

- () 3. What could be the best title for the passage?
 A. Senses Are Important
 B. An Interesting Experiment
 C. A Famous Scientist
 D. Senses Are Changeable

B



Parking has been a problem for drivers for a long time in our city. The Transportation Department is mapping out a new plan for the city's parking system. There are about 100 thousand cars on the road but only enough parking space to provide room for 15 percent of the these cars. It is no wonder that local drivers get so worried trying to find a place to park.

The number of the private car owners is becoming larger and larger. In March, the city sent out 1000 car licenses, the highest number of licenses ever sent out in a month. And prices rose to over 200 yuan, 50 more than in February. Industry experts say this suggests that local people have a strong interest in buying cars.

By the year 2020, the number of cars will probably reach 200 thousand. If one parking lot is for each car, then a lot of parking space should be built for these vehicles. The city centre is most short of parking space. However, experts point out that simply building more parking lots in these areas is not practical and doesn't solve the problem. The idea of "Park & Ride" system has been suggested. This means that underground and city train should be developed quickly. Drivers can leave their vehicles in car parks near subway and bus stations and then they can ride public transport to go to the city centre. Based on this idea, the city will cut down the number of parking lots in the city centre and need higher parking fees. But it will build more parking areas near main underground and bus stops.

- () 4. What can we infer from the second paragraph?
 A. The city sent out more private licenses in February.
 B. Less and less people bought cars in March.
 C. The city sent out fewer private licenses in March.
 D. More and more people are going to buy cars.
- () 5. According to the idea of "Park & Ride" system, the city will _____.
 A. send out more private car licenses
 B. build more parking lots near bus stops
 C. encourage people to buy more cars
 D. build more parking areas in the city centre
- () 6. This passage is mainly about _____.
 A. parking problems
 B. heavy traffic
 C. pollution in the city
 D. building more parking lots in the city centre

三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)

If you think you are too shy and want to be a little bit braver, just try the following things.

Tell people you are shy.

There is no need to hide it. When they get to know you are a shy kid, they will understand you better. This also helps you feel more comfortable in talks.

Try to smile more.

When you smile, people think you are friendly to talk with. Remember that other people have feelings, too; and most people don't like the one with an angry-looking face.

Learn to be a good talker.

If you find it hard to start a conversation, say something nice about people around you. Think about how great you feel when someone says something nice to you. Doesn't it make you want to keep talking to that person?

Get your attention elsewhere.

Think more about ways to enjoy parties or games. Don't waste time worrying about your looks or whether people like you or not. You will become relaxed and find it's not so hard to talk with others.

Take one small step at a time. Each time when you say "Hi!" or smile at someone, say to yourself "I can make it." Keep trying and one day you'll be braver when you talk to others.

How to Be a brave talker?	
1	Reasons
Be <u>2</u> to others and tell them you are shy.	If you do so, they will understand you better. If you do so, you will feel more comfortable in talks.
Try to wear a smile more often.	Most people prefer to talk with the one with a <u>3</u> face.
Start a conversation with something nice.	People will feel great and want to keep talking to you.
Pay <u>4</u> attention to your looks and think about how to enjoy yourself.	By doing so, you will feel relaxed and find it <u>5</u> to talk with others.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Test 17

得分: _____

一. 完形填空 (共 10 分)

"I've been writing a book, John. Do you think anyone would be interested in 1 it?" said the old lady.

John took over the papers from her shaking hand and let her sit in a chair. He remembered her rich 2 in the early days of the Old West. He looked through the papers. "It's good, Grandma," he said gently. Then realizing that she 3 hear him, he shouted into her ears. "I think it's very good. I'll send it to a publisher (出版商)."

Ten days later, he reported that the publisher had read a few 4. He agreed to publish it, and he had paid \$100 for the copyright (版权). 5 money would be given as an advance (预付款). Every month, John brought her \$100 with a letter from the publisher telling about the progress of the book.

One morning, three months after her 100th birthday, Grandma didn't get up. The doctor told her that she couldn't 6 more than a few days. She was ready to go, but she first wanted her book to be in print. John promised that she could get it very soon.

Grandma held on until the day the book came into her hands. She proudly touched her book with her fingers, tears in her eyes. Two hours later, she died peacefully, 7 holding her book.

Her granddaughter took the book and 8 it. "Why, it's just blank (空白) pages!" She cried in surprise. John's face turned 9. Then the girl understood. There never was a book. It was John 10, who couldn't take away his grandmother's only hope, had written the letters and sold his car to pay the advance.

- () 1. A. publishing B. borrowing C. reading D. lending
 () 2. A. advice B. experiences C. thoughts D. family
 () 3. A. couldn't B. needn't C. mustn't D. wouldn't
 () 4. A. words B. letters C. pages D. books
 () 5. A. Some B. Much C. Enough D. More
 () 6. A. die B. stop C. last D. stay
 () 7. A. yet B. still C. always D. then
 () 8. A. closed B. opened C. turned on D. turned off
 () 9. A. white B. grey C. red D. yellow
 () 10. A. herself B. himself C. him D. her

二. 阅读理解 (共 12 分)



A
 Albert was an ordinary worker in an oil company in America. His workmates gave a nickname (绰号) "Four dollars a bucket of oil" below his name whenever and wherever he wrote down his name.

As time went by, people forgot his real name. Later, when Rockefeller, the board chairman (董事长) of the oil company, heard of it, he was very surprised, so he invited Albert to come to his office.

"Some people give you a nickname for 'Four dollars a bucket'. Why aren't you angry?" asked Rockefeller with some puzzlement in his eyes.

"Oh! Mr. Rockefeller! I like this nickname very much, because 'Four dollars a bucket' is our company's advertisement. As long as someone calls me 'Four dollars a bucket' once, I think it's a free advertisement for our company. It's not necessary for me to get angry. Don't you think so, Mr. Rockefeller?"

"Oh! What a wonderful man!" Rockefeller said excitedly when hearing Albert's words. "Young man! Work harder and you must be successful in the future! I believe in you!"

Five years later, Albert became the second board chairman after Rockefeller.

Later Albert said in one of his reports, "I don't think we should feel frustrated when we have no way to do the world-shaking things. We should treat everything actively because maybe our future success will begin from a small thing!"

- () 1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 A. Rockefeller asked young people to work harder.
 B. It's very important to do small things well.
 C. You can't get angry when someone calls your nickname.
 D. You should make more advertisements for your company.
- () 2. Why wasn't Albert angry about his nickname?
 A. Because he liked to have a nickname. B. Because it could make his workmates happy.
 C. Because he could become famous. D. Because it was a free advertisement for his company.
- () 3. What would be the best title for this passage?
 A. I Believe in You B. Albert and Rockefeller
 C. Four Dollars a Bucket D. The Second Board Chairman

B

To us, it seems so natural to put up an umbrella to keep the water off when it rains. But in fact, the umbrella was not invented as protection against the rain. Its first use was as a shade against the sun.

Nobody knows who first invented it, but the umbrella was used in very ancient times. Probably the first to use it were the Chinese, back in the eleventh century BC.

We know that the umbrella was used in ancient Egypt and Babylon as a sunshade. And there was a strange thing connected with its use: it became a symbol of honor and power. In the Far East in ancient times, the umbrella was allowed to be used only by those in high office or by royal people such as the kings or queens.

In Europe, the Greeks were the first to use the umbrella as a sunshade. The umbrella was in common use in ancient Greece, but it is believed that the first people in Europe to use the umbrella as protection against the rain were the ancient Romans. During the middle ages in Europe, the use of the umbrella almost disappeared (消失). Then it appeared again in Italy in the late sixteenth century. And again, it became a symbol of power.

Umbrellas have not changed much in style during all this time, though they have become much lighter in weight. It wasn't until the twentieth century that the umbrellas for women began to be made in all kinds of colors.

- () 4. According to the passage, the umbrella was probably first used in ancient _____.
 A. Egypt B. Babylon C. China D. Rome
- () 5. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?
 A. The ancient Greeks used the umbrella in their daily life.
 B. Europeans hardly used the umbrella during the middle ages.
 C. The umbrellas for women were made colorful in ancient times.
 D. The style of the umbrella hasn't changed a lot since it was invented.
- () 6. This passage is mainly about _____.
 A. the sales of the umbrella B. the differences among umbrellas
 C. the invention of the umbrella D. the history and the use of the umbrella



三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)

Do you love to travel and enjoy writing about your experiences? In fact, whenever we see something new, we



wish to write it down in one form or another. We will be happier if we share our experiences with others. Then how can we write better travel stories? The following may be useful.

Memory and notes

Don't believe your memory. You may have a good memory, but you cannot remember everything. You are seeing and hearing so much information while you're on a trip. When you come back to write about your travel stories, you may forget something. So you should make notes, take photographs, and if possible, take videos. In this way, you can describe your travel and write it down without missing anything.

Photographs and your stories

Photographs are very helpful for you to remember what you have seen. As you see the photographs, you can describe your experiences easily by remembering the feeling when you took them.

When you are writing about your travel stories, make sure they are not too short as your readers may not get the full impressions of them and make sure they are not so long that the readers may get bored.

How to Write Better Travel Stories		
1	Take notes	◇ It's possible to forget something <u>2</u> you may have a good memory. ◇ You may not be able to remember everything <u>3</u> your trip after you return.
	Take photos	◇ Photographs are of great <u>4</u> for you to remember what you have seen. ◇ It's easier to describe your experiences by remembering how you <u>5</u> when you took photos.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Test 18

得分: _____

一. 完形填空 (共 10 分)

When you step into a new environment, you must have a strong wish to fit in. Fitting in means making more friends, 1 more influence on others and getting more chances to live a happier life. Here are some 2 that can help you.

Be confident. Confidence attracts most people. Everyone is special and there is only one person like you in this world. Spend some time 3 about your strong points. If so, you will be able to build up confidence step by step. You won't have much difficulty fitting in.

Be kind to everyone. Kindness is the bridge to your own happiness. 4 people notice your kindness, they will return it one day. Always give more than you receive and think more of others than of 5. A person who cares for others is popular everywhere.

Be active in group activities. Different kinds of activities like playing football can help you to be 6 to others. You may add more friends to your circle. At the same time, you'll be amazed to see how much they like you. Don't waste time being 7. Go out to dance and sing together with others to develop friendship.

Be optimistic (乐观的). Optimism makes both you and others feel pleased. It makes a good first impression (印象). A pleasant smile costs the 8 and does the most. Humor catches others' attention as well. People will like you for making them live 9.

If you follow what are mentioned above, you will be 10 by people around you. As a result, you will fit in very well and enjoy your new life.

- () 1. A. offering B. taking C. having D. getting
- () 2. A. advice B. rules C. examples D. suggestions
- () 3. A. dreaming B. complaining C. talking D. thinking
- () 4. A. Though B. When C. Until D. Till
- () 5. A. myself B. yourself C. themselves D. ourselves
- () 6. A. known B. liked C. talked D. remembered
- () 7. A. alone B. lonely C. scared D. sorry
- () 8. A. money B. time C. least D. fewest
- () 9. A. friendly B. happily C. clearly D. sadly
- () 10. A. accepted B. received C. fitted D. beaten

二. 阅读理解 (共 12 分)

A

Sir Steven Redgrave — Winner of 5 Olympic Gold Medals

"In 1997 I was found to have developed diabetes (糖尿病), believing the profession (职业) trained for the whole of my life ended, I felt very sorry. Then one of my friends said there was no reason why I should stop training. That was it — the encouragement I needed. I could still be a winner if I believed in myself. I am not saying that it isn't difficult sometimes. But I wanted to prove to myself that I wasn't finished yet. Nothing is to stand in my way."

Karen Pickering — Swimming World Champion (冠军)

"I swim 4 hours a day, 6 days a week. I manage that amount (总数) of work by putting it on top of my diary. This is the key to success — you can't follow a profession in any field without being well-organized. Make a list of what you believe you can achieve. Trust yourself, write down your goals for the day, however small they are, and you'll be a step closer to achieving them."

Kristen Stewart — Actress

"When things are getting hard, a voice inside my head tells me that I can't achieve anything. Then, there are other distractions (分散), such as family or hobbies. The key is to give most of your attention to one thing. When I feel nervous, it helps a lot to repeat words such as 'calm', 'peace', either out loud or silently in my mind. It makes me feel more in control and improves my confidence. This is a habit and is a powerful psychological (心理学的) tool."

- () 1. What does Karen Pickering put on top of her diary?
A. Her training plan. B. Her daily happenings. C. Her achievements. D. Her sports career.
- () 2. The same character of the three people is _____.
A. humour B. happiness C. self-confidence D. wisdom
- () 3. The best title for the passage is _____.
A. Health and Food B. How to Be a Winner
C. Difficulties and Habits D. Be a Sportsman

B



When did you last see a polar bear? On a trip to a zoo, perhaps? If you had attended a winter activity in New York a few years ago, you would have seen a whole polar bear club. These "Polar Bears" are people who meet frequently in the winter to swim in freezing cold water. That day, the air temperature was 3°C, and the water temperature was a bit higher. The members of the Polar Bear Club at Coney Island, New York are usually about the age of 60. Members must satisfy two requirements. First, they must get along well with everyone else in the group. This is very important because there are so many different kinds of people in the club. Polar Bears must also agree to swim outdoors at least twice a month from November through February.

Doctors do not agree about the medical effects of cold-water swimming. Some are worried about the dangers of a condition in which the body's temperature drops so low that finally the heart stops. Other doctors, however, point out that there is more danger of a heart attack during summer swimming because the difference between the air temperature and water temperature is much greater in summer than in winter.

The Polar Bears themselves are satisfied with the benefits (or advantages) of cold-water swimming. They say that their favorite form of exercise is very good for the circulatory system (循环系统) because it forces the blood to move fast to keep the body warm. Cold-water swimmers usually turn bright red after a few minutes in the water. A person who turns blue probably has a very poor circulatory system and should not try cold-water swimming.

The main benefits (or advantages) of cold-water swimming are probably mental. The Polar Bears love to swim year-round. They find it fun and relaxing. As one 70-year-old woman says, "When I go into the water, I pour my troubles into the ocean and let them float away."

- () 4. The members of the Polar Bear Club must meet the following requirements except that _____.
A. they must reach the age of 60
B. they should be easy to make friends with
C. they must swim outdoors at least 8 times in the four cold months
D. they must agree to swim outdoors from November through February

- () 5. According to the passage, some doctors believe it is true that _____.
- A. you are healthy if cold-water swimming turns your skin color blue
 B. cold-water swimming causes more heart attacks in summer than in winter
 C. cold-water swimming can make the body temperature dangerously high
 D. Polar Bears are bears swimming in freezing water
- () 6. The Polar Bears like to swim all the year round, for _____.
- A. they can remain young
 B. it is an easy way to keep the body warm in winter
 C. they find it enjoyable and interesting
 D. they might meet fewer troubles in life

三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)

Every time we turn on the TV or take a ride in a car, we could be adding to a problem called acid rain. What do you know about this kind of rain?

The formation (形成) of acid rain

When people use fuels (燃料), such as coal and gasoline (汽油), waste gases are given off. When these gases come together with rain, acid rain forms. Many power stations burn fuels in order to create electricity that we use in our homes and offices every day. Cars and trucks also send these gases into the air when they burn gasoline.

The harm of acid rain

Acid rain harms everything that it touches. It pollutes rivers, lakes and soils. Fish and plants get killed. Acid rain also eats away our buildings.

The prevention of acid rain

We need to reduce the pollution that gets into our air. Turn off lights when we're not using them. Walk or ride a bike whenever possible. If we are travelling a long distance, take a bus or train to save fuel.

As a research shows, acid rain harms our environment. But everyone can take small steps now to help protect our environment for a better future.



Acid Rain	
How does it form?	◇ When rain is mixed with waste gases from <u>1</u> fuels it turns into acid rain.
What harm does it do?	◇ It causes the <u>2</u> in rivers, lakes and soils. ◇ It <u>3</u> fish and plants. ◇ It eats away buildings.
How to <u>4</u> it?	◇ Give off <u>5</u> waste gases into the air. ◇ Save energy whenever possible.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Test 19

得分: _____

一. 完形填空 (共 10 分)

Waiting for the airplane to take off, I was happy to get a seat by myself. Just then, an air hostess (空姐) came to me and asked, "Would you mind 1 your seat? A couple would like to sit together. The only 2 seat was to sit there!" I thought at once. But a soft voice spoke, "She needs help." Finally, I 3 ! I am not going

The girl was named Kathy. She was in a car accident and now was on her way home. When the snack and juice arrived, it did not take me long to 5 that Kathy would not be able to feed herself. I considered 6 to feed her but didn't move, as it seemed too impolite to offer a service to a 7. But then I realized that Kathy's need was more 8 than my uncomfortable feeling. I helped her eat, and 9 she was uncomfortable to accept, she did as I expected. We became closer and closer in a short period of time. By the end of the five-hour trip, my heart had warmed, and the time was really better spent than if I had just sat by myself.

I was very 10 I had reached beyond my comfort area to sit next to Kathy and feed her. Love sometimes

flows beyond human borders (边界) and clears the fears that keep us away from each other. When we reach out to serve another, we grow to live in a larger and better world.

- () 1. A. changing B. losing C. taking D. giving
 () 2. A. open B. single C. free D. busy
 () 3. A. No problem B. No way C. No one D. No doubt
 () 4. A. decided B. wanted C. refused D. promised
 () 5. A. know B. say C. think D. realize
 () 6. A. offering B. needing C. stopping D. trying
 () 7. A. girl B. neighbour C. passenger D. stranger
 () 8. A. unusual B. necessary C. important D. valuable
 () 9. A. when B. although C. since D. as
 () 10. A. sorry B. sad C. angry D. glad

二. 阅读理解 (共 12 分)

A

Remembering your dreams will require some efforts (努力) on your part. But what your dreams can offer and tell you about yourself will be well worth it. Here are some tips to help remember your dreams:

1. Before going to bed, keep a clear mind. Tell yourself that "I will remember my dreams when I wake up". This is a useful way to remember your dreams.

2. Have a fixed bedtime and wake-up time. Make this your routine (常规).

3. Avoid drinking and taking medicine before going to bed. These things may prevent you from remembering your dreams.

4. Keep a pencil and a notebook next to your bed so that you can reach them as soon as you wake up. Having a small lamp by your bedside is also a good idea, so you wake up in the middle of the night and can record your dreams at once.

5. Do not get out of bed at once. When you wake from a dream, lie still in your bed, keeping your eyes closed and moving as little as possible.

6. Write down as many details in your dreams as you can, no matter how seemingly unimportant they may be.

7. Sometimes it may help to draw pictures. A picture is worth a thousand words, as the saying goes. Even if you are not an artist, a simple drawing can help to remember details of your dreams.

- () 1. What does the underlined word "it" in the first paragraph mean?
 A. Remembering your dreams.
 B. Some tips to help remember your dreams.
 C. Your making efforts to remember your dreams.
 D. What your dreams can offer and tell you about yourself.
- () 2. This passage tells you _____.
 A. some useful tips to remember your dreams B. the way to achieve your dreams
 C. the reason for remembering dreams D. many details in your dreams
- () 3. Which of the following ways may NOT be useful for remembering dreams?
 A. Avoiding taking alcohol (酒精) and medicine. B. Not getting out of bed at once.
 C. Drinking a cup of hot milk. D. Writing down as many details as possible.

B

In England recently three foreign gentlemen came to a bus stop and waited. About five minutes later, the bus they wanted came along. They were just going to get on when suddenly there was a loud noise behind them. People rushed onto the bus and tried to push them out of the way. Someone shouted at them. The bus conductor came rushing down the stairs to see what all the trouble was about. The three foreigners seem all at sea and looked embarrassed (窘迫的). No one had told them about the British custom (习惯) of lining up for a bus that the first person who arrives at the bus stop is the first person to get on the bus.

Learning the language of a country isn't enough. If you want to have a pleasant visit, find out as much as possible about the manners and customs of your host country. You will probably be surprised at how different they

can be from your own. A visitor to India would do well to remember that people there consider it impolite to use the left hand for passing food at table. The left hand is supposed to be used for washing yourself. Also in India, you might see a man shaking his head at another to show that he doesn't agree. But in many parts of India a shake of the head means agreement. Nodding your head when you are given a drink in Bulgaria will most probably leave you thirsty. In that country, you shake your head to mean 'yes' — a nod means 'no'. At a meal in countries on the Arabic Peninsula, you will find that your glass is repeated refilled as soon as you drink up. If you think that you have had enough, you should take the cup or glasses in your hand and give it a little shake from side to side or place your hand over the top.

In Europe it's quite usual to cross your legs when you are sitting talking to someone even at an important meeting. Doing this in Thailand, however, could bring about trouble. Also, you should try to avoid touching the head of an adult — it's just not done in Thailand.

- () 4. The British people tried to push the three gentlemen out of the way, because the gentlemen _____.
- A. were foreigners
B. didn't have tickets
C. made a loud noise
D. didn't line up for the bus
- () 5. Which statement is TRUE according to the passage?
- A. In India it is considered polite to touch an adult's head.
B. To cross one's legs at an important meeting in Europe is a common habit.
C. In Bulgaria, if you don't want to drink, you should cover the cup with your hand.
D. If you want to have a pleasant journey in a foreign country, you only need to learn the language of the country.
- () 6. The best title for this article is _____.
- A. People's Everyday Life
B. Mind Your Manners
C. Habit is quite important
D. Language and customs

三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)

Vanuatu is an island nation in the South Pacific. It is one of the smallest countries in the world. But for those who are interested in adventure (冒险) and sport, there is a lot to do. Vanuatu's islands offer visitors two of the most exciting and dangerous activities in the world: volcano surfing (火山冲浪) and land diving.



Volcano Surfing

On Tanna Island, Mount Yasur rises 300 metres into the sky. Yasur is an active volcano, and it erupts (喷发) almost every day, sometimes several times a day. For centuries, people have climbed this mountain to visit the top. Recently, people have also started climbing Yasur to surf the volcano. In some ways, volcano surfing is like surfing on the sea, but in other ways it's very different. Volcano surfers try to get away from the erupting volcano — without being hit by flying rocks! It's fast, fun and dangerous — the perfect extreme sport (极限运动).

Land Diving

Most people know about bungee jumping, but do you know bungee jumping started on Pentecost Island in Vanuatu and is almost fifteen centuries old? The activity was first called land diving. A man ties tree vines (树藤) to his legs. He then jumps head-first from a high tower to touch the earth with the top of his head — without breaking the vines. Every spring, the local people (men only) still take part in this amazing activity.

Adventures in Vanuatu	
Volcano Surfing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Yasur erupts so often that it becomes a perfect place for volcano surfing. ◇ People have climbed Yasur for centuries but only started surfing it in <u>1</u> years. ◇ One of the main <u>2</u> between surfing the sea and the volcano is the possibility of being hit by flying rocks.
Land Diving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ This activity has a <u>3</u> of almost 1,500 years. ◇ It is now <u>4</u> as bungee jumping. ◇ A man jumps off a high tower with tree vines <u>5</u> to his legs.

Test 20

得分: _____

一. 完形填空 (共 1 分)

The poor are very wonderful people. One evening we went out and picked up four people from the street. One of them was in a most 1 condition, and I told the others: You look after the other three. I take care of this one who looked 2. So I did for her all that my love can do. I put her in bed, and there was such a beautiful 3 on her face. She took hold of my 4 as she said "thank you" and she died. I asked myself what I would say if I was in her 5. And my answer was very simple. I would have tried to draw a little 6 to myself. I would have said I am hungry, that I am dying, I am cold, I am in pain, or something else, but she gave me much more — she gave me her grateful love. And she 7 with a smile on her face. As did that man whom we picked up from the drain (下水道), half eaten with worms, and we brought him to the home. "I have lived like an 8 in the street, but I am going to die like an angel, loved and cared for." And it was so 9 to see the greatness of that man who could speak like that, who could die like that without complaining, without cursing (诅咒) anybody, without comparing anything. Like an angel — this is the 10 of our people.

- () 1. A. terrible B. important C. difficult D. comfortable
 () 2. A. better B. happier C. worse D. different
 () 3. A. smile B. tear C. laugh D. surprise
 () 4. A. head B. face C. coat D. hand
 () 5. A. place B. room C. home D. side
 () 6. A. attraction B. ability C. advice D. attention
 () 7. A. lived B. died C. came D. talked
 () 8. A. ant B. angel C. animal D. actor
 () 9. A. difficult B. wonderful C. grateful D. important
 () 10. A. achievement B. greatness C. behaviour D. unhappiness

二. 阅读理解 (共 12 分)

A



Bringing a giraffe into the world is a tall order. A baby giraffe is born 10 feet high and usually lands on its back. Within seconds it rolls over its legs under its body. Then the mother giraffe rudely introduces its children to the reality of life.

In his book, *A View from the Zoo*, Gary Richmond describes how a new-born giraffe learns its first lesson.

The mother giraffe lowers her head long enough to take a quick look. Then she puts herself directly over her child. She waits for about a minute, and then she does the most unreasonable thing. She throws her long leg and kicks her baby, so that it's sent sprawling (四脚朝天).

When it doesn't get up, the process is repeated again and again. The struggle to rise is important. As the baby giraffe grows tired, the mother kicks it again. Finally, it stands for the first time on its shaky legs. Then the mother giraffe kicks it off its feet again. Why? She wants it to remember how it got up. In the wild, a baby giraffe must be able to get up as quickly as possible to stay with its group, where there's safety.

Another writer named Irving Stone understood this. He spent a lifetime studying greatness, writing stories about such men as Michelangelo, Vincent van Gogh, Sigmund Freud, and Charles Darwin.

Stone was once asked if he had found something that runs through the lives of all these great people. He said, "I write about people who sometime in their life have a dream of something. They're beaten over the head, knocked down and for years they get nowhere. But every time they stand up again. And at the end of their lives they've realized some small parts of what they set out to do."

- () 1. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?
 A. This passage is a description of giraffes' living habits.
 B. Baby giraffes can't stand up until three months old.
 C. Irving Stone spent a lifetime studying and writing stories about great people.
 D. The great people can't stand up after they're knocked down for years.

- () 2. What does the underlined part "a tall order" in Paragraph 1 mean?
A. A happy thing. B. A difficult task.
C. A big dream. D. A beautiful scene.
- () 3. What would be the best title for the passage?
A. How to keep a baby giraffe. B. Learning to Get Back Up.
C. Stories about the great people. D. A mother giraffe and its baby giraffe.

B

"Sesame Street" has been called "the longest street in the world". That is because the television program by that name can now be seen in many parts of the world. That program became one of American exports soon after it went on the air in New York in 1969.



In the United States more than six million children watch the program regularly. The viewers include more than half the country's pre-school children, from every kind of economic, racial (种族的), and geographical group.

Although some educators object (反对) to some parts of the program, parents praise it highly. Many teachers also consider it a great help, though some teachers find that problems come out when first graders who have learnt from "Sesame Street" are in the same class with children who have not watched the program.

Tests have shown that children from all racial, geographical, and economic backgrounds have benefited (受益) from watching it. Those who watch it five times a week learn more than occasional (偶尔的) viewers. In the US the program is shown at different hours during the week in order to increase the number of children who can watch it regularly.

The programs all use songs, stories, jokes and pictures to give children a basic understanding of numbers, letters and human relationships. But there are some differences. For example, the Spanish program, produced in Mexico City, devotes more time to teaching whole words than to teaching separate (单独的) letters.

Why has "Sesame Street" been so much more successful than other children's shows? Many reasons have been suggested. People mention the educational theories (理论) of its creators, the support by the government and private businesses, and the skillful use of various TV tricks. Perhaps an equally important reason is that mothers watch it along with their children. This is partly because famous adult stars often appear on it. But the best reason for the success of the program may be that it makes every child watching it feel able to learn. The child finds himself learning, and he wants to learn more.

- () 4. Why is "Sesame Street" so popular in the world?
A. Because it is supported by the government and businesses.
B. Because it uses different kinds of skillful tricks.
C. Because mothers watch it along with their children.
D. Because it makes every child watching it feel able to learn.
- () 5. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
A. It is shown at different hours during the week.
B. Famous adult stars often appear on it.
C. This program has been on for less than forty years.
D. Children learn and enjoy themselves while watching it.
- () 6. The best title for this passage can be _____
A. Sesame Street B. Educating Children
C. TV Programs D. A Great Success

三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)

Many people believe that yellowing and wetness are the greatest enemy of stamps. In fact, stamps are afraid of not only wetness, but also light and dirty things. People protect their stamps in several different ways. To protect stamps, we should never touch the stamps with our hands. This avoids moving dirty things onto them. Stamp tweezers (镊子) should be used in all conditions. Stamps are printed things. The colours will slowly disappear if the stamps are put in the light for a long time. So we should not put stamps in the light for long. Direct

sunlight must be avoided as well.

Some collectors will put stamps in separate plastic bags to keep stamps from wetness. However, it is possible that some stamps have taken in some water from the air before they are put into the plastic bags. Stamps become yellow easily and rapidly after they take in wet air. To protect the stamps, some people also put the stamps into a special room which has a machine to keep the air cool and dry. However, not many people can afford that.

To keep stamps, stamp collectors usually put them under plastic covers. It is a common and simple way. This helps because the plastic cover keeps the stamps off the wet air. It also stops the fingers from touching the stamps.

Some collectors prefer to store stamps inside a plastic box with desiccants (干燥剂). However, we should take care not to let the stamps touch the desiccants. On top of that, don't take your stamps out on a wet day.

How to Keep Stamps		
1		Methods
Dirty things	Stamps easily get dirty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stamp tweezers should be <u>2</u> used. ➤ Plastic covers are used to stop the fingers from touching the stamps.
Light	The colours will slowly disappear if stamps are put in the light for long.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>3</u> leave stamps in the light for a long time. ➤ <u>4</u> putting stamps in direct sunlight.
Wetness	Stamps turn yellow easily and quickly if they take in wet air.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Some collectors put stamps in separate plastic bags. ➤ Some collectors use a machine to cool and dry the air of a special room where stamps are <u>5</u>. ➤ Some collectors use desiccants to store stamps.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Test 21

得分: _____

一. 完形填空 (共 10 分)

Mexican people have a tradition of greeting each other with handshakes and kisses on the cheek (脸颊). But recently, government officials asked people to 1 this. They have also closed schools and museums and advised people to stay at home.

This is to stop people from 2 an infectious disease (传染病), swine flu (猪流感). The disease has spread over the country. It has 3 159 people and caused about 4,000 to become sick in the past month.

What is swine flu? Swine flu is a disease that causes respiratory (呼吸的) illness in pigs. It spreads to people in two ways. People catch the virus after being with infected (被感染的) pigs, or they get it from an infected 4. The disease spreads in the same way 5 human flu, through coughs and sneezes and then touching the nose or mouth. However, it 6 be spread by eating pork.

People who have caught swine flu will have a fever, a cough, a sore throat and body aches. In most cases, the infection makes people unwell but their lives will not be 7.

A few governments around the world have advised their citizens not to visit 8. Some countries have begun checking air travelers for the disease and have set up quarantines (隔离) for people who might be infected. Russia, China and other countries have banned (禁止) buying pork from Mexico, 9 the flu cannot be caught by eating the meat. Health experts advise people to wash their hands frequently (频繁地), to cover coughs and sneezes and to stay at home if they feel 10.

- () 1. A. stop to do B. stop doing C. go to do D. go on doing
 () 2. A. taking B. catching C. owning D. curing
 () 3. A. hurt B. saved C. helped D. killed
 () 4. A. pig B. person C. dog D. country
 () 5. A. like B. for C. in D. as
 () 6. A. can't B. can C. must D. will
 () 7. A. in safety B. in hunger C. in danger D. out of danger
 () 8. A. Mexico B. America C. China D. Russia

- () 9. A. but B. though C. while D. because
 () 10. A. tired B. happy C. hungry D. ill

二. 阅读理解 (共 12 分)

A



Because earthquakes happen without warning, it's important to take steps now to prepare. Because you don't know where you will be when an earthquake happens, prepare some supplies for your home, workplace, and car.

1. Water.

A person needs at least 1/2 gallon of water daily just for drinking. Store at least 1 gallon of water per person per day and be prepared for a 72-hour period. It's suggested that you buy bottled water. Keep bottled water in its original container and do not open it until you need to use it. Also, do check the "use by" date.

2. Food.

It's always a practical idea to keep a supply of non-perishable (不易腐烂的) food on hand. Have an enough supply of canned food, dried milk, dried fruits, non-salted nuts and canned juices for at least 72 hours.

3. Flashlights and spare batteries.

Keep a flashlight beside your bed, at your place of work, and in your car. Do not use matches or candles after an earthquake until you are sure that no gas leaks.

Prepare a battery-powered radio and spare batteries. Most telephones will be out of order, so radios will be your best source of information.

4. Clothes.

If you live in a cold place, you must think about warmth. You might not have heat after an earthquake. Think about your clothing and bedding supplies.

- () 1. You should prepare all of the following except _____.
 A. canned juices B. dried fruits C. fresh vegetables D. dried milk
- () 2. If you live in a cold place, you should prepare _____.
 A. some flashlights B. some hot water
 C. some batteries D. some warm clothes and bedding supplies
- () 3. According to the article we know that _____.
 A. clothes are used to protect your head
 B. a telephone is the most important prepared thing
 C. flashlights but not matches are first used after earthquakes
 D. we need to prepare some supplies only at home

B

A wise man used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning. One day, when he was walking along the shore (海岸), he saw a young man moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought that someone would dance on the beach. So he began to walk faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he saw that the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

He called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young man stopped, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean." "I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide (潮汐) is going out. And if I don't throw them in, they'll die."
 "But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then he bent down, picked another starfish, and threw it into the sea, and said, "It made a difference for that one."

There is something very special in each and every one of us. We have all been gifted (赋予) with the ability to make a difference.

We must each find our starfish. And if we throw starfish wisely and well, the world will be better.

- () 4. Why did the young man throw the starfish into the ocean?
A. To have fun. B. To study starfish. C. To feed some fish. D. To save starfish.
- () 5. What was the wise man used to doing every morning?
A. Taking a walk on the shore. B. Watching the young man dance.
C. Meeting up with the young man. D. Helping the young man pick up starfish.
- () 6. What can we learn from the story?
A. Each of us should learn to protect starfish.
B. People living on the shore always try to save starfish.
C. Each of us has the ability to make an important effect on something.
D. People can come up with some good ideas when walking on the shore.

三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)



Are you still doing the V for victory sign? It's out. The latest popular hand gesture (手势) is putting both of your hands together to make a heart shape. It is called "hand heart".

Many young pop stars in the US have done the move in recent photos. "The 'hand heart' gesture means something between 'I love you' and 'thank you'," said Taylor Swift, the country singer. "You can send a sweet, simple message without saying a word." Swift often does it at her concerts. And she is believed to be the first to make it popular.

Last month, Justin Bieber and his superstar friends did the "hand heart" and put the photos online. They did it to help out three kids whose parents were killed in a car accident.

It used to take much longer for non-verbal culture to move. But now, it moves faster because we have smartphones and the Internet.

In Korea, the "hand heart" has been popular for a long time, but in a different way. People there put their hands above their heads and make a bigger heart shape with their arms. It means I love you.

A New Popular Hand Gesture

A new hand gesture called "hand heart" has become more popular than the "V" sign.

How	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In most places people do the gesture by <u>1</u> both hands to make a heart shape. ➤ In Korea, people make a bigger heart shape with their arms.
What	➤ It has a closest <u>2</u> to "I love you" and "thank you".
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Taylor Swift often does it at her concerts. ➤ Justin Bieber and his friends did it to help three kids who <u>3</u> their parents in a car accident.
<u>4</u>	➤ It is spread much faster than before because of the <u>5</u> of smartphones and the Internet.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Test 22

得分: _____

一. 完形填空 (共 10 分)

Dear Laura,

I just heard you tell an old story of gift giving and unselfish love in your program. You don't know whether it is true that such unselfish love would happen in today's world. Well, I'm here to give you 1.

I wanted to do something very 2 for my fifteen-year-old son, who has always been the perfect child. He worked all summer to earn enough money to buy a used motorcycle. Then, he spent hours and hours on it 3 it looked almost new. I was so proud of him that I bought him the shiniest helmet and a riding outfit (全套装备).

I could hardly wait for him to open up his gift. In fact, I couldn't sleep the night before. Upon awakening, I went to the kitchen to 4 the coffee, tea, and morning dishes. In the living room was a beautiful keyboard with a 5: "To my wonderful mother, all my love, your son."

I was so surprised. It had been a long-standing joke in our family that I wanted a piano so that I could take lessons. "Learn to play the piano, and I'll get you one" was my husband's promise.

I stood there shocked, crying a river, 6 myself how my son could 7 this expensive gift.

Leo Liu 英语

B

It seems that there's a good reason why dogs are always seen as man's best friend. Scientists have found that dogs are the only animals that can read emotion (情感) in faces much like humans. The finding suggests that like an understanding friend, dogs can see if we are happy, sad, pleased or angry.

When humans look at a new face, their eyes usually look across the left, falling on the right-hand side of the person's face first. A possible reason for this is that the right side of the human face is better at expressing emotions.

Scientists have now shown that pet dogs also have "left gaze bias (左视偏好)", but only when looking at human faces. No other animal has been known to do like this before. Dr. Kun Guo with his team showed 17 dogs the pictures of human, dog and monkey faces as well as something else. The dogs' eyes and heads show a strong left gaze bias when the animals see human faces. But this did not happen when they were shown other pictures, including those of dogs.

Guo suggests that over thousands of years living with humans, dogs may have developed the left gaze bias as a way to guess our emotions.

"Recent studies show that the right side of our faces can express emotions better than the left. If true, then it makes sense for dogs and humans to see the right-hand side of a face first."

- () 4. Why are dogs seen as man's best friend according to the passage?
- A. Because dogs are the closest animals to humans.
 B. Because dogs can read the emotions in humans' faces easily.
 C. Because dogs can understand us better when we feel sad.
 D. Because dogs are good at expressing emotions.
- () 5. The dogs' left gaze bias helps them _____.
- A. get along well with humans B. express emotions quickly
 C. have more understanding friends D. remember more new faces
- () 6. The passage mainly wants to tell us that _____.
- A. humans have a "left gaze bias"
 B. the "left gaze bias" works on dogs
 C. dogs can read emotions the same as humans
 D. dogs have been man's best friends for thousands of years

三. 阅读填空 (共 5 分)

In most parts of the world, taking the bus is just a necessary but boring part of life: we get on the bus, pay for it and sit down or find a place to stand when it is crowded. Everyone seems sad and bored.

In Latin America, however, bus trips can be wonderful. For a start, films are shown on the buses between cities for passengers to have fun along the journeys. Local buses do not show films, but drivers usually turn on the radio and it can be great for passengers to listen to songs and get relaxed.

Even better than films and music are the sights and sounds on the buses. Local buses always go to parts of the town that passengers would not visit by themselves. There passengers can see shops that they have never heard about. And they can also see other cultures of the town from the windows of the buses.

Besides, passengers' luggage (行李) is also interesting. It is common to see a happy dog's head getting out of somebody's bag or a lovely chicken "speaking cheerfully" under somebody's arm. Once on a bus in Peru, a farmer even tied a sheep to the top of the bus. It was quite surprising.

In all, taking the bus in Latin America is really fun and unforgettable.

Taking the Bus in Latin America	
Unlike in other parts of the world bus trips in Latin America are really fun and unforgettable.	
Entertainment	> Films on long-distance buses can make your journey less <u> 1 </u> .
	> Songs <u> 2 </u> on local buses can help you get relaxed.
Sight-seeing	> Local buses can take you to places that you would not visit by <u> 3 </u> .
	> Other cultures of the town can be <u> 4 </u> from the windows of local buses.
Luggage	> Small <u> 5 </u> are often seen on buses as part of some passengers' luggage.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____