**黄冈黄石鄂州三市 2023 年春季高二期末考试**

1. **听力**

**第一节 (共10小题;每小题 1.5分，满分 22.5分)**

1. When will the woman get home?

A. At noon. B. In the afternoon. C. In the evening.

2. What are the speakers mainly talking about?

A. A robot. B. A zoo. C. A hotel.

3. What will the speakers do tomorrow?

A. Practice tennis. B. Go swimming. C. Play badminton

4.Where does the man usually get the news?

A.From the newspaper. B.From the Internet. C.From TV.

5. What is the relationship between the speakers?

A.Colleagues. B. Repairman and customer. C. Manager and client.

**第二节(共15小题;每小题 1.5分，满分 22.5分)**

**听第6段材料，回答第6、7题。**

6. What made the man have the idea of going to South Africa?

A. Laura's pictures. B. Lisa's invitation. C.His homesickness.

7. Why doesn't the man book his ticket now?

A.He has a lot of work to do now.

B. He wants to get the cheaper ticket.

C. He is waiting for Lisa's final decision.

**听第 7段材料,回答第 8、9题。**

8. Where is Jim from?

A. China. B. France. C. Germany.

9. What does Mary want to do?

A. Get to know Jim. B. Collect new stamps. C. Learn foreign languages.

**听第 8段材料,回答第 10 至 12 题。**

10. Who recommended this restaurant?

A. Tony. B. The woman. C. Katie.

11. What didn't the speakers order last night?

A.Steak. B. Salad. C.Cheesecake

12.Why did the speakers eat out together?

A.To hold a farewell party.

B. To solve office problems.

C. To meet some new people.

**听第 9段材料,回答第13至16题。**

13.How many applications has Peter looked through?

A.3. B.4 C.17.

14. What did Bill use to be most probably?

A. An engineer. B. A salesman. C. A manager.

15. What is Lisa's advantage?

A. A good education

B. Rich work experience.

C. Special management skills.

16. What do the speakers decide to do next week?

A. Organize an interview.

B.Train some new employees.

C. Develop overseas business.

**听第 10段材料,回答第 17至20题。**

17.How did Tony Smith help the speaker?

A. By picking her up last night.

B. By arranging her holiday.

C. By improving the program.

18.What made the speaker unpleasant during her trip?

A. The weather. B. The food. C. The locals.

19.What is John Miller's message about?

A.His thanks. B. His apology C. His suggestion.

20.What will the speaker do next?

A.Play some music. B. Meet some listeners. C.Answer some questions.

**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)**

**阅读下列短文，从每题所给的AB、C、D四个选项中,选出最佳选项**

**Undersea Adventures**

This unique activity is a must-do and you don’t even need to know how to swim. Walk on the seabed using underwater helmets (头盔) or ride along under the waves on scooters(轻便小车).Children from 1.2 metres tall can walk on the seabed using helmets and the minimum height for the scooters is 1.4 metres tall. It is a unique experience that the whole family can do together. Just book with a deposit (订金) and pay the rest on the day of the activity.

**What is included**

Pick-up from your hotel in the Ayia Napa / Protaras areas;

All equipment;

Professional instruction, safety briefing and dive guidance;

2.5 hours' experience including 30 minutes' diving.

**What is not included**

Photos of the dive (available to purchase if you'd like) ;

Snacks and refreshments.

**Before you go**

You may be required to complete a health questionnaire before you dive;

Minimum age / height requirements: Helmets-width of shoulders 32 cm and height120 cm, minimum age 6 years old; Scooters-height 140 cm and minimum age 13;

Diving is in small groups of up to 6 people with helmets and up to 4 people on the scooterss

No previous experience is necessary;

Available every morning and afternoon from May to October, weather permitting. Please book at least 48 hours in advance.

**Tickets**

Scooters cost € 57 including a deposit of € 12;

Helmets cost € 47 including a deposit of € 12(For adults);

Helmets cost € 37 including a deposit of € 7(For children);

No paper tickets are required for this tour;

Emergency contact number will be sent with your confirmation email.

21.What can be learned about the activity?

A. It demands full payment in advance.

B. It aids tourists to walk or ride underwater

C. It offers tourists free photography services.

D. It requires tourists to drive to the diving area.

22.What is required of tourists?

A. To book at least two days ahead.

B. To have rich experience of diving

C. To take their own diving equipment.

D. To have a health check before diving.

23.How much should a mother and her kid pay for helmets?

A.€ 103. B.€ 118. C.€ 131. D. € 84.

**B**

My dad, George, only had an eighth-grade education. From age 14, he worked as a livestock trucker. And his dad, Albert, took the money my dad earned and used it to pay family expenses. I thought that I would surpass anything he had accomplished by the time l walked across the stage at high school graduation.

Summers in the mid-70s were spent at home shooting baskets,hitting a baseball, or throwing a football, preparing for my future as a quarterback on a football team. The summer before my eighth grade I was one of a group of boys that a neighboring farmer hired to work in his field. He explained our basic task,the tractor fired up and we were off, riding down the field looking for weeds to spray with chemicals. After a short way, the farmer stopped and pointed at a weed which we missed.Then we began again. It was tiring work, but I looked forward to the pay.

However, George’s words “A job’s a big step to growing up. I'm glad you will be contributing to the household.” made me realize that my earnings might not be mine to do with as I wished. My labors lasted about two weeks, and the farmer said there might be more work, but I wasn’t interested. I decided it was not fair that I had to contribute my money.

The pay arrived at last. I was very happy in my heart for I got something from my work and planned how to spend it. When my dad asked about the money I had earned,I lowered my head, reluctant to say my income. The next morning, my dad’s livestock truck started running. When I saw my father’s hard-working figure, I thought of his words “A job's a big step to growing up”.

I understood immediately what my parents were worried about. They were worried that I was too selfish to give. I realized that my growth and our whole family had been depending on the hard work of my parents! Dad never complained about unfairness! In the evening.Dad came back. I proudly took out my own money and handed it to Dad.

24.Why did the author think he would do anything better than his father?

A. Because his father didn't have a good job.

B. Because his grandfather didn't love George.

C. Because he thought his father wasn't so smart as he.

D. Because he would be better educated than his father.

25.What did the author do during the summer holiday before the eighth grade?

A.He sought weeds in the fields with other boys.

B. He practiced various ball games to become a footballer.

C. He helped his neighbor drive the tractor along the field.

D. He worked with his father to make money for the family.

26.Why was the author unwilling to continue the labor after two weeks?

A. Because his father asked him not to do it.

B. Because it was really a tiring job to him.

C. Because he thought it was not equal to his pay.

D. Because he couldn’t spend his earnings as he wished.

27.What is the meaning of “A job’s a big step to growing up." in the passage?

A. Growing up means that I should find a job.

B. If I want to grow up, I have to make money in the fields.

C. Supporting the family through labor means a lot to growing-up.

D. A job means that we should learn to accept unfairness in the family.

**C**

Zoologists track animals using global-positioning-system(GPS)tags(标签)which then return their data via satellite. Marine(海洋的)biologists have a harder time of it, though, because radio signals can’t pass through seawater. This makes it impossible either to receive GPS signals or to send any data collected back to base.

That does not stop people tagging sea creatures. Data collected and stored in a tag can be sent to a satellite in bursts if the species in question is one that comes to the surface from time to time. A tag may also be recovered if the animal carrying it is caught by a fishing boat. Fisherfolk are typically paid a few hundred dollars per tag returned to its home laboratory.

None of these methods, though, keeps accurate track of where the animal carrying the tag has been. For these and other reasons, it would therefore be useful to have a marine equivalent of GPS. And one is now being employed. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution,in Massachusetts, hopes to fill the seas with sonic beacons(声波信标) that will play the role of GPS satellites.

The sea is divided into distinct layers that have different temperatures. During the Second World War, American scientists showed that some of these layers act as sonic wave guides. They called them “sound fixing and ranging”(sofar) channels. Sound sent out in of these channels echoes(回响) between the layers above and below, thus staying in the channel. Thus constrained(被约束),a sound wave can travel hundreds of kilometres before it becomes too weak to detect.

The sofar transmitters from Woods Hole are usually at an appropriate depth for the channel concerned. Every 12 hours they broadcast a 32-second-long location signal known as a pong. Pongs are so called because they are similar to sonar“pings”, but of lower frequency. In typical conditions a pong can be picked up 1,000 km away. By listening to the pongs from several beacons a receiver can calculate its location. Existing receivers for the two sofar transmitters are currently carried on free-floating instrument packs. But the plan is to have two more transmitters this year, and more in future years.

28. Why do marine biologists find it hard to use GPS tags?

A. Because some marine species don’t resurface regularly.

B. Because seawater leads to the change of signal transmission.

C. Because sea animals with tags are often caught by fisherfolk

D. Because seawater makes it impossible to transmit radio signals.

29. What do we know about sofar channels?

A. Sound can spread among different channels.

B. The water has a high temperature over there.

C. The sound is trapped there and stays strong for a while.

D. The sound waves can't be detected without the channels.

30.What is the characteristic of pongs?

A. Pongs can travel faster than pings.

B. Pongs are broadcast every 32 seconds.

C. Pongs travel at lower frequency than pings

D. Pongs can always be received 1,000 km away

31. What would be the best title for the text?

A. Tags for Sea Creatures

B.GPS for Marine Animals

C. Sofar Channels in the Sea

D. Data From Distant Satellites

**D**

Although they face the future with a certain degree of anxiety,more than 55 percent of Chinese young people believe that hard work and diligence can improve their prospects, according to a new survey.

Data for the Survey Report on the Social Mentality of Young Chinese Netizens (2022), which was published on Thursday, was abstracted from posts and comments by nearly 5,500 active young Internet users on social media website Sina Weibo and video-sharing website Bilibili over the past two years.It said that many young people devote a great deal of effort toward improving their situation and they prefer not to put too much peer pressure on their counterparts, while they like to offer each other encouragement in their online comments.

Among the youths who clearly expressed anxiety in their social media posts77 percent of them said they were concerned about their studies and work, while 30 percent were anxious about their health and 18 percent expressed concerns about their appearance. Those with a postgraduate education expressed a higher level of anxiety than those without,according to the survey.

As uncertainties rose in the job market due to the impact of the pandemic over the past three years, many young people expressed concerns about their future career prospects. They hoped to make the right career choices in advance but lacked real experiences in the job market, which ***intensified*** their level of anxiety.

Bilibili data shows that videos about various work skills, guidance on writing an apressive resume, and sharing job interview experiences have become increasingly popular on the platform in recent years.

A 31-year old media worker in Shanghai, who wanted to be only identified by her name Hu, said that young people in her age group in big cities face huge pressure such as finding a job with a higher sense of accomplishment and better pay as they climb the career ladder.

“In the meantime, I’m afraid that a better job will scare some potential boyfriends away. This is a dilemma for me. Also,I found from my friends and colleagues that women shoulder higher pressure in terms of appearance compared to men,” she said.

32. What are the first two paragraphs mainly about?

A.The Chinese youth face the future with anxiety.

B. Chinese young people believe hard work pays off.

C. Chinese young people put pressure on their peers.

D. The Chinese youth find it hard to succeed in job market.

33. According to the survey, where does most anxiety come from?

A. Studies and work.

B. Family background.

C.Health and appearance.

D. Real working experience.

34. What does the underlined word“intensified” mean in paragraph 4?

A.Lowered. B. Increased. C. Contained. D. Maintained.

35. What did the media worker Hu mean?

A. Young men suffer no appearance anxiety in their career.

B. Most of her workmates are facing the same problems as her.

C. It’s difficult to feel a sense of achievement in the well-paid job.

D. Balancing career and relationship means a tough situation to her

**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。**

If you wake up in the middle of the night, it might be tempting to check the time and see how many more hours you have left before morning.36\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Because looking at any source of light,whether a digital clock or phone, sends signals to the brain to wake up and turn off production of the sleep-promoting hormone melatonin(褪黑素).

Biological clocks help regulate the timing of bodily processes,including circadian(昼夜节律的)rhythms. 37\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The circadian rhythm and sleep-wake system are sensitive to light, and even a glance can make falling back to sleep more difficult.But even more importantly, checking can create a feeling of urgency causing additional stress. And that's anything but sleep-inducing.

Dr Nerina Ramlakhan, a physiologist, sleep and stress management expert suggests, 38\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ It is completely normal to wake during the night but if you're a sensitive sleeper then checking the time can send you into a whirl of calculations and worry about how much sleep you will or won't be getting.”

So, if you wake up at night, you can try the following tips:

First of all, try not to get up or even shift around. 39\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Then, take deep, slow breaths while letting your mind wander aimlessly. If you find yourself starting to stress or fixate(痴迷于) on one topic, deliberately think of something soothing and let your brain play“word association” with that topic until conscious thoughts start to turn into dreams.If your wake-up time is 6:30 am and the clock reads 3 am,don’t think,“Oh no!I have only three hours left!” 40\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Instead, say,“Oh great! I have three more hours to sleep!”

A. Sleeping is significant. B. But this is a bad idea.

C. Whether it's good or bad remains to be seen.

D. Never check the time if you wake during the night.

E. Negativity only sets off a stress response that keeps you up.

F.One of the most important and well-known circadian rhythms is the sleep-wake cycle.

G. Stay right where you are and consciously relax all of your muscles so you feel like you’re

melting right into the mattress,

**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。**

The first time I paid by scanning barcodes(条形码)on goods，I ended up paying 40 yuan($5.8) more than I should have. I went looking for a salesperson inside the store, but she was 41\_\_\_\_\_\_ to explain how to get my money back,despite both of us using translation apps.

I 42\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to that store for two whole years, until a Chineses peaking friend spoke

to the 43\_\_\_\_\_\_and explained to me that the money was still there in an app, which I made use

of to pay for goods worth 40 yuan at the store. I went back to buy things from there again. I particularly 44\_\_\_\_\_\_ their hot chocolate and had, by now, 45\_\_\_\_\_\_the art of buying things at the unmanned counter. 46\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,the hot chocolate didn't have a barcode, but I knew how to select it on the touch-screen menu. I would 47\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cup from a dispenser(自动售货机) before selecting the cup icon(图标) worth 3.5 yuan to make the payment. It was 48\_\_\_\_\_\_ !

I had been doing this for some time until, one day, following a software upgrade, I hit a 49\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.I was unable to include the hot chocolate after50\_\_\_\_\_\_ ’the barcode of other things I had bought. I again went looking for the salesperson, who helped me find it, tapping a(n) 51\_\_\_\_\_\_that cost 5 yuan. “That’s 5 yuan?”I asked using the translation app. “I have been paying 3.5 yuan up until now.”I didn’t know why I had 52\_\_\_\_\_\_ it cost 3.50 yuan. At least I would have been 53\_\_\_\_\_\_this embarrassment had there been a manned counter. However, I as spared further 54\_\_\_\_\_\_when the saleswoman said“Meishi, meishi (doesn't matter) 55\_\_\_\_\_\_ before rushing away.

41.A.unable B. frightened C.delighted D. capable

42. A. missed B. enjoyed C. fancied D. avoided

43.A.waitress B. shopper C.saleswoman D. applicant

44.A.mentioned B. displayed C.made D. liked

45.A.forgiven B. perfected C. required D. accused

46. A.By design B.On average C. In fact D. As a result

47.A.take up B. pick up C. break up D. clean up

48.A.awkward B. fair C. awful D. easy.

49.A.record B. nerve C. wall D.ball

50.A.painting B. scanning C. purchasing D. delivering

51.A.icon B. menu C.app D. counter

52.A.imagined B. assumed C.explained D. agreed

53.A.promised B. brought C. shown D. spared

54.A. pain B.anxiety C. embarrassment D. trouble

55.A.warmly B. excitedly C.anxiously D. coldly

**第二节(共10小题;每小题1.5分，满分15分)**

**阅读下面短文，在空白处填人1个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。**

Zhu Yanjun shared poetry reading experience with students at a primary school in Jingning county, Northwest China’s Gansu province,\_\_\_\_\_\_April 10, 2023.

Zhu Yanjun, 50,is the runner-up of the 2023 Chinese Poetry Competition. After graduating from junior high school in 1992,he 57\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) his schooling and began to work as a migrant worker.

58\_\_\_\_\_\_.he was always busy working during the day,he kept on spending his spare time to pursue his passion for poetry. This year, he 59\_\_\_\_\_\_(final) appeared in the Chinese Poetry Competition and won second place,60\_\_\_\_\_\_(amaze) the audience with his talent.

Zhu's passion for poetry runs through every aspect of his life. Whenever he goes to a city for work, he first visits 61\_\_\_\_\_\_(bookstore).On rainy days when the construction site 62\_\_\_\_\_\_he works stops work temporarily, he usually rushes to the bookstore early in the morning and spends the whole day reading books. In order to make use of his time 63\_\_\_\_\_\_(read) poetry, he always carries some notes of copying poems in his pocket.

In March of this year, Zhu Yanjun returned to his hometown and got a chance to work as a staff member at the cultural center of Jingning County. This job gives him more time to study the stories behind the poems and 64\_\_\_\_\_\_(many) opportunities to share his experience with others, Zhu wishes to inspire more people around him to explore the 65\_\_\_\_\_\_(hide) beauty of reading.

**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，你校即将直播校运动会，你想邀请你的外国朋友Tom观看线上直播，请你给他发邮件，内容包括:**

1. 邀请他观看线上直播;
2. 简介你校运动会;
3. 告知观看方式和时间。

注意:

1.词数80左右;

2.可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

Dear Tom,

Yours,

Li Hua

**第二节（满分25分）**

**阅读下面材料，根据具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。**

I had a dream from primary school: to work in television. My parents owned a little rocery store. so we were definitely not fancy people. Thankfully, my dad had raised me to have a lot of confidence.He often said,“You can do anything you want to do.” My dad was particularly supportive.He was my steady rock-always there for me.

With his help and encouragement, I was admitted to the radio and television arts program at Ryerson in Toronto.I really loved the program and worked hard and I was named the most outstanding graduate. I felt like I was already living my dream. I began to think that maybe I could apply for an internship(实习资格)in CBC or CTV.

Luckily,Global Television had just started broadcasting in Canada that year.I thought to myself: I'm new and they’re new, so if I’m going to get to know one person at Global, it might as well be the president. I was scared, but I knew deep down inside that this was what I wanted. When I called my dad and told him my plan, he said,“Good, Faye. That's exactly what you should do.”

With my heart just about pounding out of my body,I called up the president of Global Television. Suddenly Mr.Slaight was on the phone. “I've heard that your studio facilities are amazing. I could come at eleven o’clock on Monday or eleven o’clock on Sunday for a tour. What would suit you better?”I caught him totally off guard. He stuttered a bit, and then picked a day. When I hung up, I was scared but excited.

I arrived at the studio on the appointed day. When Mr. Slaight took me around, he looked at me and said,“What do you want?”He sounded furious but curious. “All I want is a chance to audition(试镜). I just want you to know my face. That's all I'm asking.”

I didn't know whether I’d ever hear from him again,but two weeks later, his secretary called,“Mr. Slaight wants to know if you’d like to come and audition for a new school life show." I immediately answered,“Sure!”

注意:

1.续写词数应为 150左右;

2.续写部分分为两段,每段的开头语已经为你写好。

When I arrived at the station, I went direct into the audition and began my short performance.

Finally came the day of my first public appearance on live TV.

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听力 1-5 CCBAA 6-10 ACBAB 11-15 CACBA 16-20 ACACA

阅读 21-23 BAD 24-27 DADC 28-31 DCCA 32-35 BABD 36-40 BFDGE

完填 41-45 ADCDB 46-50 CBDCB 51-55 ABDCA

语法填空

56.on 57.stopped 58.Although/Though/While 59.finally 60.amazing

61.bookstores 62.where 63.to read 64.more 65.hidden

**应用文参考范文：**

Dear Tom, With our school’s live sports meeting around the corner, I’m writing in delight to invite you to watch it online. Launched in 1980, our school’s sports meeting has a long history whose aim is to build up our body. As scheduled, initially, this year’s sports meeting will begin with our headmaster’s inspiring speech to motivate us to take part in it actively. Subsequently, the sports meeting will witness varieties of sports events, ranging from field events to track events. By the way, I’ll participate in the 400-meter relay race where four players will follow to run one after another, holding a stick. Ultimately, the winners will be awarded by our headmaster. What a thrilling event it will be! If interested, please scan the QR code to be posted by our school at 8 p.m. on July 10. I’ll show it to you in real time. Keenly anticipate your prompt reply!

**读后续写范文：**

When I arrived at the station, I went direct into the audition and began my short performance. With boldness, I finished my performance relatively smoothly though palms were sweating. Never in my wildest dream did I imagine that I was indeed assigned the intern job to act on a school life show and my first public appearance on TV was in five days. After sharing the thrilling news with my dad, I received the warmest congratulations and expectations from my family. Picturing my families eagerly waiting for my performance, I worked day and night as busy as a bee for fear that I would make a fool of myself live on TV. Finally came the day of my first public appearance on live TV. Wearing fancy dress and 2 delicate make up, I was so proud but nervous that my show would be watched by a large audience. My mind suddenly went blank as I was immersed in my thoughts and totally forgot my lines. However, the thought of my dad’s words “You can do anything you want to do.” drove me back to the reality. I soon came up with a little trick to make up for the embarrassing blank. As the show went on, so concentrated was I that I hardly dared to even blink my eyes. After my debut, I rang my dad with frustration and disappointment, only to get his trust and encouragement again. It was my dad’s love that supported me along my way to be an outstanding actor.

听力文稿

**Text 1**

W: Mike, they said they would send a repairman this afternoon. But I won’t be home until late in the evening. How about you?

M: Well, I guess I’ll have to get home from work at noon and wait for him.

**Text 2**

W: Have you heard of FlyZoo Hotel in Hangzhou?

M: Yes. It is Alibaba’s first “future hotel”. No people work there but robots. I expect to stay there one day.

**Text 3**

M: Alice, would you like to play tennis or badminton tomorrow?

W: Neither. I’ve been interested in swimming with my brother these days. Would you like to join us tomorrow?

M: Sounds good.

**Text 4**

W: I get my news online and from TV. I get it like somebody’s reading the news to me, and I like the feeling.

M: I don’t watch TV or use the Internet, but I read the newspaper starting on the front page and going to the international section.

**Text 5**

W: Hey, I need to send an e-mail badly. May I use your computer? Mine broke down. M: Just a moment. I’m finishing my report to our manager. He’s waiting for it in the meeting room.

**Text 6**

M: I’m thinking about going to South Africa for two weeks, Jenny.

W: Why? Haven’t you been there before?

M: No. ⑥I have seen some of Laura’s pictures of her hometown, and they really attract me.

W: Have you booked a flight?

M: Not yet. I’ll buy my ticket next month.

W: Wouldn’t it be cheaper to book now?

M: I know, ⑦but Lisa wants to go with me, and she isn’t sure when she will be available. She still has a lot of work to do and she has to ask her boss for leave. So I have to wait for her to fix our travel time. 3

**Text 7**

M: Mary, I made a new friend when I toured around China last month. His name is Jim, and he speaks Chinese fluently.

W: Really? Tell me more about him, Bob.

M: He’s very humorous and often tells jokes. ⑧He was born in France, but he has been studying in Germany since 2016.

W: I see. He must be able to speak several languages.

M: Yes. He has a great talent for language and music. Besides, we share a lot of interests such as reading, collecting stamps and playing basketball.

W: ⑨Well, Bob, could you please introduce me to him when it is convenient?

M: No problem. I’ll e-mail him tonight, inviting him to our hometown.

**Text 8**

W: Did you enjoy the meal at the restaurant last night, Tony?

M: It wasn’t as good as I had thought. ⑩You gave the place such a good review after you’d tried it out with Katie that I was expecting to go there.

W: Yes, I was a bit disappointed this time, too. My steak was really tough and ⑪they took that wonderful cheesecake off the menu for some reason.

M: I thought you were enjoying the steak. Anyway, the salad wasn’t bad.

W: What did the others think about it?

M: No one said much about that. I guess no one wanted to spoil the party for Jack. Well, I’ll miss him. It’ll be boring in the office without him. He is so funny.

W: Sure. The people at the next table had an argument about the bill. At least we had no problems with that.

**Text 9**

W: Peter, have you looked through the applications?

M: Yes, I’ve read all of them. I think these four people will be perfect.

W: Let me see your list.

M: Here you go. Actually, we have so many good choices,

⑬but I picked them out from seventeen names.

W: I see you choose Tony and Bill. Those two are at the top of my list, too. Tony has worked as an engineer for several years.

M: I know.

⑭And Bill has so much experience in sales. Both of them are good choices.

W: So let’s call them for an interview. What about Lisa? She isn’t on your list, but I think she might be fit for the job.

M: She looks good from her resume, and she studied at the famous Collins Business School for years, but she doesn’t have much experience in management.

W: But don’t you think it would be better to at least give her an interview?

M: Yes, you’re right.

W: Great. Let’s set up an interview next week. I’m looking forward to adding some new members and developing our overseas business.

M: Sounds like a good idea.

**Text 10**

W: Well, thank you for listening to our radio program tonight. Now let’s share some messages we received. 4 First, I must start by saying a big “thank you” to Tony Smith. He did a great job to improve our program last week while I was away. Thanks, Tony. And thanks for all the messages asking about my holiday. I had a long flight home late last night, but I must say I had a wonderful time. The food was delicious and the locals we spoke to were really friendly. Shame about the weather, which was disappointing, but I couldn’t have everything I supposed. And my kids enjoyed the trip, so everyone was happy. Here is another message. ⑲And it’s John Miller from Leicester. He wrote, “I listen to the program every night. As the program ends, many questions go unanswered. Why don’t you offer some kind of online program where you can continue answering listeners’ questions?” I think that’s a good idea. We’ll certainly think about it carefully. ⑳Well, now it’s time for music and I hope you will enjoy it.