenberg, 15, a second-year student who had bought a candy bar and chips from one of the trucks.

About 1,000 residents have signed a letter circulated by parent-teacher associations asking Novato City Council members to "create an official rule to prevent access of mobile food trucks within 1,500 feet" of all district schools. San Francisco already has a similar ordinance.

Students buying food from the trucks on Tuesday were skeptical that moving them farther away would achieve anything.

"It's not going to do much," said Nathan Estrada, 15, a second-year student who had a sandwich from home for lunch, but was buying Hot Cheetos as a snack for later. "We will just walk over there."

(488 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Why does Edgar Cardenas buy his daily lunch from the snack food trucks instead of the school cafeteria?
 - A. Because he doesn't like the food sold in the school cafeteria.
 - B. Because the food sold in the school cafeteria is more expensive.
 - C. Because it is more convenient to buy food from the snack food trucks.
 - D. Because many of his classmates do so.
2. Which one of the following is **NOT** true?
 - A. Food sold in the school cafeterias contains fewer calories than that of the snack trucks.
 - B. Food sold in the school cafeterias is more delicious than that of the snack trucks.
 - C. Food sold in the school cafeterias is healthier than that of the snack trucks.
 - D. The food trucks have hurt the school cafeterias' lunch sales.
3. Chocolate chip biscuits are back on the menu in the school cafeterias because _____.
 - A. the restriction on fatty and sugary food in the school cafeterias has been relaxed
 - B. the school cafeterias want to attract more students
 - C. experts think fatty and sugary food does no bad to the students
 - D. parent-teacher associations advocate so
4. What's the students' opinion of the advocated ordinance which is to prevent access of mobile food trucks within 1,500 feet?
 - A. The students won't buy anything from the snack trucks any longer.
 - B. The students will change their habit and have lunch in the school cafeterias.

- C. The students will protest against the ordinance.
- D. The students won't change their habit and will still buy their lunch from the snack trucks.

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. According to the state's requirements, _____ is restricted in the cafeterias.
2. Many students like to buy their lunch from the snack trucks because they think the food sold there is _____ than that in the school cafeterias.

Unit 9

Exhibition



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：4分56秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Trade Fairs & Exhibitions in Hannover

Every year the Deutsche Messe AG team in Hannover stages 50 trade fairs and exhibitions attracting over 25,000 exhibitors and almost two million visitors to the city. Its schedule of events boasts (以……为荣) more than eleven international trade fairs for the capital goods sector (领域). Deutsche Messe AG is Germany's best-known trade fair organizer and ranks among the top exhibition organizers in the world.

CeBiT

The world's best and most important trade fair for IT, telecommunications, software and computer services takes place every March in Hannover. It is the largest exhibition of its kind in the world, with more than 6,000 companies displaying their products to 480,000 visitors in an area of 320,000m². It focuses

on consumer electronics, the internet and PCs, telecommunications, data protection and IT services.

Hannover Trade Fair

Every April Hannover Exhibition Centre brings together eleven leading trade fairs under one roof at the world's most important technology event. Across a net area of 211,000m², 6,300 companies from 65 countries showcase (使亮相) their products and services in the fields of technology, innovation (革新) and automation. More than 200,000 visitors come to see the latest in manufacturing and process automation, drive technology, IT, energy technology, micro-technology and nanotechnology (纳米技术) and lots more besides.

IAA International Motor Show for Commercial Vehicles

Held every two years in September, the IAA International Motor Show for Commercial Vehicles is all about the vehicles, equipment and systems involved in transporting goods and people. It is run by the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA). Around 250,000 visitors come to find out the latest about cars, vehicle manufacturing, commercial vehicles, motorbikes, car accessories (配件), transportation and traffic management from 1,300 exhibitors.

(271 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Deutsche Messe AG is the largest exhibition organizer in the world. ()
2. CeBiT is the world's best and most important trade fair in the IT field and it is held every two years. ()
3. Generally speaking, no family cars will be found on the IAA International Motor Show. ()
4. The exhibition of CeBiT occupies an area of over 300,000m². ()

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Hannover Trade Fair is held every April in _____. It is a combination of _____.
2. The IAA International Motor Show for Commercial Vehicles is all about the vehicles, equipment and systems that are used to _____.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：5分42秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Tokyo Motor Show

The Tokyo Motor Show is a biennial (两年一次的) auto show held in October-November at the Makuhari Messe, Chiba City, Japan for cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles. Hosted by the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA), it is a recognized international show by the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles, and normally sees more concept cars than actual production car introductions which is the reason why the auto press see the show as one of the motor show's big five (along with Detroit, Geneva, Frankfurt and Paris).

The show, then called All Japan Motor Show was first held in an outdoor venue (会场) called Hibiya Park. The show was considered a success with 547,000 visitors over ten days and 254 exhibitors displaying 267 vehicles, but of the amount of vehicles only 17 of them were passenger cars as the show was dominated (占主导地位) by commercial vehicles. In 1958, due to construction of a subway and underground parking lot near Hibiya Park, the show was shifted to the Korakuen Bicycle Racing Track. The show, as the previous year, was spoiled by heavy rain. In 1959 the event moved indoor to its newly opened Harumi Showplace venue which was three times the size of its previous venue.

Onward from 1973, as the organizers decided not to host a show for the following year due to the international energy crisis and the show became a

biennial event. The show relocated to its current venue, the Makuhari Messe in 1989 and due to high public demand for vehicles in everyday use and the fact concept cars dominate the show, the show returned to being an annual event from 2001 to 2005 with one show for passenger cars and motorcycles and another for commercial vehicles for the following year. However from 2007 onwards the event (once again) returned to a biennial schedule which combines both passenger and commercial vehicles, including motorcycles and auto parts.

(313 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The Tokyo Motor Show is hosted by the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles. ()
2. The show in 1958 was really a success. ()
3. Since 1973, the Tokyo Motor Show began to be held every two years because of the international energy crisis except those from 2001 to 2005. ()
4. The first several Tokyo Motor Shows were held outdoors. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. More _____ than _____ are seen on the Tokyo Motor Show which is the reason why the auto press see the show as one of the motor show's big five.
2. Due to _____ and _____, the show returned to being an annual event from 2001 to 2005 with one show for _____ and another for _____ for the following year.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分6秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Oriental Crown — China Pavilion

China Pavilion is located at the heart of the Expo planning area. It will be the focus and landmark (地标) within the Expo Site.

China Pavilion is situated within Zone A of the Expo Site, to the east of the Expo Axis (轴). When visitors have access to the Expo Site from the main entrance in Pudong Section, the grand structure will catch their eyes immediately.

The total building area of China Pavilion is 160,100 square meters.

China Pavilion construction started on December 18, 2007, and is expected to complete by the end of September 2009; its roof structure was completed on November 28, 2008.

The design of China Pavilion is based on the concept of “Oriental (东方的) Crown, Splendid China, Ample (丰富的) Barn (仓库), and Rich People”, to express the spirit of Chinese culture.

The Area of China Pavilion consists of the Chinese National Pavilion, and Chinese Provinces Pavilion. Rising from the center, the Chinese National Pavilion looks like a huge crown, which is made of traditional Dougong (Chinese) brackets (斗拱) fixed layer upon layer, to include Chinese elements and reflect the Chinese spirit.

China Pavilion will present the efforts and achievements made by Chinese

people in urban development process, and the challenges to be faced in the future. It will be one of the major exhibition areas and carriers to demonstrate the Expo theme (主题) and convey the China's national spirit and Chinese philosophies.

The theme of China Pavilion is defined as “Chinese Wisdom in Urban Development”, which falls into four categories such as “self-discipline”, “social commitment (承诺)”, “inspiration (灵感) from nature” and “harmony (和谐) in diversity”, to display the characteristic aspects of China's urban development practices. The Pavilion will be provided with various exhibition facilities to display the colorful Chinese cultures and civilizations, and recent achievements of development in an all-round way, for visitors to have an in-depth knowledge of Chinese cultures.

The Chinese government will finance most of the construction of the Pavilion; at the same time, donations (捐款) also come from Chinese people home and abroad.

(335 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. If you enter the Expo Site from the main entrance in Pudong Section, it won't be difficult for you to find China Pavilion. ()
2. China Pavilion construction is planned to be completed within 1 year. ()
3. Financial support to the construction of China Pavilion will largely come from donations home and abroad. ()
4. The theme of China Pavilion is “Chinese Wisdom in Urban Development” and it is aimed to display the characteristic aspects of China's urban development practices. ()

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The Area of China Pavilion consists of _____ Pavilion,
and _____ Pavilion.
2. Visitors will get a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of _____
_____ through visiting China Pavilion.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分41秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Canton Fair

The fast-developing Chinese economy produces the increasing success of the Canton Fair. The Canton Fair is dedicated to (致力于) the mission of merging the country's economy with the rest of the world. It brings together the best companies and high-quality products from all over China, making it the first choice for international buyers.

Looking back upon its development, the China Import and Export Fair has reached beyond itself over and over again. The Canton Fair is famous for the longest history and highest level among trade fairs in China. It is co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and people's government of Guangdong Province. And it's a state-level and comprehensive (全面的) international trade event. The Canton Fair is the largest trade fair in China. It is held in spring and autumn every year in Guangzhou and each session is held in three phases. It has enough room for the total of 55,000 stands with an exhibition area of 1.1million square meters. About 22,000 companies are selected from China's hundreds of thousands of excellent companies. It has the most complete exhibit varieties. The Fair brings together over 150,000 kinds of famous, excellent and new products in 15 categories, including electronics, household electrical appliances (家用电器), consumer goods, textiles (纺织品), and clothes. Whatever you want to purchase, you can find it at the Fair.

A tour to the Canton Fair saves you a trip around China in both the biggest buyer attendance and the broad distribution buyers. About 200 international buyers attend the Fair each session, which contributes to the total number of buyers' attendance of over 5 million products. 150 and 250 world largest dealers are regular buyers of the Fair. People who attend the Fair are from over 210 countries and regions across the globe, exceeding the number of the member states of the United Nations. It increases the greatest business turnover (营业额) in China. The total export turnovers achieved at the Canton Fair exceeds 760 billion US dollars. It provides an opportunity for oversea companies to enter the Chinese market. To have a stand at the Canton Fair leads you to a large pool of loyal customers and a best market.

The Canton Fair covers a total area of over 800,000 square meters with a floor area of 1,100,000 square meters. It has 37 exhibition halls in the A, B and C areas with an exhibition area of 340,000 square meters.

Since its inauguration in 1957, China Import and Export Fair has witnessed great changes over a half of a century. Over 5 decades, the Fair has more than once changed and expanded its venue. The number of stands keeps increasing, but never quite meets the demand.

This is where businessmen from around the world witness the miracle of China's development. This is where they can also harvest the wealth, friendship and thousands of opportunities.

(477 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The Canton Fair is aimed to _____.
 - A. develop Chinese economy
 - B. merge the country's economy with the rest of the world
 - C. bring together the best companies and high quality products from all over

China

- D. become the first choice for international buyers
2. Which of the following features does **NOT** belong to the Canton Fair?
- A. It has the longest history among trade fairs in China.
- B. It is of the highest level among trade fairs in China.
- C. It is the largest trade fair followed by the China Import and Export Fair.
- D. It's a state level and comprehensive international trade event.
3. What does the sentence in the passage "A tour to the Canton Fair saves you a trip around China" mean?
- A. In the Canton Fair, there are the biggest buyer attendance and the broad distribution buyers.
- B. In Guangdong Province, there is the most beautiful scenery in China.
- C. It is co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and people's government of Guangdong Province so it enjoys some priority.
- D. Whatever you want to purchase, you can find it at the Fair.
4. Which is **NOT** right about the construction and organization of the Canton Fair?
- A. The Fair is held in spring and autumn every year in Guangzhou.
- B. The Fair brings together over 15 kinds of famous, excellent and new products.
- C. The Fair has enough room for the total of 55,000 stands.
- D. Till now, the Fair has more than once changed and expanded its venue.

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The Canton Fair provides an opportunity for _____ companies to enter the Chinese market.
2. _____ leads you to a large pool of loyal customers and a best market.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response

The State Museum's important collection of material from the World Trade Center and objects from the international response to the events of September 11, 2001, tell the story of that day and the effects and results of the tragedy (悲剧).

The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response details the history of the World Trade Center, the September 11 attacks, the rescue efforts, the evidence recovery operation at the Fresh Kills (美国著名垃圾掩埋场) facility, and the public response to the September 11th events. The exhibition includes many objects, images, videos, and interactive stations documenting this tragic chapter in New York and America's history.

The *Rescue* uses a timeline to trace the first 24 hours of September 11, 2001, and presents images that are unable to be removed or washed away from that day: the heavily damaged Engine 6 pumper (消防车), recovered New York Police Department and Fire Department objects, building remains, several old and damaged flags, and a large steel column from floors 7-9 of the South Tower.

The *Recovery* section begins at Ground Zero (世贸遗址) with a severely damaged 20-foot high, 10-ton steel column from floors 71-73 of the WTC North Tower. The stories of the recovery operation at Fresh Kills are told through the many objects found in the mountains of debris (残骸), including material from the everyday life of the buildings, the wheel from a car, melted floppy discs,

keys, and a payphone that has been squeezed into pieces. A large collection of guns from WTC Building 6 are on exhibition along with several destroyed street lampposts, fire tap, and a destroyed elevator door from one of the World Trade Center towers.

The exhibition includes pieces of the airplanes that crashed into the WTC. The details of the crashes are shown through vivid pictures and brought to cruel reality by a portion of the wheel assembly from one of the planes, a piece of fuselage, and a steel beam with an airplane piece fixed deeply in it.

The *Response* part of the exhibition focuses on a selection of objects from the State Museum's collection of emotional material created in response to September 11, such as a portion of a preserved fence section covered with memorial flags, banners, photographs, and flowers located on Broadway at Liberty Street.

The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response exhibition at the State Museum presents these and other objects from the Museum's complete collection. An intimate space shows changing films about the history of the Trade Center and the September 11 attacks. Four sound stations allow visitors to listen to audio pieces about the WTC, interviews with Police and FBI about Ground Zero, and the Fresh Kills Recovery Operation.

(440 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. In what order is the *Rescue* part organized?
A. space B. time C. logic D. form of presentation
2. What are the main exhibits in the *Recovery* section?
A. images B. videos C. objects D. interactive stations
3. The *Response* part of the exhibition focuses on _____ response to the tragedy.

- A. proofs of international people's emotional
 - B. proofs of the government's
 - C. proofs of other countries'
 - D. proofs of the victims' relatives'
4. The films on *The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response* exhibition at the State Museum are _____.
- A. audio pieces about the WTC
 - B. interviews with Police and FBI about Ground Zero
 - C. the Fresh Kills Recovery Operation
 - D. the history of the Trade Center and the September 11 attacks

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. *The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response* is mainly about _____, _____, the rescue efforts, the evidence recovery operation at the Fresh Kills facility, and _____ to the September 11th events.
2. Through the four interactive stations, visitors can listen to _____, interviews with Police and FBI about Ground Zero, and _____.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：9分30秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The World Expo Logo

On December 3, 2003, the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination announced the solicitation (征募) of World Expo Logo designs from home and abroad. The organization collected more than 8,000 designs from around the world and organized the Shanghai World Expo Logo Design Symposium (专题讨论会) on April 10, 2004.

Zhou Yupeng, Deputy Mayor of Shanghai and Director of the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination, proposed that the design of the logo “should not only be rich in meaning, it should also reflect the spirit of ‘understanding, communication, joyful gathering, and cooperation’ of the World Expo. At the same time, it should express the main idea of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo—Better City, Better Life—and the internationalized characteristics of cultural exchange between East and West. We look forward to seeing an outstanding logo which represents Chinese culture and at the same time reflects the recent reform and opening up, as well as the great energy and liveliness in economic development.”

The logo assessment (评估) and selection was conducted strictly according to the principles of “justice, fairness, and openness”. The assessment committee consisted of members recommended by professional institutions and departments, such as the Chinese Artists Association, the Design Committee

of China Packing Association, Shanghai Artists Association, and the Beijing Olympic Organizing Committee. After checking the data provided by relevant institutions, colleges, and universities, as well as going through a few rounds of selection, 40 experts from within China and from overseas were short listed. Eventually, a review committee made up of 15 members was formed. The name list was then submitted to the Organizing Committee for approval. These experts included senior artists, historians, and advertising designers. The assessment and selection was carried out under the effective supervision (监管) of the Shanghai Municipal Notarial Office.

On the night of November 29, 2004, the Announcement Ceremony for the Shanghai World Expo 2010 Logo was held in Shanghai. Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC, Vice Premier of the State Council, and Director of the World Expo Organizing Committee, Wu Yi pressed a crystal ball and the winning logo was announced to the public.

The Shanghai World Expo Logo was designed by Shao Hongkang, an advertising designer from Yancheng, Jiangsu Province. He interpreted the logo thus: it is shaped like a happy family of three; it symbolizes humanity as a whole including “you, he, and I”; it gives expression to the concept of the World Expo: understanding, communication, joyful gathering, and cooperation; and it represents China’s national spirit of harmony (和谐) and unity, reflecting the people-centered goals of the Shanghai World Expo 2010. The logo is similar in shape to the Chinese character (Shi), and is skillfully included the number 2010 in it, expressing the strong desire of the people of China to host a global expo that unifies diverse cultures.

Interestingly, the handwriting of the Chinese character in the logo forms a perfect match to the seal cutting of the character (Jing) in the logo of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, implying the continual effort of Chinese people to carry forward their traditional culture when China is integrating (融合) itself into the world.

(522 words)

I. Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. Zhou Yupeng proposed that the design of the logo should reflect _____.
 - A. the spirit of the World Expo
 - B. the main idea of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo
 - C. the internationalized characteristics of cultural exchange between East and West
 - D. all of the above
2. The logo assessment and selection was conducted _____.
 - A. directly by the Organizing Committee
 - B. by an assessment committee and a review committee
 - C. under the supervision of the Organizing Committee
 - D. directly by the Shanghai Municipal Notarial Office
3. The Shanghai World Expo Logo was designed by a (n) _____.
 - A. senior artist
 - B. historian
 - C. advertising designer
 - D. expert
4. In the following, which is **NOT** true about the logo?
 - A. It is shaped like an extended family.
 - B. It reflects the spirit of the World Expo.
 - C. It represents China's national spirit of harmony.
 - D. It is similar in shape to a Chinese character.

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The main idea of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo is _____.
2. The similarity between the Chinese character in the Shanghai World Expo 2010 logo and that in the logo of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games implies that _____.

Unit 10

History



Passage 1

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分47秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Olympic Games — Then and Now

In 2004 the Olympic Games returned to its home in Greece, where it began around 3000 years ago. The first recorded Olympic festival took place in 776 BC. Similar festivals had been organized for at least two or three centuries prior to this, but 776 BC saw the start of a regular festival which was to take place every Olympiad, or four year period.

In ancient Greece citizens of different city states could not always travel freely around the country, but during the Olympics the various rulers agreed truces (停战) so that their citizens could attend the Olympics without problems. It was a festival which celebrated on the one hand the Greek gods, and on the other hand the abilities of the Greek people.

The early athletic competitions were only running races, but later other

sports such as boxing and wrestling (摔跤) came to be included. It was not simply a matter of professional athletes entering the competitions; for one thing, there were no professional athletes! All the competitors were ordinary Greek citizens who felt that they were among the best in their chosen sports. Anyone wishing to compete had to arrive four weeks early, and undergo a full month of training. It wasn't only physical training, either: would-be competitors had to prove that they were morally and spiritually suitable to compete.

At the start of the games, every competitor had to swear an oath (誓言) that they were a free citizen of Greece who had committed no offense against the gods. In today's Olympics, one athlete takes an oath on behalf of all the competitors, although of course it is a little different from the ancient Greek oath. Today, competitors promise that they shall obey the rules of the games, will act in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner, and not use any performance-enhancing (增强) drugs. Cheating, though, is almost as old as the games itself: records of the ancient Greek games are filled with tales of athletes paying off their competitors.

The motivation for cheating hasn't changed much at all. Today, athletes compete primarily for the honour of being awarded a gold medal, but also for the enormous amounts of sponsorship (赞助) benefits given upon top sportspeople. Similarly, while ancient Greek athletes were officially only competing for the honour of being awarded a symbolic olive branch, winners were usually sponsored by their city state, receiving a large sum of money, or a new home.

The first modern attempts to revive (重振) the Olympics, the bridge between the ancient and modern Olympics, took place in Greece between 1859 and 1875. It was the first real international sporting competition, and the games were hugely popular with the public, and the level of support meant that, in Athens in 1896, the Olympics as we know them began. Despite the occasional pause, it has continued from strength to strength since then.

(483 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The Olympic festival in 776 BC was the first festival of that kind in history.
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2. Most of the competitors in the early Olympic competitions are professional athletes. ()
3. There was no cheating in ancient Greece Olympics as every competitor had to swear an oath at the start of the games. ()
4. The first modern attempts to revive the Olympics, the bridge between the ancient and modern Olympics, took place in Greece between 1859 and 1875.
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II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. In ancient Greece, the Olympics was held as a festival to celebrate both _____ and _____.
2. Today, athletes in the Olympics compete primarily for _____, and also for _____.

Passage 2

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：7分59秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

The Beginning of VOA: An American Voice Greet the World

The Voice of America went on the air on February 1, 1942, fifty-six days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the entry of the United States into WWII. The first broadcast was beamed to Europe via BBC stations.

“Here speaks a voice from America...” Announcer William Harlan Hale announced.

From that moment, America had found its “voice” abroad, after entering the 1940s with no official presence on the international airwaves.

In mid-1941, prior to the U.S. entry into WWII, President Roosevelt established the U.S. Foreign Information Service (FIS) and named his speechwriter (and former playwright) Robert Sherwood as its first director. Driven by his belief in the power of ideas and the need to communicate America’s views abroad, Sherwood rented space for his headquarters in New York City, recruited (招募) a staff of reporters, and began producing material for broadcast to Europe by privately-owned American shortwave stations.

With Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor and Germany’s declaration of war against the United States, Sherwood moved into high speed. He asked John Houseman, the drama producer, author, and director, to take charge of FIS radio operations in New York City. Houseman was well known to the general

public for his collaboration (合作) with Orson Welles on their radio adaptation (改编) of the War of the Worlds, a radio drama that created a nation-wide fear when it first broadcast in the 1930s.

The first VOA broadcasts were produced in rented office in New York. Houseman later recalled those first broadcasts: “We went on the air...with no name, out of a narrow studio, on borrowed stations, with absolutely no direction from anyone as to what we should broadcast other than the truth.”

From the beginning, VOA promised to tell its listeners the truth, regardless of whether the news was good or bad. “In reality, we had little choice. Inevitably (不可避免地) the news that the Voice of America would carry to the world in the first half of 1942 was almost all bad, recalled John Houseman. “Only thus could we establish a reputation (声誉) for honesty which we hoped would pay off on that distant but inevitable day when we would start reporting our own wars and victories.”

The first German programs accompanied broadcasts in French, Italian, and English. By June 1942, VOA was growing rapidly and had a new organizational home — the Office of War Information (OWI). Twenty-three stations had been constructed and 27 language services were on the air in January 1943 when the Allied (盟军) meeting took place in Casablanca. By 1944, VOA broadcast hundreds of hours of programming in over forty languages.

(439 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. The Voice of America went on the air for the first time _____.
 - A. prior to the U.S. entry into WWII
 - B. fifty-six days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
 - C. the day right after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
 - D. in mid-1941

2. Who was appointed the first director of FIS?
 - A. William Harlan Hale
 - B. Roosevelt
 - C. Robert Sherwood
 - D. John Houseman
3. The first VOA broadcasts were produced _____.
 - A. in BBC stations
 - B. in rented office in New York
 - C. by state-owned shortwave stations
 - D. in the Office of War Information
4. From the beginning, VOA is dedicated to _____.
 - A. good news in the war
 - B. almost all bad news in the war
 - C. true news
 - D. news that is beneficial to the U.S. government

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. VOA appeared as _____ of the U.S. on the international airwaves.
2. Sherwood rented space for his headquarters in New York City, recruited a staff of reporters, and began producing material for broadcast to Europe because he was driven by _____ and _____.

Passage 3

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分58秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Gold! How the Search for Riches Drove Development after the U.S. Civil War

Soon after the Civil War ended in 1865, thousands of land-hungry Americans began to move west. The discovery of gold had already started a great movement to California. The great movement of settlers continued for almost forty years. The great empty west, in time, became completely settled.

Men had rushed to the gold fields with hopes of becoming rich. A few found gold. The others found only hard work and high prices. In some of the gold centers, big mining companies bought up all the land from those who first claimed it. And in order to dig out the gold from deep underground and separate it from the rock, these companies needed equipment and other supplies. In this way, transportation (运输) companies were formed. Roads were built, and in some places, railroads.

Meanwhile, the big eastern cities continued to grow and the growth of these industrial centers created a big demand for food, especially meat. Chicago quickly became the heart of the meat industry. Railroads brought animals to Chicago, where packing companies killed them and prepared the meat for eastern markets.

Special railroad cars kept the meat cold, so it would remain fresh until sold. As the meat industry grew, the demand for fresh meat increased. More and more

cattle were needed.

There were millions of cattle in Texas, but no way to get them to the eastern markets. The closest point on the railroad was Sedalia, Missouri, more than one thousand kilometers away. Some cattlemen believed it might be possible to walk cattle to the railroad, letting them feed on the open grassland along the way.

Early in 1866, a group of Texas cattlemen decided to try this. They put together a huge herd (牧群) of more than 260,000 cattle and set out for Sedalia. The cowboys worked hard on a trail drive. They had to keep the herd together day and night and protect it from bad men and Indians. They had to keep the cattle from moving too fast or running away. If they moved too fast, they would lose weight, and their owner would not get as much money for them.

The cowboys would walk the cattle only twenty to thirty kilometers a day. The cattle could feed all night and part of the morning before starting each day. If the grass was good, and the herd moved slowly, the cattle would get heavier and bring more money.

In the early 1880s, the price of cattle rose to fifty dollars each, and many cattlemen became rich. However, as more and more people began raising cattle, within a few years, there was so much meat that the price began to fall. By the late 1800s, the years of the cowboys were ending. But the story of the cowboy and his difficult life would not be forgotten. Even today, the cowboy lives in movies, on television, and in books.

(493 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Many people who had rushed to the gold fields in California found gold and became rich. ()
2. Gold mining promoted the development of other industries. ()
3. Since a lot of cattle were raised in Chicago, the city quickly became the heart

of the meat industry. ()

4. During the trail drive, the cowboys had to keep the cattle moving as fast as possible. ()

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. The great movement of settlers continued for almost _____ years.
2. During the cattle trail drive, cowboys had to _____ day and night and protect it from _____.

Passage 4

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分5秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Qin Dynasty of China

Qin Dynasty was the first unified (统一的), multi-national and power-centralized state in the Chinese history. It lasted from 221 BC to 207 BC. Although surviving only 15 years, the dynasty held an important role in Chinese history and it had great influence on the following dynasties. Only two emperors, Yingzheng—Emperor Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor in the Chinese history, and Emperor Hu Hai ever ruled the state, which was finally overthrown by the people's uprising.

During the late Warring States Period (476 BC - 221 BC), the state of Qin was in its full development. When Emperor Yingzheng was in his rule, he defeated the other six states (Han, Zhao, Wei, Yan, Chu and Qi), from 230 BC to 221 BC. So ending the disorder caused by wars among vassals (诸侯) that had lasted over 500 years. He established a unified and centralized country and declared Xianyang, in Shaanxi Province, the capital city of the Qin.

To strengthen the unity of the nation and keep the Qin Dynasty, Emperor Qin carried out many effective measures and reforms in politics, economy, military affairs, and culture, which contributed much to the development of the country.

In politics, he declared himself the Emperor of the state. All major powers including politics, economy, military affairs were in his hand. Government

organizations both in the central and local places were reorganized and local counties were restructured.

In his economy, the Emperor set up the standards for weights and measures and ordered that the round coin with square hole (Ban Liang Coin) should be the coin used in the country.

In Addition, the Emperor also made rules for the written character, making the Qinzhuang the standard. He also placed great importance on infrastructure (基础设施): watering works and road building projects. The miracle of the world, the Great Wall of China, was built under his order. All that he achieved had promoted the development of Qin's economy.

Emperor Qin Shi Huang was a cruel emperor despite his contributions to the country. To prevent his people to think freely, he burnt many books which he feared would affect people's thinking. What's worse, in his second year, after he learnt some scholars' discussions about his rule, he buried 460 of them alive. In history, these two events are called "To Burn the Books and Bury the Scholars Alive". And yet, at the same time, the Emperor built very huge and expensive palaces, the Great Wall, the famous Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses (兵马俑), together with his own mausoleum (陵墓), through hard labor, heavy taxes, and cruel law and military service, giving the community a difficult and tiring existence.

(444 words)

I . Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

- _____ emperors have (has) ruled the Qin Dynasty.
A. Only 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. More than 3
- The capital city of the Qin, Xianyang, is now located in _____ Province.
A. Shanxi B. Shaanxi C. Xi'an D. Henan

3. In order to strengthen the unity of the nation and keep the Qin Dynasty, the most important measure Emperor Qin Shi Huang has carried out in politics is _____.
- A. building very huge and expensive palaces
 - B. defeating the other six states and ending the disorder caused by wars among vassals
 - C. setting up the standards for weights and measures and ordering that the round coin with square hole should be the coin used in the country
 - D. reorganizing central and local government organizations and centralizing powers of the country
4. Which of the following does **NOT** prove that Emperor Qin Shi Huang was a cruel emperor?
- A. He initiated two events called “To Burn the Books and Bury the Scholars Alive”.
 - B. He defeated the other six states during the late Warring States Period.
 - C. He built very luxurious palaces through hard labor.
 - D. He exert heavy taxes, cruel law and military service on the community.

II. Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Emperor Qin Shi Huang made rules for the written character, making _____ the standard character in the Qin Dynasty.
2. Emperor Qin Shi Huang burnt many books which he feared would affect people’s thinking in order to _____.

Passage 5

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：6分23秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

When Did Columbus “Discover” the Americas? —A New Theory

When did Columbus ‘discover’ the Americas? 1492? Not according to Ruggero Marino, who claims that Columbus actually reached America in 1485. The traditional view is that Columbus set sail on the first of his four great voyages in 1492, having been sponsored (资助) by Ferdinand II and Isabella I of Spain. Marino argues that there was an earlier, and wholly successful voyage, sponsored by Pope (教皇) Innocent VIII and his relatives, the Medici family. Marino continues, claiming that when Innocent died the new Pope, Alexander VI, gave the “rights” and information to the leaders of his native Spain, promoting Columbus’s, apparently better known, journeys.

Marino has two main pieces of evidence: the Piri Reis map and Innocent’s tomb (墓碑). Although a genuine document, the map drawn by the Turkish Admiral (海军上将) (or Reis) Piri Ibn Haji Mehmed in 1513 has been the subject of many foolish theories, often by people who don’t appear to have read it. Marino, however, is using the work of Professor Bausani, an authority on the document. Academics (学术界) accept that Piri based his work on maps from Columbus, and Bausani believes that an annotation (注解) referring to an “infidel (异教徒) from Genoa, who discovered the continent in 890”, is a reference to Columbus, who was born in Genoa. (890 is an Islamic date, equivalent to 1485-86.)

The words on Innocent's tomb may also be further proof: it states that "the glory of the discovery of the New World" occurred during his duty. This could be evidence that Columbus had already been to the Americas at the time of Innocent's death in 1492, but it could also be an anticipation (预知) of later success. Although Marino accepts both possibilities, he favours the former.

Will the academic community accept Marino's ideas? He certainly stands a better chance than many others who have used the Piri Reis map.

(351 words)

I . Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. As to when Columbus discovered the Americas, Ruggero Marino holds a view quite different from the traditional one. ()
2. Ruggero Marino claims that Columbus has made 4 voyages all together. ()
3. The Turkish Admiral Piri Ibn Haji Mehmed pointed out in his map that "an infidel (异教徒) from Genoa, who discovered the continent in 890" referred to Columbus. ()
4. The words on Innocent's tomb may be understood in two ways, i.e. at the time of Innocent's death in 1492, Columbus had already been to, or would definitely land on the Americas. ()

II . Fill in the blanks according to the passage.

1. Marino has two main pieces of evidence to support his view on the time when Columbus discovered the Americas: _____ and _____.
2. Ruggero Marino adopts Bausani's opinion because _____.

Passage 6

快速阅读自查表

阅读和练习建议用时：8分13秒

实际用时：

正确答题数记录：

Trains: Past, Present and Future

Railways are not a modern invention as most of us think. The idea of transporting things and people on rails has been around for a long time. Rails were made of wood, stone or metal, and railway wagons were pulled by horses, some were even wind powered and had sails. At the start of the Industrial Revolution in Britain, people needed to transport raw materials such as coal, so created a network of canals and rail links between towns. But canals and horsepower were a very slow way to move things around the country, so the speed of railway wagons needed to be increased.

By 1800 many industries were using steam engines, designed by James Watt. Richard Trevithick, an engineer, refined Watts' invention and designed the first locomotive (火车头) for an Iron Works in Wales. On its first journey it travelled at almost 8 km an hour! Unfortunately, it was so heavy that it broke the rails. But it had shown that steam engines could be used to move trains, and speeds began to increase.

The next 130 years can be described as a Golden Age of Steam. Railways were built all over the world, and the size, speed and comfort of trains continued to increase. By 1870 it was possible to cross America by train, and the building of railways in many other countries allowed people and products to move quickly across the world. Although it is still possible to travel by steam trains,

they have not travelled regularly for almost 30 years in many countries. Diesel (柴油) powered locomotives or trains running with electricity now run on most railways. Modern trains are cleaner and much faster than steam engines but many people still miss the puffing (喷烟) sound and the romance (传奇) of steam.

Quite a few countries now use high speed trains. The famous Bullet Train in Japan and the TGV in France can both carry passengers at speeds of over 300km/h. Journey times are now much shorter, and trains can travel on some unusual routes: up hills, through mountains, even under the sea. Euro-tunnel was opened in 1994 and connects Britain to France through a railway that goes under the sea.

The future of train travel could be in Maglev trains. These trains are supported by electro-magnets and hover (盘旋) off the ground. Some countries are already using this technology in cities, and others are planning to use it on longer journeys. At the moment they can go more than 500km/h, but some engineers think speeds of over 1000 km/h are possible—some even think they could be used to launch spaceship! Trains have come a long way since Richard Trevithick's first train.

(452 words)

I. Please choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

1. In history, trains have **NOT** been powered by _____.
A. wind B. horse C. steam D. gasoline
2. Who designed the first locomotive?
A. James Watt. B. Richard Trevithick.
C. Bullet Train. D. not mentioned in the article.
3. What in the following is the main advantage of electricity-powered trains in comparison with steam engines?

