**练习一**

**第二部分阅读(共两节，满分50分)**

**第一节(共15小题;每题2. 5分，满分37. 5分)**

**阅读下列短文，从每题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中选出最佳选项。**

**A**

Save A Dog, Inc. is a Massachusetts-based humane society. We take in dogs of all breeds, sizes, and shapes who have become homeless for one reason or another. We work with animal shelters in MA as well as out of state. We try to make the best match for applicant and dog.

To date we have rescued and adopted over 8, 000 dogs. We offer education to our adopters on how to use natural supplements and a good quality food to care for the new dog or pup. We offer on-site puppy kindergarten classes for our adopters during the months when the weather is favorable. We send our rescued dogs home with an adoption contract that ensures the dog will never again end up in a shelter again. We advocate positive reinforcement (强化) training for dogs at home.

We charge an adoption fee. Our adoption fees vary. For senior dogs (9 years and older), the adoption donation ranges from $150 to $350. For adult dogs (older than 1 year) the donation is $450. Adolescent dogs range from $450-500, and the donation for puppies is $600. We are a 501c3 organization privately funded by donations and the adoption fees. We are always very grateful if you can add a little extra donation to help us continue our rescue work.

Our shelter is small and we cannot accommodate drop-in visits at this time. If you would like to meet our rescued dogs, please fill out an application for free and we will send you the next steps. If you have additional questions, the best way to reach us is via email to adoptions@saveadog.org.

21 What is the focus of Massachusetts-based humane society?

A. Deserted dogs.

B. Animal shelters.

C. Rescued animals.

D Homeless persons.

22. What does Save A Dog, Inc. offer to adopters?

A. Reinforcement training.

B. Long-term home care.

C. Guidance on dog caring.

D. An employment contract.

23. What can we learn about Save A Dog, Inc.?

A. It can be contacted and visited any time.

B. It charges most for adult dogs’ adoption.

C. It requires an application at an extra charge.

D. It encourages donations to help with the work.

**B**

On March 6, the 2024 Douyin E-commerce Female Consumer Trend Data Report revealed that in 2023 the order volume of horse faced skirts -a type of hanfu, the traditional style of clothing worn by the Han people-among female users on Douyin skyrocketed by 841 percent compared to the previous year.

“I’ve noticed that there are so many people wearing horse-faced skirts on the streets now, from young women to children; it’s unbelievable, ” said Wang Zicheng, a 23-year-old hanfu enthusiast.

He recalled that when he wore hanfu for the first time in 2018 at his coming-of-age ceremony, it was still a minority interest. Now, he is confident wearing it everywhere, even outside of China.

As hanfu gains popularity, traditional attire (服装) and modern fashion are merging (融合), influencing not only clothing styles but also cultural perceptions and people’s understanding.

Some hanfu enthusiasts argue that each design and structural form of hanfu carries distinct historical and cultural significance, insisting that these details should be adhered to (遵循) strictly. However, other consumers prioritize the aesthetics (美学) and comfort of the clothing.

Zhou Shuang, 37, specializes in character styling for film and television. She pointed out that for those unfamiliar with traditional clothing culture, it’s understandable for them to desire a mixture of classical elegance with modern fashion.

This combination is referred to as the neo-Chinese style. “Neo-Chinese style clothing design doesn’t merely layer traditional elements, but combines modernity and tradition naturally,” explained Zhou. “It aims to showcase traditional charm that resonates with (与……产生共鸣) the aesthetic preferences of today’s Chinese. ”

Despite the growing hanfu trend in China, there remains a lack of understanding among people abroad. According to Wang, he traveled to a dozen countries while wearing hanfu.

“They guessed about the origin of my clothes…, but none correctly identified that it’s from China,” Wang said. He believed this is because people in other countries have few chances to see authentic hanfu clothes and accessories.

A potential solution could be integrating hanfu into everyday attire. Indeed, Zhou’s students are currently exploring ways to preserve hanfu’s cultural heritage while accommodating the demands of daily fashion choices.

24. What does Wang Zicheng’s experience detailed in paragraphs 2-3 reflect?

A. The diversity of hanfu enthusiasts.

B. The cultural significance of hanfu.

C. The reasons for hanfu’s popularity.

D. The increasing recognition of hanfu.

25. According to Wang, why was his hanfu not correctly identified when he was traveling?

A. His hanfu did not represent a typical style.

B. Western tourists show little interest in hanfu.

C. People abroad were unfamiliar with hanfu culture.

D. Hanfu has mixed clothing styles from other countries.

26. What are Zhou’s students doing now?

A. Cooperating with daily fashion designers.

B. Protecting traditional hanfu in a modern way.

C. Promoting traditional Chinese clothing abroad.

D. Studying the historical evolution of the hanfu style.

27. What is the best title for the passage?

A. Hanfu: Reshaping Modern Fashion

B. Ancient Fashion: The Forgotten Beauty of Hanfu

C. Hanfu: An Evolutionary Journey Through Centuries

D. Hanfu vs. Modern Fashion: A Symbol of Chinese Nationalism

**C**

In a recent study of healthy volunteers, National Institutes of Health researchers discovered that our brains may replay memories of learning new skills when we rest.

NIH researchers have mapped out the brain activity that flows when we learn a new skill, such as playing a new song on the piano, and found that during short rest the volunteers’ brains rapidly and repeatedly replayed faster versions of the activity seen while they practiced typing a code. The more a volunteer replayed the activity the better they performed during subsequent practice sessions.

The study was conducted at the NIH Clinical Center. The team of Dr. Cohen, M.D. , senior investigator at the NIH’s National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), used a highly sensitive scanning technique to record the brain waves of 33 healthy, right-handed volunteers as they learned to type a five-digit test code with their left hands. The subjects sat in a chair and under the scanner’s long, cone-shaped cap. An experiment began when a subject was shown the code “41234” on a screen and asked to type it out as many times as possible for 10 seconds and then take a 10 second break. Subjects were asked to repeat this cycle of alternating (交替的) practice and rest sessions a total of 35 times.

During the first few trials, the speed at which subjects correctly typed the code improved dramatically and then leveled off around the 11th cycle. In a previous study, Dr. Cohen’s team showed that most of these gains happened during short rests, and not when the subjects were typing. Moreover, the gains were greater than those made after a night’s sleep and were related with a decrease in the size of brain waves, called beta rhythms. In this new report, the researchers searched for something different in the subjects’ brain waves.

“We wanted to explore the mechanisms (机制) behind memory strengthening seen during wakeful rest. Several forms of memory appear to rely on the replaying of neural (神经的) activity, so we decided to test this idea out for procedural skill learning,” said Ethan R. Buch, Ph.D., a staff scientist on Dr. Cohen’s team and leader of the study. To do this, Dr. Buch developed a computer program which allowed the team to understand the brain wave activity associated with typing each number in the test code.

Interestingly, they found that the more a volunteer replayed, the better their performance was. “We were a bit surprised by these last results. Overall, our results support the idea that the replay activity during waking rest may be a powerful tool that researchers can use to help individuals learn new skills faster and possibly facilitate recovery from stroke.” said Dr. Cohen.

28. What have NIH researchers recently found?

A. The brain activity slowly flows when we learn a new skill.

B. The value of short practice sessions can’t be overestimated.

C. Short rest makes no difference to the neural replay of the activity.

D. The frequency of brain replay contributes to practice performances.

29. What is mainly talked about in Paragraph 3?

A. The process of the research.

B. The facilities of the research.

C. The application of the research.

D. The preparations of the research.

30. Why did Dr. Buch develop a computer program?

A. To distinguish the first 11 cycles from the later ones.

B. To confirm the role of neural replay in skill learning.

C. To explore the potential effects of procedural learning.

D. To find out the reasons for the changes in brain waves.

31. What does Dr. Cohen think of the research findings?

A. Acceptable.

B. Promising.

C. Shallow.

D. Dismissive.

**D**

Psychologists have long been in disagreement as to whether competition is a learned or a genetic component of human behavior. Whatever it is, you cannot but recognize the effect competition has on academics and many other areas of contemporary life.

Psychologically speaking, competition has been seen as an unavoidable consequence of human drives. According to Sigmund Freud, humans are born screaming for attention and full of organic drives for fulfillment in various areas. Initially, we compete for the attention of our parents.

Current work in anthropology (人类学) has suggested, however, that this view of the role of competition in human behavior may be **a fallacy**. Thomas Hobbes, one of the great philosophers of the seventeenth century, is perhaps best remembered for his characterization of the “natural world”, that is, the world before the introduction of the will of humanity, as being unpleasant and short. This opinion is still widely held, reinforced by Charles Darwin’s highly influential work, The Origin of Species, which established the doctrine (学说) of natural selection. Darwin’s theory has even been summarized as “survival of the fittest”-a phrase Darwin himself never used-further highlighting competition’s role in success. As it has often been pointed out, however, there is nothing in the concept of natural selection that suggests that competition is the most successful strategy for “survival of the fittest”. Darwin said in The Origin of Species that the struggles he was describing should be viewed as metaphors and couldn’t be separated from dependence and cooperation.

Many studies have been conducted to test the importance placed on competition rather than other values, such as cooperation, and generally conclude that Americans uniquely praise competition as natural, unavoidable, and desirable. In 1937, the world-renowned anthropologist Margaret Mead published Cooperation and Competition among Primitive Peoples, based on her studies of several societies that did not prize competition, and, in fact, seemed at times to place a negative value on it. One such society was the Zuni Indians of Arizona, and they, Mead found, valued cooperation far more than competition. After studying dozens of such cultures, Mead’s final conclusion was that competitiveness is a culturally created aspect of human behavior, and that its popularity in a particular society is relative to how that society values it.

32. What does the author think is commonly seen in many areas of contemporary life?

A. The origin of human drives.

B. The influence of competition.

C. The reasons for human behaviour.

D. The disagreement on competition.

33. What does the underlined words “a fallacy” in the second paragraph mean?

A. A false idea.

B. A hard nut.

C. A losing battle.

D. A mixed blessing.

34. What can we learn from Darwin’s words in The Origin of Species?

A. All species depend on others for survival.

B. The strongest species proves to be the fittest.

C. Struggles for survival include support of each other.

D. Competition is looked on as the best survival strategy.

35. What conclusion did Margaret Mead reach?

A. It is characteristic of humans to be competitive.

B Americans are uniquely opposed to cooperation.

C. Competition is relatively more popular in Western societies.

D. People’s attitude towards competition is actually culture-bound.

**第二节(共5小题;每小题2. 5分，满分12. 5分)**

**阅读下面短文，从短文后的选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。**

Life is an adventure, and going to college is one of the most exciting but challenging experiences for many people, especially international students. \_\_\_\_36\_\_\_\_ After one year of studying and adapting, here are my ideas for making American life easier.

**Managing personal identification**

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They’re essential records for your arrival and keep you safe in a new nation. At first, I was overwhelmed by the numerous pieces of paper. So I highly recommend that you have a separate worksheet to keep all your paperwork in one place.

**Practicing English**

Never stop practicing your English. For most international students, English is not their mother language. They will struggle in daily conversations, with foreign people in the very first weeks. \_\_\_\_38\_\_\_\_ You can watch: American TV shows, learn by hearing new vocabulary and try to talk with native people.

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When you first come to a new environment, you will feel lonely and homesick. To reduce loneliness, you should be open-minded and socially active. Meeting new friends will solve this issue. However, do not limit yourself by only having friends from your country, and try to hang out with other international newbies (新生).

**Planning your career**

Before attending any university, make sure you have a solid plan for your career path. Carefully map out your academic pathway. Get advice from your parents, acquaintances, or people in the course of study you’re interested in. In school, you should see your academic advisor monthly to get the latest updates about your courses and workshop events. \_\_\_\_40\_\_\_\_

A. Networking

B. Walking out of your comfort zone

C. Bring all the copies of your documents.

D. Always check that you are on the right track.

E. To avoid misunderstanding, you must make continuous efforts.

F. Much of what they communicate is dependent on how they manage their files.

G. When I first came to the US, I didn’t even know how to cross the road correctly.

**第三部分语言运用(共两节，满分30分)**

**第一节(共15小题;每小题1分，满分15分)**

**阅读下面短文，从短文后各题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。**

I have been told many times that we should cherish what we have. But I never truly \_\_\_\_41\_\_\_\_ it until a year ago.

When I graduated from junior high school, I was \_\_\_\_42\_\_\_\_. I had never experienced such a sad goodbye before then. When the bell rang, my classmates \_\_\_\_43\_\_\_\_ walked out of the door, exchanging their last words of farewell and giving last-minute hugs. I knew that- despite the \_\_\_\_44\_\_\_\_ -there would be little chance for all of us to sit in one room again.

Once more I passed the willow tree (柳树) under which we exercised, played together, and even exchanged \_\_\_\_45\_\_\_\_ for the future. I could not \_\_\_\_46\_\_\_\_ how many times we had stuffed a snowball down somebody’s collar during a snowball fight when our head teacher wasn’t \_\_\_\_47\_\_\_\_ from the second floor. At that time, the \_\_\_\_48\_\_\_\_ were young, like little fairies (精灵，仙子) dancing in the sunshine.

Now, however, they seemed to \_\_\_\_49\_\_\_\_ every time a breeze blew past. How much we \_\_\_\_50\_\_\_\_ those leaves! After we had gained enough nutrition together and \_\_\_\_51\_\_\_\_, the wind was about to carry us to various destinations. I was lost in thought. So, I opened my notebook and viewed my \_\_\_\_52\_\_\_\_ notes... and there it was: a photograph in which my 14-year-old self and my best friend stood smiling and joking during an autumn tour to Shanxi.

I had indeed lived those \_\_\_\_53\_\_\_\_ days. Smiling to myself, I packed the notebook and went on with my \_\_\_\_54\_\_\_\_, convinced that I came, I cherished, and there was nothing that I had \_\_\_\_55\_\_\_\_. And I will continue to cherish every moment that comes my way.

41. A. changed B. understood C. deserved D. regretted

42. A. sorrowful B. relieved C. curious D. fascinated

43. A. regularly B. leisurely C. unwillingly D. cautiously

44. A. wishes B. problems C. pressures D. difficulties

45. A. reasons B. ambitions C. explanations D. requirements

46. A. find B. prove C. stop D. remember

47. A. playing B. lecturing C. starting D. looking

48. A. leaves B. teachers C. snowball D. classmates

49. A. hesitate B. recover C. pretend D. depart

50. A. pictured B. resembled C. accompanied D. embraced

51. A. checked in B. turned up C. showed off D. grown up

52. A. blank B. special C. previous D. domestic

53. A. joyful B. lonely C. painful D. fearless

54. A. feast B. journey C. work D. research

55. A. packed B. gained C. missed D. explored

**第二节(共10小题;每小题1. 5分，满分15分)**

阅读下面短文，在空白处填入1个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

As a pioneer bullet train (动车) driver, Li Dongxiao, 52, is part of the history of China’s high-speed railway network. In 2008, he drove China’s first high-speed train, \_\_\_\_56\_\_\_\_ (reach) 350 kilometers per hour, between Beijing and Tianjin.

\_\_\_\_57\_\_\_\_ number on Li’s bullet train driver’s license is 0001, which led the media to give him the name of China’s “first” bullet train driver. “Over 14 years, the length of the network has grown \_\_\_\_58\_\_\_\_ zero to more than 40, 000 kilometers, and more varieties of Fuxing bullet trains have been developed and adopted, ”he said.

However, all those \_\_\_\_59\_\_\_\_ (impress) achievements came from the ground up. Driving at high-speed is among certain \_\_\_\_60\_\_\_\_ (profession) that require strict training. In March 2008, Li, along with some of China’s best train drivers, \_\_\_\_61\_\_\_\_ (select) to undergo training to operate bullet trains at the manufacturer, China CNR Corp. He participated in more than 200 test runs and created a guidebook for bullet train drivers, \_\_\_\_62\_\_\_\_ was named after him as the “Dongxiao Manual”.

China’s high-speed rail network \_\_\_\_63\_\_\_\_ (see) rapid development over the past 20 years. Li’s development has been intertwined with the evolution of China’s high-speed railway system. He no longer \_\_\_\_64\_\_\_\_ (operate) bullet trains himself, but is now head of the Huairou North locomotive depot (机务段) in Beijing, which is the center of train operations, repair and maintenance. Even more importantly, it is \_\_\_\_\_65\_\_\_\_\_ all the drivers receive their training.

**第四部分写作(共两节，满分40分)**

**第一节(满分15分)**

66. 假设你是李华，你校将以6月8日的“世界海洋日”为主题，举办英语征文比赛。请你写一篇短文投稿，内容包括：

1. 海洋的重要性；

2. 保护海洋的倡议。

注意：

1、写作词数应为80左右；

2. 可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

World Oceans Day

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**第二节(满分25分)**

67. 阅读下面材料，根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写两段，使之构成一篇完整的短文。

Bill Sumiel was having a tough Friday. It was October 2020, and the 71-year-old, who was dealing with kidney failure (肾衰竭) and had been on dialysis (血液透析) for a few years, found himself at the hospital 30 miles from home for the second time in 24 hours. The day before, his brother had driven him for a routine declotting (去除血块), but it unexpectedly blocked again that night.

Sumiel was no stranger to the struggles of kidney disease. He’d been diagnosed with diabetes (糖尿病) more than 20 years before, which led to his kidney problems. He was on the list of the kidney transplant program, but no matches had yet appeared. So he continued with his treatments, including the periodic declotting that had failed this time. This time, Sumiel took a taxi to and from his appointment.

Timothy Letts, 31, was driving north to visit a friend when his phone received the request for Sumiel’s ride home. The trip was out of Letts’s way. Still, he took the fare, figuring if the passenger was coming from a hospital, he likely needed a ride.

When Sumiel got into the car, Letts could see that the older man was not energetic but in good spirits. And as they set out on the 40-minute drive to Sumiel’s home, the pair started chatting.

Letts shared with Sumiel that he was a proud Army veteran (老兵) and Sumiel mentioned that in the past he’d enjoyed volunteering at his church and in his community, even serving as president of the city council. But he was doing less these days, he explained, because the dialysis treatments left him exhausted and he was searching for a kidney donor.

注意：

1. 续写词数应为150左右；

2. 请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

This hit Timothy Letts deeply.

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Weeks later, Letts received a call from the hospital, saying he was a perfect match.

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