1. ***Daily Express* (9th December 2023 Page 10)**

1)语法填空

Visitors have been stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_ seeing loved ones in some hospitals hit by an outbreak of winter vomiting bug norovirus.

Cases have jumped 15% in a week and already this season there have been double the number of people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (need) hospital care. A total of 498 NHS beds have been occupied by norovirus patients or closed as part of infection control measures around England. Wards have also been closed to new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (admit) in North Wales. The measures have been introduced in an attempt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (control) the spread of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (high) infectious illness that causes diarrhoea and vomiting.

Sufferers usually recover within a few days \_\_\_\_ a spike in cases can put extra pressure on hospitals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are also caring for patients with winter flu, Covid and other seasonal illnesses. NHS England figures have revealed that cases of flu have soared \_\_\_\_ more than 50% in a week, with an average of 234 people in hospital with the illness every day last week. Health chiefs also fear new Covid variant JN1 could spark a wave of infection. Three wards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (close) yesterday at the James Cook University hospital in Middles-brough and visiting hours axed at Cheshire’s Ellesmere Port Hospital and the Countess Of Chester Hospital. Southampton General Hospital closed a ward after a five-fold increase in patients within a week, and wards have also been closed and visiting restricted at Wrexham Maelor Hospital in North Wales.

Professor Julian Redhead, NHS chief for urgent and emergency care, said: “As we experience more spells of cold weather and people gathering indoors, we expect to see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (continue) increase in winter viruses.”

2)句子翻译

在过去的六个月里，失业率急剧上升。（重点词汇spike）

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该公司宣布计划裁员300人。（重点词汇axe）

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1. ***National Geographic* (December 2023 BREAKTHROUGHS)**

1)语法填空

A species of tiny freshwater fish \_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) in the Amazon Basin and in home aquariums around the world was discovered to possess something \_\_\_\_ a surprising number of people appear to lack: the ability \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) their turn. In a new study published in Scientific Reports, researchers ushered schools of neon tetras (Paracheirodon innesi) through \_\_ narrow opening in their tank and found that the fish used queuing to navigate the close quarters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clogging up and impeding passage. The “courteous” creatures, which are only about an inch long, did not collide into one another as they swam near the opening. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the dexterity to exit without bottlenecking has been observed in ants, no other animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) to have the skill. The study’s authors believe that the neon tetras’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (seem) polite behavior might have evolved to help them pass between rocks in their river habitat. These findings, the authors say, could be used to improve traffic-control \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (strategy) for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (autonomy) cars–and perhaps for crowds of people too.

2)句子翻译

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楼房的施工因天气恶劣而停了下来。（重点词汇impede）

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