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英语(二) 试题

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1. 请考生按规定用笔将所有试题的答案涂、写在答题纸上。
2. 答题前,考生务必将自己的姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。

选择题部分

注意事项:

每小题选出答案后,用 2B 铅笔把答题纸上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动,用橡皮擦干净后,再选涂其他答案标号。不能答在试题卷上。

第一部分: 阅读判断(第 1~10 题, 每题 1 分, 共 10 分)

下面的短文后列出了 10 个句子, 请根据短文的内容对每个句子作出判断: 如果该句提供的是正确信息, 选择 A; 如果该句提供的是错误信息, 选择 B; 如果该句的信息文中没有提及, 选择 C。在答题纸相应位置上将答案选项涂黑。

The History of Coffee Houses

Today, the idea of a coffee house usually brings to mind a cozy (惬意的) place that serves delicious coffee. So how did the coffee house get started?

The first record of a public place serving coffee dates back to 1475. Kiva Han was the first coffee shop, located in Istanbul, Türkiye. Coffee was a very important item during that period. It was even legal in Türkiye for a woman to divorce her husband if he could not supply her with enough coffee.

The idea of adding cream and sugar to coffee came into fashion in Europe around 1529, when the first coffee house in Europe was established. Vienna was invaded by the Turkish army. They left many bags of coffee beans behind when they fled the city. An Austrian who had lived in Türkiye was the only person who recognized the value in the beans. He opened a coffee house and introduced the idea of filtering (过滤) coffee, as well as softening coffee with milk and sugar.

Coffee establishments continued to spread, with the first one opening up in Britain in 1652. And it was in an English coffee house that the word “tips” was first used. A jar with a sign reading “To Insure Prompt Service” sat on the counter. You put a coin in the jar to be served quickly.

The British called their coffee houses “penny universities,” because that was the price for the coffee and the social upper-class of businessmen were found there. From there, the idea spread further through Europe and eventually to America. The role of the American coffee houses was the same as that in England: hotspots for the business community.

And who could forget the most popular coffee house chain of all, Starbucks? They opened their first store in 1971, in Seattle, and have taken the world by storm with over 8,000 locations.

1. Kiva Han was the world’s oldest coffee house.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
2. Turkish men often bought coffee as a gift for the marriage proposal.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
3. It was in Europe that people started to add cream to coffee.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
4. The Turkish people enjoyed having their coffee black.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
5. Coffee beans were first brought to Europe as a gift from Türkiye.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
6. Before 1529, there were many coffee houses in Europe.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
7. The British started tipping in order to get served more quickly.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
8. Many coffee houses were opened in British universities.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
9. American businessmen often met at coffee houses.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
10. Starbucks opened its first coffee house in 1652.
A. True B. False C. Not Given

第二部分：阅读选择（第 11～15 题，每题 2 分，共 10 分）

阅读下面短文，请从短文后所给各题的 4 个选项（A、B、C、D）中选出 1 个最佳选项，并在答题纸相应位置上将该项涂黑。

The Spread of Cats

Today's house cats all come from a single type of wildcat. Researchers believe that it was originally from the Near East, in a region from modern-day Türkiye down to Lebanon. Around 10,000 years ago, farmers began storing grain. The grain attracted mice. Cats could help out with that.

The same type of cats also ruled in Ancient Egypt. They left their traces in statues and paintings. Researchers wondered how these two separate lines led to today's worldwide success of cats. Unlike other archaeologists (考古学家), Eva-Maria Geigl studied DNA instead of bones.

Combining the genetic information with other records, the researchers figured out the cats' paths. After cats befriended (亲近) the Near East farmers, they began to appear on farms in other places. One example is a 9,500-year-old cat buried in a human grave on the island of Cyprus. There were no wild cats on the island. They must have come from somewhere else. Humans must have brought them on a boat.

A second wave of cats began living with humans in Egypt 2,500 years ago. The new study shows that during Roman times, these Egyptian cats also began expanding through the Mediterranean (地中海). They mixed with the Near East cats and then went farther. They went through Europe and into Southwest Asia.

When the Viking age began, the expansion of Egyptian cat families exploded. It was likely due to the popularity of using ship cats to kill rats. "Rats on ships not only eat and spoil the food, they also destroy the ropes, so rats could be a disaster for sailors," says Geigl. "Cats prevent these types of disasters."

11. The first cats were believed to come from _____.

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| A. Egypt | B. the Far East |
| C. the Near East | D. East Asia |

12. How does Geigl study the spread of cats?

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| A. By following their traces. | B. By analyzing their statues. |
| C. By examining their bones. | D. By testing their DNA. |

13. The cat found in the Cyprus grave was probably _____.
A. born on the island B. brought to the island
C. the world's first wild cat D. the world's first pet cat
14. The cats in Southwest Asia were originally from _____.
A. Egypt B. Cyprus
C. Europe D. the Mediterranean
15. Who contributed most to the spread of cats during the Viking age?
A. Researchers. B. Painters. C. Farmers. D. Sailors.

第三部分：概括段落大意和补全句子（第 16~25 题，每题 1 分，共 10 分）

阅读下面短文，请完成短文后的 2 项测试任务：（1）从第 16~20 题后所给的 6 个选项中为第①~⑤段每段选择 1 个正确的小标题；（2）从第 21~25 题后所给的 6 个选项中选择 5 个正确选项，分别完成每个句子。在答题纸相应位置上将答案选项涂黑。

The Pony (小马) Express

- ① In 1848, gold was found in California. Thousands of people rushed there. But the train line to California wasn't finished until 1869. It took a long time to ride a horse from California to Missouri. What would you do if you wanted to send a message? Well, you could use the Pony Express.
- ② In 1860 and 1861, the Pony Express was the fastest way to get news to and from the West. The road was around 2,000 miles long. It took most people weeks or months to ride that far. The Pony Express could make it in just 10 days. Those speeds were unheard of then. How did they do it? Well, they had a good system.
- ③ The Pony Express had 184 stations along the road. The stations were about 10 miles apart. This is about how far a horse could run before tired. The rider would switch to a new horse at each station. Every 75-100 miles, the rider would get to a home station, where riders would rest. Before resting, he would give his mail bag to a new rider. The mail never stopped moving, while the horses and riders rested.
- ④ It was tough to ride for the Pony Express. Each rider had to weigh less than 125 pounds. Speed was the key. Most riders were teenage boys. They rode up to 100 miles a day. The ride could be dangerous. Attacks by local people were common. But in its running time, the Pony Express lost only one mail bag.

⑤ The Pony Express filled an important role for a time, but it did not last. The Civil War started in 1861. Things got worse when the first telegraph line to California was finished later that year. People could send messages by telegraph instantly. Soon the Pony Express closed. But the story of the brave riders lives on.

Task 1

- 16. Paragraph ①:
- 17. Paragraph ②:
- 18. Paragraph ③:
- 19. Paragraph ④:
- 20. Paragraph ⑤:

- A. The end of riders' business
- B. The fastest message service
- C. The comfortable home station
- D. The effective system to send mail
- E. Safe delivery despite the tough ride
- F. Need of message exchange in the gold rush

Task 2

- 21. People rushed to California _____.
- 22. To ride 2,000 miles took the Pony Express _____.
- 23. There were adequate stations to _____.
- 24. Most riders had to _____.
- 25. The telegraph appeared _____.

- A. only ten days
- B. for a better life
- C. a couple of months
- D. be young and brave
- E. switch horses and riders
- F. after the outbreak of the Civil War

第四部分：填句补文（第 26～30 题，每题 2 分，共 10 分）

下面的短文有 5 处空白，短文后有 6 个句子，其中 5 个取自短文，请根据短文内容将其分别放回原有位置，以恢复文章原貌，并在答题纸相应位置上将答案选项涂黑。

Work is a Blessing

I grew up in Lakeland, LA, one of 12 children. We all lived on my parents' farm. We grew cotton, corn and had a large garden, but it didn't bring in much cash. 26 We milked 65 cows at 5 in the morning and again at 2 in the afternoon, seven days a week.

One Saturday before daylight, I remember complaining to my father and grandfather about having to milk those cows. My father said, "You know, boy, to work is a blessing." 27 However, it took many years before it sank in.

Going to college was a rare privilege for a kid from Lakeland. 28 So I joined the ROTC program to help pay for college. And what started out as an obligation to the Army became a way of life that I stayed committed to for 37 years, three months and three days.

In the late 1980s, during a visit to Bangladesh, I saw a woman with a baby on her back, breaking bricks with a hammer. I asked a Bangladesh military officer why they weren't using a machine, which would have been a lot easier. 29 Breaking those bricks meant she could earn enough money to feed herself and her baby that day. And as bad as that woman's job was, it was enough to keep a small family alive. 30

- A. I don't think I will ever quit working.
- B. However, I still wanted to go to college.
- C. He told me a machine would put that lady out of work.
- D. I had a feeling I had been told something really important.
- E. It reminded me of my father's words: To work is a blessing.
- F. So when I was 12, I got a part-time job helping to milk cows.

第五部分：填词补文（第 31~40 题，每题 1.5 分，共 15 分）

下面的短文有 10 处空白，短文后列出 12 个词，其中 10 个取自短文，请根据短文内容将其分别放回原有位置，以恢复文章原貌，并在答题纸相应位置上将答案选项涂黑。

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (人工智能) on Jobs

As you grew up, there's a good chance you heard the saying "go to a good school, get a good job, and make lots of money." On the surface, that seems like 31 advice. After all, college graduates, on 32, earn almost \$1 million more in their lifetime than those with 33 a high school education.

Perhaps you were encouraged to earn a professional degree to 34 a high-paying job like a doctor, dentist, lawyer or something 35. This also seems like great advice. A professional degree holder 36 earns more than \$2 million more in their lifetime than the average college graduate. But that was then, not now.

Thanks to rapid 37 in artificial intelligence, jobs are falling to machines. And it's not just blue-collar jobs that are being taken 38 by automation (自动化). It's white-collar professions as well.

The safe, high paying jobs of the past are starting to look much less secure. If you're currently in one of the professions of finance, 39 or law, or going to school to get into these fields, you should 40 twice before continuing.

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| A. get | E. medicine | I. only |
| B. called | F. over | J. use |
| C. similar | G. average | K. usually |
| D. think | H. valuable | L. development |

非选择题部分

注意事项:

用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔将答案写在答题纸上,不能答在试题卷上。

第六部分: 完形补文 (第 41~50 题, 每题 1.5 分, 共 15 分)

下面的短文有 10 处空白, 每处空白后的括号内有一个词, 请根据短文内容将其正确的形式填入文中, 以恢复文章原貌, 并将答案写在答题纸相应的位置上。

Dutch King's Secret Life

Next time you fly, the pilot might (may) be a king. Dutch King Willem-Alexander has 41 (secret) been flying planes twice a month for twenty-one 42 (year). His passengers were 43 (aware) of this. The 50-year-old king 44 (get) his military pilot's license with the Dutch Air Force in his twenties. He loved flying and 45 (become) a commercial pilot. The king is now 46 (train) to fly Boeing 737 because he wants to upgrade his skills.

The king said flying could relieve his pressure. He explained: "You can't take your problems from the ground into the skies. You can leave them aside 47 (complete) and concentrate on something else. That is the most 48 (relax) part of flying." He said it was easy to keep his secret. Few people 49 (know) he was their pilot. He always welcomed passengers on behalf of the captain and the crew. So far he has never 50 (tell) passengers his name.

第七部分: 短文写作 (第 51 题, 30 分)

请根据所提供材料中的要求完成一篇 100 词左右的英文写作任务。将你的答案写在答题纸相应的位置上。

51.

某英文报社正在举办题为 "No Smoking in Public Places" 的征文活动。请你根据下述写作要点提交一篇英文短文应征。

- 公共场所吸烟有什么危害
- 你能为公共场所禁烟做些什么