

18. What does Caroline Smith talk about in the Kyrie Belle Show?
 A. Wildlife extinction. B. Latest campaigning activities.
 C. Common misunderstandings of animals.
19. What does a monkey's ear-to-ear smile suggest?
 A. It is quite shy. B. It feels at risk. C. It is very happy.
20. Why does the speaker deliver the speech?
 A. To present a charity show. B. To advertise a national zoo.
 C. To introduce a preservationist.

第二部分: 阅读理解(共两节, 满分 50 分)

第一节(共 15 小题; 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 37.5 分)

阅读下面短文, 从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出最佳选项。

A

We will kick off our free Summer Library Program on June 7, offering a variety of programs and activities for all ages. These events are designed to let participants experience the magic of books, engage in creative expression, and connect with the community.

Registration is available at all 30 library locations, the community bookmobile, and online. Those who register in person will receive print materials, including an activity pack for children and teens, and a book bingo card for adults. The program is also available online through the Beanstack website and app, where participants can join virtual reading and activity challenges.

Monster Detective Collective

Uncover the secrets of sustainability with Grant County PUD at the library. From discovering the importance of turning off lights to exploring the magic of renewable energy sources, become a qualified Monster Detective and prepare to save the planet!

Mariachi, Music & Me!

Join Mariachi for performances that feature traditional Mexican music in an interactive format. Audience members will be able to learn about the band's instruments in this unique cultural and musical experience. This all-ages program is both in English and Spanish.

Learn To Play Ukulele

A local musician will lead a high-energy ukulele class at several library locations in August. Ukuleles will be available for use during the program on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is intended for ages 10 and up.

The time for each program is still being determined, so stay tuned for more details!

21. Participants in the "Monster Detective Collective" program can learn about _____.
 A. energy-saving B. detective work C. music performance D. space exploration
22. What does the "Learn To Play Ukulele" program offer to the earliest arrivals?
 A. Ukuleles for use. B. Musicians to choose from.
 C. High-energy games to play. D. Opportunities for front-row seats.
23. Where is the text most likely from?
 A. A local school newsletter. B. A public library website.
 C. A regional tourism guide. D. A city government report.

B

"Are we alone in the universe? That's the key question we're trying to answer here," Meenakshi Wadhwa, a planetary scientist, tells her class. As she explains, one student takes notes while another holds up an iPhone to take a photo of the slides. In many ways this lecture hall at Arizona State University is like any other. A group of enthusiastic women sit attentively in the front row; the men are spread out in the back. But the hearing aids suggest how unusual this class is.

Mirabella, a 20-storey "university retirement community" on ASU's campus, is home to over 300 retired people. When it was opened in 2020, the senior-living facility was nearly fully subscribed. Most residents are having a ball. They can attend the same classes and cultural events as students, but with the distinct benefit of not having to take exams. In their dorms, facilities include an art studio, a pool and gym, and a games room. Only the second floor feels institutional, with a memory-care centre and rooms for residents who need round-the-clock attention.

This is part of a wider trend. An estimated 85 colleges in America are now connected to

30. Why does Rutledge view holiday movies as sort of a win-win?
 A. They enhance our brain function. B. They provide a comforting escape.
 C. They offer emotional satisfaction. D. They assist in resolving low conflicts.
31. What is the writer's purpose in writing the text?
 A. To call on people to watch holiday movies.
 B. To introduce the features of holiday movies.
 C. To explain why your brain loves holiday movies.
 D. To compare holiday movies with other forms of media.

D

Rare is the CEO who praises the virtues of a lie-in. According to one survey, two-thirds of the CEOs of large American companies are up by 6 o'clock; for average Americans the share is less than one in three. For future corporate leaders, the message seems clear: you snooze(打盹), you lose.

Bartleby has no such ambitions. But he's experimented with early starts, and found they not only bring the sense of satisfaction that comes from arriving before your editor. Inboxes can be cleared and tricky problems solved before the flood of emails and meetings, leaving you feeling well prepared for the day ahead.

Early birds are certainly held in higher regard. Rolling into the office late is unacceptable in most workplaces. A study published in 2022 found night owls(猫头鹰) were perceived by respondents as being "lazy", "undisciplined" and "immature".

Rising early is not, though, all upside. Those ready to receive work when the boss arrives may be given more of it. If the early bird gets the worm, the clever worm stays in bed. Urgent tasks often come up during the day, meaning early arrivals may end up working just as late as other colleagues.

Waking before sunrise also risks turning you into a bore. Some early risers cannot resist describing how much they get done while night owls hit the snooze button. Others go home early rather than socialize. Night owls, by contrast, let loose. In the eyes of many, late nights are the preserve of youth, while early mornings are seen as for the elderly.

Efforts to change your circadian(昼夜节律的) rhythm are likely to end in disappointment, as it is largely a product of genes. Perhaps the best advice is to stop worrying about your body clock. Most people are neither early birds nor night owls, but in between, struggling both in the morning and late evening. That is why most offices operate between 9 and 5—and why they ought to have break rooms.

32. Why does the writer mention the survey in paragraph 1?
 A. To illustrate the harmful effects of snoozing.
 B. To praise the healthy sleeping habit of the CEOs.
 C. To tell the difference between CEOs and average workers.
 D. To show the possible link between early rising and success.
33. What does paragraph 2 focus on?
 A. The feelings of early risers. B. The challenges on a workday.
 C. The benefits of getting up early. D. The preparations before work.
34. What can be a downside of being an early bird?
 A. Poor public image. B. Increased workload.
 C. Huge social pressure. D. Decreased productivity.
35. Which of the following is the best title for the text?
 A. Why Do CEOs Prefer Early Mornings?
 B. How Can We Change Our Body Clock?
 C. What Is the Science Behind Early Rising?
 D. Is It Better to Be an Early Bird or a Night Owl?

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。

Boxing has been practiced for centuries—it was even one of the sports in the original Olympic Games in ancient Greece. 36 Hundreds of thousands of people from all walks of life participate in the sport every week. But why? The answer lies in the physical, mental and even social benefits boxing can bring.

Its physical benefits are clear. Whether it's practicing with a punching(拳打) bag, training with a partner or facing an opponent in the ring, boxing can be an intense form of exercise and give a full-body workout. 37 And it can also increase anaerobic(无氧的) fitness—allowing someone to work out harder, for longer. These can, in turn, positively impact other aspects of physical well-being, like heart health and weight management.

38 Boxing can also positively impact someone's mental well-being. Dr Jessica Pinchbeck, Senior Lecturer in Sport and Fitness at the Open University, says that boxing can relieve some of the symptoms(症状) of anxiety and depression. Exercising regularly is already widely known to be good for mental health, but boxing can also bring a sense of discipline and focus.

And there is a third benefit to putting on the boxing gloves. Practicing punches can be done alone, of course. 39 It also involves working with others to train and stay safe. Dr Gavin Williams, Senior Lecturer in Education at the Open University, says that this cooperation and teamwork can create a sense of identity and belonging. 40

- A. It can improve muscular strength.
- B. But boxing is not just an individual activity.
- C. So the interactive elements bring social benefits.
- D. So boxing also strengthens a sense of community.
- E. More recently, boxing has become the mainstream in the UK.
- F. But the high physical demands of the sport aren't just good for the body.
- G. It promotes self-defense skills, helping build confidence to protect oneself.

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, 从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

One night in Reykjavik, Thorleifsson was wandering around the main street with his wife and kids. During their walk, his son was 41 and wanted a drink from the corner store. But Thorleifsson discovered he couldn't help with the 42 request: A 20-centimetre step 43 his access to the store.

The barrier was all too 44. Born with muscular dystrophy(营养障碍), Thorleifsson has been using a 45 since age 25. As he waited outside the shop, he 46, "I thought about how strange it is that we 47 families in this way."

Living all over the world as a creative director and digital designer, Thorleifsson had 48 how different cities consider and plan for accessibility, from ramps(斜坡) and sidewalks to public 49. Having sold his digital creative agency to Twitter, Thorleifsson had the means to make a difference in his home city. He 50 a project to make Iceland wheelchair accessible, one ramp at a time.

Ramp Up Reykjavik started as a non-profit with a 51 to build 100 ramps within a year. Unlike portable and 52 solutions in other cities, these ramps are permanent structures that 53 the style of the buildings, making them appear as if they've always been there.

It's a design detail that helps provide a sense of inclusivity: These ramps, and those who need to use them, 54. "Equal access is not a reality yet," says Thorleifsson. But as he's learnt, 55 starts with just one person.

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| 41. A. sleepy | B. nervous | C. thirsty | D. joyful |
| 42. A. simple | B. polite | C. formal | D. special |
| 43. A. ruined | B. blocked | C. allowed | D. provided |
| 44. A. rare | B. complex | C. dangerous | D. familiar |
| 45. A. stick | B. wheelchair | C. medicine | D. sign |
| 46. A. recalled | B. admitted | C. screamed | D. responded |
| 47. A. educate | B. separate | C. challenge | D. support |
| 48. A. imagined | B. discussed | C. witnessed | D. predicted |
| 49. A. welfare | B. health | C. appeal | D. transport |
| 50. A. launched | B. approved | C. revised | D. selected |
| 51. A. reason | B. goal | C. way | D. duty |
| 52. A. practical | B. suitable | C. immediate | D. temporary |
| 53. A. adjust | B. copy | C. match | D. develop |
| 54. A. appear | B. survive | C. belong | D. remain |
| 55. A. wisdom | B. sympathy | C. optimism | D. change |

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。

The terms “high-context culture” and “low-context culture” 56 (introduce) by Edward Hall in the 1970s as part of his research on intercultural communication and understanding.

“High-context culture” countries rely on indirect communication and silent 57 (signal) such as facial expressions and body language. Communication is built on relationships, shared experiences and emotions to make decisions, and avoiding 58 (open) expressing disagreements.

“Low-context culture” countries like Australia and Germany rely on direct communication and 59 (write) rules to convey meaning. They rely less on shared assumptions of the group and the context of the situation, 60 results in the need for being more precise.

Understanding “high-context and low-context cultures” is a huge advantage for global businesses, as it has an impact 61 communication, negotiation, and more. Even websites can differ, with “high-context culture” websites often 62 (feature) more animation (动画), and “low-context culture” websites highlighting textual information.

Besides cultural context, 63 (person) experiences and preferences also shape communication, so it’s important 64 (note) that every person, country, companies, and groups have 65 mix of both—so understanding, listening, and observing will always outweigh theories. But they are great tools to better perceive the world around us.

第四部分:写作(共两节,满分40分)

第一节(满分15分)

假定你是李华,你校承办的国际夏令营计划开展体育嘉年华活动(Sports Carnival),现向学生征集趣味运动项目。请你给负责人David写一封邮件,内容包括:①提议一个项目;②阐述实施方案。

注意:①写作词数应为80左右;②请按格式在答题纸的相应位置作答。

第二节(满分25分)

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。

Race at River’s Edge

Like me, my cousin Gabriel is into riding bikes. He’s 16 and I’m allowed to join him on longer rides because we’re training for a charity cycling event.

One day, after checking our tires(轮胎), we set out for Tournus. Upon arrival, Gabriel and I parked our bikes near the river and walked to the town square. We’d just ridden 33 kilometers, and we were starving. We planned to get lunch and then ride to Mâcon, a small city in France on the Saône River.

It was market day. Locals were busy filling their baskets with groceries. Tourists hunted for gifts. Gabriel and I bought a long, thin loaf of bread and some Brie, a soft cheese which tasted awesome.

As we ate, I noticed a girl wearing a USA Basketball T-shirt. She smiled at us. Basketball is big in France too. You can even watch NBA games on TV. The girl stopped to buy some bread with her mum.

I saw them again by the river. They sat on a bench enjoying their food in front of a long, narrow riverboat named Voyageur. Then they boarded the boat. It was preparing to leave. Suddenly, I spotted a colorful shopping bag on the bench. The girl had left it! I looked up. Some passengers were gathering on the upper deck(甲板) of the riverboat, including the girl and her mum. I held up the bag and waved it to get their attention while Gabriel called to them.

When the girl noticed the bag, she opened her mouth in surprise. But her face fell as the boat started to pull away from the dock(码头). She didn’t think she’d get the stuff back.

Running alongside the boat, Gabriel learned from a sailor that the boat’s next stop was Mâcon—our destination as well. It would take the boat just under two hours at a speed of 22 kilometers per hour. “What can we do then?” he said.

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“We have to find a way to return it!” I replied. _____

Then it happened: pffff! Flat tire! _____