**绝密★启用前**

**2023年浙江省高考英语模拟卷**

**命题：绍兴市第一中学**

**注意事项：**

1.答卷前，考生务必将自己的姓名、准考证号填写在答题卡上。

2.回答选择题时，选出每小题答案后，用铅笔把答题卡上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动，用橡皮擦干净后，再选涂其他答案标号。回答非选择题时，将答案写在答题卡上，写在本试卷上无效。

3.考试结束后，将本试卷和答题卡一并交回。

**第一部分 听力(共两节，满分30分)**

做题时，先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后，你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

**第一节(共5小题；每小题1.5分，满分7.5分)**

听下面5段对话。每段对话后有一个小题，从题中所给的A、B、C三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。听完每段对话后，你都有10秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

例：How much is the shirt?

A.₤19.15.B.₤9.18.C.₤9.15.

答案是C。

1.What will the woman do next?

A.Attend a meeting. B.Pick up the man's client. C. Send the man to his office.

2.What does the man think of the campus?

A.It's beautiful. B.It's a Greek campus. C.It's an ancient campus.

3.What is the woman?

A.A salesperson. B.A hotel clerk. C.A waitress.

4.What type of book is the woman reading?

A. Science fiction. B.Horror fiction. C. Romantic fiction.

5.When will the man probably meet Dr.Banks?

A.At 8:20. B.At 8:50. C.At 9:20.

**第二节(共15小题；每小题1.5分，满分22.5分)**

听下面5段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题，从题中所给的A、B、C三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。听每段对话或独白前，你将有时间阅读各个小题，每小题5秒钟；听完后，各小题将给出5秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听第6段材料，回答第6、7题。

6.What does the woman probably want the man to do?

A.Do some cleaning. B.Be careful in his job. C. Take out the trash in turn.

7.What is the probable relationship between the speakers?

A.Mother and son. B.Brother and sister. C. Manager and new worker.

听第7段材料，回答第8至10题。

8.Which is a super food according to the man?

A.Yogurt. B.Noodles. C.Rice

9.Why are super foods healthy?

A.Because they cure some terrible diseases.

B.Because they fight against some cancers.

C.Because they reduce the risks of some diseases.

10.Which food will the woman be adding to their family diet?

A.Fish. B.Tomatoes. C. Brown rice

听第8段材料，回答第11至13题。

11.What was the woman doing when she heard a noise?

A. She was doing the dishes.

B.She was cleaning the living room.

C.She was polishing the table

12.Who may be the man speaker?

A.A police officer. B.The woman's husband. C.The woman's friend.

13.When does the conversation probably take place?

A.On an early morning. B.Around noon. C.In the evening

听第9段材料，回答第14至17题。

14. How did the man notice the problem first?

A. His bank called him. B.His bill showed him. C. His credit card was stolen.

15.What did the bank do to fix the problem?

A.They gave the man his money back at once.

B.They decided to talk to the bank's owner.

C. They asked the man to provide the evidence.

16.What might have caused the problem according to the man?

A.Online shopping. B.Overdue debt. C. Unskilled operation.

17.What do the two speakers mainly talk about?

A.Information safety. B.Shopping habits. C.Money management.

听第10段材料，回答第18至20题。

18.What will Todd Messegee be responsible for?

A.Writing a play. B. Directing a play. C. Starring in a play.

19.What will participants mainly do by the fourth day?

A.Practice the play. B.Attend a lecture on acting. C.Perform on stage formally.

20.What is the speaker doing?

A.Advertising an acting program.

B. Drawing up a plan for a program.

C. Announcing arrangements for a play.

**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A、B、C和D四个选项中，选出最佳答案。

A

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| **An Anthology(选集)of Aquatic Life(DK Children's Anthologies)** | |
| **Author: Sam Hume**  ★★★★☆206 ratings  **Buy new**:$26.90  **free delivery**: on orders over S28.00 shipped by Amazon.com  **Buy used**:$15,88,$3.98  delivery  **March 18-August 17** | *An Anthology of Aquatic Life* is a stunning ocean encyclopedia for young readers to explore, with reference pages packed with fascinating information.From the deepest, widest ocean to the tiniest puddle, this beautiful book takes young readers on a spellbinding journey through the aquatic world. Stunning photography and gorgeous illustrations complement storybook descriptions about each life form, and children can uncover hundreds of fascinating facts as they read. |
| **It arouses your child's curiosity as they:**  -Explore detailed photographs and striking illustrations of nature in action.  -Reveal fun facts and myths about how a range of animals and plants adapt to their environments.  -Uncover more than 100 aquatic life forms, each with stunning images and captivating information.  This ocean encyclopedia for children is the perfect blend of storybook style text with out-of-this-world illustrations. Compared with reading alone, reading the book with families doubles the pleasure as family tics are strengthened through exploring the unknown together.  **Explore the diversity of the animal kingdom while uncovering:**  -Stunning Jacket Detail: gold book cover &luxury metallic gold edges.  -Striking photography &illustrations inside.  **More in the Series**  An Anthology of Aquatic Animals is part of the beautiful and informative Anthology series. Complete the series and cultivate your child's curiosity as they explore the natural world with The Wonders of Nature or let them walk with the dinosaurs in Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Life. For more information, please click here. | |

21.What is the lowest price for a second-hand book?

A.$15.88. B.$3.98. C.$26.90. D.$28.00.

22.What's the major benefit of An Anthology of Aquatic Life?

A.Promoting the skills of telling stories. B.Boosting curiosity about underwater life.

C. Acquiring the capability of photography. D.Increasing the knowledge of dinosaurs.

23.Where do you think the passage is taken from?

A.A brochure. B.A website. C.A textbook. D.A report.

B

On the day he almost died, Kimbal Musk had food on the brain. The Internet startup talent and restaurateur had just arrived in Jackson Hole from a conference where chef Jamie Oliver had spoken about the benefits of healthy eating. This was something Musk thought about a lot—how he might make a difference to the food industry—but beyond expanding his farm-to-table movement along with his restaurant, Musk hadn't yet broken the code. Then he went sailing down a snowy slope(坡)and fell over, breaking his neck. The left side of his body was paralyzed.Musk eventually made a full recovery, but it involved spending two months on his back, which gave him plenty of time to come up with a plan. Since then, he has launched an initiative to put "learning gardens"in public schools across America; attracted Generation Z to the farming profession by changing shipping containers into high-tech,data-driven, year-round farms; and this year, is kicking off a new campaign to create one million at-home gardens.

Aimed at reaching low-income families, the Million Gardens Movement was inspired by the pandemic, as both a desire to feel more connected to nature and food insecurity have been at the forefront of so many people's lives."We were getting a lot of inquiries about gardening from people that had never gardened before,"says Musk."People were looking to garden for a bunch of reasons: to supplement their budget, to improve the nutritional quality of their diets, or just to cure the boredom that came with the lockdown."

The program offers free garden kits that can be grown indoors or outdoors, and will be distributed through schools that Musk's non-profit, Big Green, has already partnered with. It also offers free courses on how to get the garden growing and fresh seeds and materials for the changing growing seasons."I grew up in the projects when I was young, in what we now call food deserts," says EVE, one of the many celebrities who have teamed up with the organization to encourage people to pick up a free garden."What I love about this is that it's not difficult. We are all able to grow something."

24.What inspired Musk to be devoted to food industry?

A.An accident. B.Jamie Oliver's speech.

C.The pandemic. D.The farm-to-table movement.

25.What can we learn about the Million Gardens Movement?

A.It has mainly attracted young generations.

B. It has just accomplished its target.

C. It may be stimulated by a lack of food security.

D.It increases economic burdens for the poor.

26.Which of the following best describes Musk?

A.Charitable. B.Honest. C.Flexible. D.Strict.

27.Why is EVE taken as an example?

A.To demonstrate the program to be non-profit.

B.To share his experience in a food desert.

C.To encourage people to start a free garden.

D. To clarify the reason why he loves a garden.

C

As an intense heat wave sweeps through China, residents are seeking relief in air raid shelters and swimming pools to stay cool, and dozens of cities, including Shanghai, Chongqing and Hangzhou, have issued their highest-level red alert warnings. Shanghai has issued three red alerts this year, with the temperature hitting 40.9 Celsius on July 13,matching the record set in 2017 since 1873.The fact that Shanghai has experienced only 16 days of 40℃-plus temperatures since the city began keeping records in 1873 should give us an idea about the seriousness of the situation.

Medical experts say extreme heat could cause nausea(恶心), fatigue, sunstroke and even death, with senior citizens and people with long-term illnesses particularly vulnerable to heat waves.

Extreme heat events, which began a month ago, have affected the lives of more than 900 million people in China.Between June 1 and July 12, the average number of days with temperatures above 35°℃was 5.3, up 2.4 days over normal years, breaking the national record set in 1961, according to the National Climate Center.

Parts of Europe are also in the grip of heat waves and experiencing extreme weather events after the western part of North America faced extreme heat waves last year. In response to the exceptionally high temperatures, the United Kingdom has declared a national emergency and issued the highest-level red alert warning for Monday and Tuesday for the first time. More alarmingly, the average global temperature in June this year was 0.4°℃ higher than normal years and the highest since 1979, with temperatures in countries such as Spain, France and Italy exceeding40℃.

Unfortunately, extreme heat, which is directly related to climate change, will become more frequent and intense in the next 30 years, setting new records for high temperatures. As global warming intensifies, losses and devastation will increase, forcing natural and human systems to raise their adaptation limits.

28.What can we know about the heat waves this year?

A.It may cause more harm to the old and people with long-term illnesses.

B. The number of days above 35℃in June breaks the national record.

C. Shanghai has experienced a higher temperature than that in 2017.

D.The whole Europe as well as America are suffering from the heat waves.

29.How does the author develop the text?

A.By analyzing and concluding. B.By explaining and contrasting.

C.By giving examples and quoting. D.By giving figures and comparing.

30. According to the writer, what is the trend of extreme heat?

A. Becoming more serious. B.Remaining stable.

C.Staying unpredictable. D.Getting controllable.

31.What is the text mainly about?

A. The solutions to the climate change. B.The economic losses from heat waves.

C. The increase of severe heat waves. D.The destructive effect of global warming.

D

In the animal kingdom, mimics(模仿)are not rare. Stick insects pretend to be twigs. Hawk-moth caterpillars resemble poisonous snakes. The examples, though, are visual. Auditory mimicry is rarer. Danilo Russo of the University of Naples Federico I thinks he has found a novel case of it, as he describes in Current Biology. Some bats,he believes, mimic angry bees in order to scare away owls that might otherwise eat them.

Dr. Russo first noticed bat buzzing a few years ago. The noise struck him as similar to the sound of some bees.He wondered whether bat buzzing was a form of mimicry which helped to scare off would-be predators.

To test this idea, he and his colleagues first recorded the buzzing that captured bats made. Then, with protective clothing, they began the more dangerous task of recording the buzzing made by different bees. Computer analysis revealed that bees' and bats' buzzing were, indeed, similar.

Then the researchers recruited several owls. They put the owls, one at a time, in an enclosure with branches for them to stay on, and two boxes with holes in them. They placed a loudspeaker alongside one of the boxes and, after the birds had settled in, broadcast through it five seconds of uninterrupted bat buzzing and a similar amount of insect buzzing three times in a row for each noise. As a control, they broadcast in like manner several non-buzzing sounds made by bats.

During the broadcasts and for five minutes thereafter, they videoed the owls. After analysis, the results were unequivocal. When they heard both the bat buzzing and the bee buzzing, the owls moved as far from the speakers as they could. In contrast, when the non-buzzing bat sounds were played, they crept closer.

Dr. Russo believes this is the first reported case of a mammal using auditory mimicry to scare away a predator.They strongly suspect, however, that it is not unique. Anecdotes suggest several birds also make buzzing noises when their nests are disturbed. And with the result of the experiment, he therefore predicts that auditory mimicry is far more widespread than currently realized.

32.What was Dr. Russo's assumption of the study?

A.Bats imitate the voice of angry bees to frighten away enemies.

B.The buzzing of bats are similar to the sound of some bees.

C. Auditory mimicry is rather common in the animal kingdom.

D.Only some bats have the capacity of auditory mimicry.

33.How did Dr. Russo test his idea?

A.By consulting experts in this field. B.By referring to other scholars' analysis.

C.By collecting computer data. D.By conducting series of scientific experiments.

34.What does the underlined word "unequivocal" in paragraph 5 possibly mean?

A.Disappointing. B.Controversial. C.Definite. D.Uncertain.

35.What is a suitable title for the text?

A.A New Trick to Scare Away Owls.

B.Animal Mimicry: Buzz off

C.A Self-protection Behavior among Animals.

D.Bats: No More Victim to Owls

**第二节(共5小题；每小题2分，满分12.5分)**

根据短文内容，从短文后的选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

As much as 80 percent of premature heart disease is preventable by making specific lifestyle choices.\_\_36\_\_But others may not have crossed your mind."A small change in your everyday routine can potentially have a big impact in the long run," says preventive cardiologist Dr. Beth Abramson.

**●Get eight hours of sleep.**

"When you're not rested, everything that happens in your life is a lot more stressful,"says Dr. Arya Sharma, a professor of medicine at the University of Alberta. If we're sleep deprived, our bodies also have more difficulty controlling blood pressure, inflammation and glucose levels.\_\_37\_\_

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Doing good for others helps your self-esteem and relieves stress. Research published in Psychosomatic Medicine in 2016 showed that a feeling of purpose in life is linked to a lower likelihood of heart attack and stroke."We know that loneliness is a risk factor for heart health,"adds Sharma."Volunteering gets you out of the house and creates asocial network."

**●Avoid polluted air.**

Exposure to this kind of pollution over time raises your risk of heart disease. Inhaling contaminants formed from chemicals like Sulphur(硫) dioxide, carbon and nitrogen oxides may irritate arteries(动脉)and increase inflammation.\_\_39\_\_Try to get your outdoor exercise far away from highways and industrial districts, and spend more time indoors when the air quality index is poor.

**·Eat breakfast.**

A recent study in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology found that healthy people who skipped breakfast were almost three times more likely to have heart disease six years later than those who partook in a substantial morning meal. According to Abramson, you need to eat a balanced diet as part of a healthy lifestyle.\_\_40\_\_If you're eating a proper breakfast, you 're less likely to be hungry later and make poor food choices.

A.Be social and outgoing.

B. Engage in voluntary work.

C. There are physiological effects of this condition on the body.

D. These factors can all have an impact on cardiovascular(心血管的) health.

E.Choose whole-grain, low-fat breakfast foods and include fruit.

F.Some strategies, such as exercising and managing weight, are well known.

G. Even short periods of exposure are unhealthy for people with other health risks.

**第三部分 语言知识运用(共两节，满分30分)**

**第一节(共15小题；每小题1分，满分15分)**

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

I lost my sight when I was four. I can hardly\_\_41\_\_the brightness of sunshine.

It\_\_42\_\_to me that I might not have loved life so if I hadn't been blind. I don't mean I would prefer to go without eyes. I\_\_43\_\_mean the loss of them made me more appreciate what I had.

Life asks a continuous series of\_\_44\_\_to reality. The hardest lesson was to\_\_45\_\_ myself. When I say belief in myself, I am not only talking about the kind of self-confidence that helps me down an unfamiliar staircase alone. But I mean something \_\_46\_\_than that: an assurance that I am,\_\_47\_\_imperfections, a real and positive person. It took me years to discover and\_\_48\_\_this assurance.

Once a man gave me a baseball. I thought he was kidding me. I was\_\_49\_\_and refused."Take it with you,"he\_\_50\_\_me,"and roll it around."

The words\_\_51\_\_in my head. By rolling the ball, I could listen where it went. This inspired me to achieve a goal I had thought\_\_52\_\_:playing baseball.

All my life, I have set different goals and tried to reach them.I had to learn my\_\_53\_\_. It was no good trying for something wildly out of reach, because that only invited the bitterness of \_\_54\_\_. I would fail sometimes but on the average I made\_\_55\_\_.

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**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。

Aeronautics(航空学) specialists from the University of South Australia spent months studying the dragonfly's flight,creating 3D models from digital images, to build a winged drone(无人机). Study leader Javaan Chahl believes that winged drones\_\_\_56\_\_(base) on the dragonfly 's shape and movement will simply be\_\_57\_\_\_(flexible) and energy efficient, compared to the previous ones.

Chahl's team used\_\_\_58\_\_special photography technique to classify the wing shapes of 75 different dragonfly species from museum collections. Their wings are long, light and hard. Plus, their long bodies give them excellent stability and balance,\_59\_\_(make) it possible for winged drones to deliver awkward loads\_\_\_60undertakelong observation missions.

Investigating the way that dragonflies remain stable during flight actually\_\_\_61\_\_\_ (reveal) the techniques they use to get themselves out of tricky situations. Dragonflies are found to be able to perform upside-down back flips to regain balance and normal flight, when they find themselves upside down mid-air. This special skill can even\_\_62\_\_\_(perform) while dragonflies are unconscious, meaning it is a passive stability mechanism similar in concept \_\_63\_\_ planes that are designed to glide to\_\_\_\_64\_\_(safe) with their engines turned off. Engineers are looking to copy dragonfly wings to create safer ones\_\_65\_\_can right themselves.

**第四部分 写作(共两节，满分40分)**

**第一节(满分15分)**

你校英语俱乐部拟创办校英文刊物，将召开俱乐部成员会议，商讨刊物栏目(columns)。假如你是成员李华，请你写一份会议发言稿，提议开设一个栏目。内容包括：

1.栏目名称；

2.开设理由。

注意：

1.写作词数应为80左右；

2.请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

Hello,my dear fellows!

**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。

"Jordi! Wake up!" Father's voice called from the hallway, and I sat up quickly. The day finally came! The day that I would be a casteller—a tower builder. Mama had breakfast ready."Are you prepared for your moment of fame?"Papa asked in excitement. My throat was suddenly very dry, and the bread got stuck as I swallowed. Taking a big swig of juice, I put on a smile."I'm ready."I would do well. I wanted to make him proud.

Here in the eastern part of Spain, casteller groups were very popular. My city hosted the competition this year.Before that, I'd watched my parents compete. But never before had I been part of the tower. It was so high. And it sometimes fell. I was hesitant to be up there. But for the past year, I had been practicing the climb. I was twelve, and I must not be a coward(胆小鬼). So for the first time in a competition, I would help build the tower!

In town, I saw that the center was packed with people and casteller teams from all over the country. Hands sweating, I was waiting for our turn to compete. Mom came and patted me on the shoulder."Have focus. Have faith."I nodded to show that I understood and would do my best to follow the suggestions.

Soon, too soon, it was our turn.

My father and three of the strongest men stood in a circle facing each other as they held tightly to each other's arms. Four more strong men stepped behind, each wrapping his arms around the chest of a man and giving him a bear hug. Then fifty more men and women crowded behind and began pushing on their backs to keep them tightly together.

Our base was solid. Four smaller men climbed onto the backs of the base group and stood on their shoulders.They then grabbed onto each other's arms and held firmly, creating a strong second tier(层).Another group of men would form the third tier. Then, a group of women, including Mom, started climbing and began to form the fourth tier. Our tower was growing taller and taller.

注意：

1.续写词数应为150左右；

2.请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

Paragraph 1:Then suddenly it was kids' turn to make the last tier.

Paragraph 2:"Jordi.Easy!"My mother whispered the words.

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命题：绍兴一中

第I卷(选择题共95分)

第一部分 听力(共两节，满分30分)

1-5 CABBC 6-10 BCACC 11-15 CABBC 16-20 AABAA

第二部分 阅读理解(共两节，满分50分)

第一节(共15个小题；每小题2.5分，满分37.5分)

21-23 ABB 24-27 BCAC 28-31 ADAC 32-35 ADCB

第二节(共5个小题；每小题2.5分，满分12.5分)

36-40 FDBGE

第三部分 语言运用(共两节，满分30分)

第一节(共15个小题；每小题1分，满分15分)

41-45 BCCAC 46-50 BABDB 51-55 ADDAC

第二节(共10个小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分)

56.based 57.more flexible 58.a 59.making 60.and

61.reveals 62.be performed 63.to 64.safety 65.which/that

第Ⅱ卷(非选择题共55分)

第一节应用文写作(满分15分)

四、应用文参考文：

One possible version:

Hello, my dear fellows. I'm really excited to be informed that we are going to start an English journal together, which is definitely a wonderful idea. It's such a golden opportunity to enhance students' English capability and appreciate the charm of the English language.

As for proposals, I'd like to recommend"Students' Voice"as a distinctive column. As studying is always students' top priority, we students are under great pressure and lack opportunities to be listened to.Why not help students voice inner feelings and have a good mood to embrace the tough yet bright future?This column, I promise, is bound to be a precious outlet and a stepping stone to communicating fluently in English.

That's all for my advice! Thank you!

第二节读后续写(满分25分)

三、续写参考文：

One possible version:

Then suddenly it was kids' turn to make the last tier. Tightly gripping the clothing of those we were climbing over, we passed the first two tiers without difficulty. By the time I reached the fourth tier,nerves made my hands sweat and my knees tremble, for I was very high off the ground. As I climbed onto my mother's shoulders, my foot slipped off and I slid down. Instinctively, I clutched Mom's arm with all my might. Feeling the tower below swaying a bit, my heart began a crazy dance in my chest."Stay focus!" Exclaimed a kid beside me. Sweat trickling down my face, I took a deep breath to calm myself. I could not be responsible for ruining our tower. I could not disgrace my parents or myself.I could not let my team down.

"Jordi. Easy!" My mother whispered the words. I calmed my heart and again placed my foot on Mom's lap. This time, I grasped her shirt and firmly pushed myself to a stand, balancing on one foot.With the other foot, I stepped up and onto her shoulders, and then brought the other foot up. Reaching deep inside to feel my balance, with focus and trust, I rose slowly out of my crouch and straightened my knees. I worked hard to hold myself straight and still until our tower was complete.Whether or not we won this competition, I knew we had done what we had set out to do. With faith in each other and with focus on the task, we built our tower. Eventually, I became a casteller!

附听力原文：

Text 1

M:Oh dear, I'm late. I have to be in the office by 8:00 am. There is an important meeting with a new client.

W: OK. Wait a minute. I can give you a lift.

Text 2

W:Wow! I do like this campus: the green lawns, and the old buildings with tall columns. It's really beautiful.

M:It sure is. The architecture of these buildings is in the Greek style. It was popular in the eighteenth century here.

Text 3

M:Hello, can you ask someone to send some new towels to my room, please? By the way, I'd like to make a dinner reservation at 7:00 tonight.

W:Yes, we will make every effort to meet your needs.

Text 4

M: Do you still have that book I lent you, Mary?

W: It's just here Mark. I'm still partway through reading it. Normally I read science fiction or love stories but this is fascinating!

M: I'm glad you like it. I'm not a fan of horror fiction but I thought it was great.

Text5

W:Please give me a second. I'll see whether Dr. Banks is available.

M:OK.

W:Sorry, he's with a patient right now. It's probably going to be about another 30 minutes. Would you mind waiting a little longer?

M: I've been waiting since 8:20 and it's been half an hour.

Text 6

W:We care about quality here, not just about doing enough work to get by. When you work at Trader Joe's, you're more than an employee. You're like family!

M: In my family, we usually argue over things like whose turn it is to take out the trash. We also complain a lot when there's no dessert. Is working here like that?

W:OK... Let me give you a better idea. Working here is like being in a family in some ways. You know how children get punished when they don't clean their rooms, or when they go out with friends before they finish their homework?

M: Yes, I can relate to that.

W:Well, that's more like how it is to work at Trader Joe's. The employees are the children ... and I'm the mother.

M: Are you the only parent at this store? I think I'd rather be adopted by someone else…

Text 7

M: I was reading about super foods today. They are fruits, vegetables and other foods that are supposed to be extra healthy

W:That's interesting. Which foods are they? I suppose rice is high on the list. We certainly eat a lot of that here in China.

M: No, it isn't. Nor are noodles. But yogurt, fish and tomatoes are there.

W:Oh well, I suppose we eat plenty of them. Why are these foods so healthy?

M: It's said that they can reduce the risks of high blood pressure, heart disease and certain cancers.

W: Maybe I will start including them in our meals. Are there any foods on the list that we don't have yet?

M: Nuts and greens are something we already eat plenty of. And although our type of rice—the white kind—isn't on the list, brown rice is.

W: Then I think we will switch to that to keep the family healthy. Super foods sound like a very tasty way to keep fit.

Text 8

M: Can you tell me what happened this morning, Mrs Jones?

W:Well, 2 hours ago, that was around 10:00 in the morning when I was doing the dishes. Then, soon after that, I was polishing the table. I thought I heard a noise, but I was really concentrating on the polishing, so I didn't take much notice.

M:What happened next?

W: I was cleaning the living room, around 10:15, when I heard someone upstairs. It sounded like they were looking for something in my cupboard. About two minutes later, someone ran down the stairs.Iran to the window. A man was getting into a car. Then he was driving away.

M:What time was this, Mrs Jones?

W:10:20.Then I called the police.

Text 9

M: I can't believe this. I have been on the phone with my bank all day and they still haven't fixed my problem.

W: Is it a credit card problem?

M:Yes. My credit card information was stolen. When I got my bill in the mail, I saw there were many unfamiliar purchases on it.

W: That's terrible. Did they take a lot of money?

M:Yes, and I am very upset because the bank is not helping me quickly. I have talked to many different managers already.

W: Doesn't the bank's owner need to make the decision to give you your money back?

M:No. I just have to prove that these purchases were not made by me.

W: I hope you can fix this problem soon. Something similar happened to my husband's mother recently.She was tricked into giving away some important information over the phone.

M: I think the person who stole my information got it from the Internet. I bought a collection of movies recently. I won't be doing that again unless the website is sure to be safe. It's honestly my fault for being careless.

W:You can never be too careful. Well, your problem is inspiring me to look into protecting my account better. I think I can pay my bank more to help me.

Text 10

Now we have a program for those who love acting. This program gives young actors the experience of developing complex characters and performing a full-length production while receiving top-level training. Each actor will receive a role and will be given time to shine on the stage at the end of the week.Children aged between 13 and 18 can take part in the program.

The play is written by Lisa Nanni-Messegee. Todd Messegee will be the director. On the first Monday we meet, actors act for some time to find a suitable role in the play. By the end of the day, they begin developing characters and learning about the play. This continues through mid-week, along with focus on specialty skills that may be needed in the production. On these days, they'll receive some training on acting. By Thursday, the actors are running the show off-book and memorizing their material.By Friday, the whole group is performing on stage, in a recorded performance. A digital copy of the performance will be shared with actors after the program is complete. This is a very exciting challenge for any actor! It'll begin on July 26th and end on 30th. Practicing time is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm everyday. Only ten will be admitted. If you're interested, contact us early. Due to safety restrictions, space is extremely limited in each age group. Registering early is recommended. Register by June 5th for $10 off