

听第 8 段材料，回答第 11 至 13 题。

11. What are the speakers talking about?
A. Why shops are a thing of the past.
B. How shops survive in the modern world.
C. Why shopping online is better for people.
12. What change did the bookshop near the bank make?
A. Offering live music on weekdays.
B. Including a cafe inside the bookshop.
C. Creating an online website and store.
13. Where is the sports store located?
A. Near the clothing store. B. Opposite the gym. C. Next to the school.

听第 9 段材料，回答第 14 至 17 题。

14. From whom did the man first know about art?
A. His teachers. B. His uncle. C. His friends.
15. Whose works had a sense of freedom?
A. Tom Jackson's. B. Andy Warhol's. C. Qi Baishi's.
16. What has the man succeeded in?
A. Having his own style. B. Mastering Chinese paintings. C. Holding art exhibitions.
17. What will the man probably do next?
A. Stay in New York. B. Pay a visit to Asia. C. Teach in an art college.

听第 10 段材料，回答第 18 至 20 题。

18. What does the speaker say about the replanted trees?
A. They provide food and medicine.
B. They might harm the environment.
C. They can deal with climate change.
19. What is Heilmayr?
A. A teacher. B. An economist. C. A landowner.
20. What is Heilmayr's attitude towards the measures taken by Chile's government?
A. Disapproving. B. Objective. C. Supportive.

第二部分 阅读（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、D 四个选项中选出最佳选项。

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Welcome to *Science News Explores*

A new magazine written for curious kids aged 9 and up and their families. We created this magazine to help younger readers explore new discoveries across science, technology, engineering and medicine, and to share how research helps us all understand our world and our lives — all in a fun and accessible way.

What's inside the magazine?

Every issue is full of fascinating facts, astonishing photos, exciting stories and fun experiments and activities. We answer science questions posed by our young readers to help them to explore their own curiosity. And we also profile scientists and engineers who will inspire young readers to explore careers in STEM.



Who writes the stories in *Science News Explores*?

Our experienced science journalists are some of the best in the world. Though many have PhDs in science, they're pros at describing things in ways kids can understand. We make sure that the science is accessible to all, but we don't dumb it down.

31. What can we learn from the last paragraph?
- A. Endorphins activate certain parts in the brain.
 - B. Green spaces are helpful in lifting one's spirits.
 - C. Stable mental health can improve sleep quality.
 - D. Improved body image increases social interaction.

D

Every autumn, polar bears living along the edge of the Canada's Western Hudson Bay pass through the sub-Arctic town of Churchill, Manitoba. The yearly movement has helped make the area's bears one of the most studied groups in the world. Bear-watching adds about \$5.3 million to the local economy each year. But a new report suggests Hudson Bay polar bear population has dropped 27 percent during the past five years, with just 618 remaining in the area in 2021.

Polar bears depend on frozen salt water, called sea ice, to help them hunt seals for food. But the Arctic is now warming about four times faster than the rest of the world. Around Hudson Bay, seasonal sea ice is melting earlier in the spring, and forming later in the fall. This is forcing bears to go longer periods without food.

John Whiteman, chief research scientist at the nonprofit conservation group Polar Bears International, called the population drop "totally shocking", and said, "If continued sea ice loss cannot be stopped, it will one day lead to a total loss of the area's polar bear population. Climate-caused changes affecting the local sea population might also be driving polar bear numbers down. If worldwide carbon emissions(排放) are not heavily reduced, most of the world's polar bear populations are in danger of collapsing by 2100."

The number of deaths in young bears and female bears in Western Hudson Bay is worrisome. "Being one of the southernmost populations, those Western Hudson Bay are the types of bears we've always predicted would be affected by changes in the environment," said Stephen Atkinson, a lead writer of the government report who has studied polar bear populations for more than 30 years. Young bears need energy to grow and cannot survive long periods without enough food. Female bears struggle because they use up a lot of energy searching for food while caring for young bears. "The ability of polar bears in the Western Hudson Bay to reproduce will decrease, because fewer young bears survive and become adults," said Atkinson.

32. Why does the writer mention the yearly movement of Hudson Bay polar bears in the first paragraph?
- A. To explain a point.
 - B. To present a fact.
 - C. To make a comparison.
 - D. To introduce the topic.
33. What might have caused the shocking drop in Hudson Bay polar bear population?
- A. Less access to food.
 - B. Longer season of sea ice.
 - C. Stable local sea population.
 - D. Reduced carbon emissions.
34. What can we learn from the last paragraph?
- A. Polar bears' ability to reproduce will be improved.
 - B. Fewer young and female bears survive than adult males.
 - C. Female bears' poor hunting skills endanger their survival.
 - D. Both young and female polar bears suffer from lack of food.
35. What is the writer's attitude towards the future of Hudson Bay polar bears?
- A. Unclear.
 - B. Uncaring.
 - C. Concerned.
 - D. Optimistic.

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能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

How to Leave Your Comfort Zone

The comfort zone is a behavioral state within which a person uses a limited set of behaviors to deliver a steady level of performance, causing their progress to cease. But life is full of opportunities to step outside the comfort zone. Here are some ways one might try to do so.

Do everyday things differently. In everyday life, there are plenty of opportunities to challenge yourself. Turn off your smartphone and television while having dinner, decide what to wear more quickly, or just slow down to take in the surroundings on a walk. 36

Try a new diet. Many people want to improve their diets and stop relying on “comfort foods” .
37 Shifting to a healthier diet can be as challenging as it is rewarding, with self-trust growing as you hit milestone goals along the way.

38 Many people are longing for this goal. For some, it can mean running their first 5K. But for others, it might be completing a marathon. Aiming higher with exercise is representative of leaving the comfort zone and a great way to get the ball rolling.

Get creative. Creativity – anything from writing a poem to building a business – usually involves an element of risk. 39 Therefore, failing and accompanying learning are expected outcomes. Exercising creativity is a good way to train yourself to have a growth mindset and let go of a need for perfection from the outset.

Challenge your beliefs. It’s easy to get stuck in our ways, but this can lead to self-satisfaction — a feature of being in the comfort zone. 40 While this can be uncomfortable, it enables growth and insight by challenging deep-rooted beliefs. This might take several forms, such as reading varied book genres, diversifying who you talk to, and visiting new places.

- A. Take workouts to the next level.
- B. Motivate yourself with a new sport.
- C. Doing so often means trying something new.
- D. Creative efforts are about stepping into the unknown.
- E. Therefore, we need to explore alternative perspectives.
- F. These changes break you out of old, comfortable routines.
- G. Benefits of leaving the comfort zone won’t happen overnight.

第三部分 语言运用（共两节，满分 30 分）

第一节（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 15 分）

阅读下面短文，从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

At my heaviest, I weighed 370 pounds. I had a very poor relationship with food: I used it to 41 bad feelings, to make myself feel better, and to celebrate. Worried about my health, I tried various diets but nothing 42. I came to believe that I could do nothing about my 43.

Then something enlightening(启迪的) happened when I was 50. That year, I attended a seminar(研讨会). One participant 44 me with her project, where she not only lost 125 pounds, but also raised \$ 25, 000 for homeless children. What a perfect 45 of healing oneself and healing the world! 46 by her story, I created the As We Heal, the World Heals project. My goal was to lose 150 pounds in one year and raise \$ 50, 000 47 a campaign to end hunger.

As I began my program, I was afraid that I would 48 the same difficulties that beat me before. But there were also signs that I was on the right 49. I sent letters to everyone I knew, telling them about my project. It turned out perfect. Donations began to 50 from hundreds of people.

Of course, I also took some 51 steps to lose weight. I 52 a physician, ate healthy meals, and most importantly, exercised 53.

A year later, I 54 my goal! I feel that I’ve been given a second life to devote to something that is 55 and enormous.

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| 41. A. add | B. share | C. kill | D. experience |
| 42. A. worked | B. mattered | C. remained | D. existed |
| 43. A. emotion | B. height | C. intelligence | D. weight |
| 44. A. impressed | B. rewarded | C. provided | D. entertained |
| 45. A. expectation | B. connection | C. education | D. combination |
| 46. A. Amused | B. Confused | C. Inspired | D. Annoyed |
| 47. A. in honour of | B. in need of | C. in charge of | D. in support of |

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| 48. A. encounter | B. overcome | C. consider | D. describe |
| 49. A. line | B. row | C. track | D. spot |
| 50. A. set out | B. pour in | C. break in | D. give out |
| 51. A. small | B. practical | C. brave | D. quick |
| 52. A. looked for | B. thought of | C. consulted with | D. approved of |
| 53. A. regularly | B. cautiously | C. suddenly | D. occasionally |
| 54. A. checked | B. attained | C. set | D. scored |
| 55. A. grateful | B. respectful | C. skillful | D. meaningful |

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。

China's movie box office earnings reached nearly 6.76 billion yuan (about \$998.5 million) during the 2023 Spring Festival holiday, making for the second-highest total figures for the holiday to date 56 sending a signal of the strong recovery of China's film industry this spring.

The top earners 57 (be) the twist-filled hit *Full River Red* and the sci-fi blockbuster *The Wandering Earth II*, which harvested about 2.61 billion yuan and over 2.16 billion yuan, respectively. This signaled that Chinese movies embedded(嵌入) with traditional values and culture were 58 (increase) appealing to domestic audiences, with the trendy rise of 59 (culture) confidence.

60 (cover) diverse genres(体裁), this year's holiday films were professionally made and fully met the particular demands of the audience. In terms of movie-goers' 61 (satisfy), domestic films screened during the week-long holiday scored 87.1 points, 62 year-on-year increase of 1.8 points, according to a survey conducted by China Film Archive.

"Film consumption 63 (anticipate) to continue to grow after the holiday, as people who were busy travelling during the Spring Festival holiday get an opportunity 64 (watch) films now," said Rao Shuguang, president of the China Film Critics Association. He also predicted that people's passion 65 cinema-going might last for several weeks.

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, 你校英语报"Food and Culture"栏目正在征集有关中国传统美食的文章, 请你用英语写一篇短文投稿, 推荐一道中国传统美食。内容包括:

1. 美食介绍;
2. 推荐理由。

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。

My Favorite Traditional Chinese Food

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。

Steve grabbed his bat and glove. "See you later, Mom. I'm going to Paul's." With these words, he raced out the door and slammed(砰地关上) it behind him. Summer vacation just began. The boys planned to play baseball every day, so they could make the freshman team.

Seeing Paul waiting outside, Steve lifted his bat onto his shoulder and asked, "What are you doing? Where's your stuff?" Paul shook his head, "I have to clean Mr. Thimpson's garage before I can go. With his broken arm, he can't do it himself. My mom always volunteers me to help the Thimpson's. They're kind of old." "Okay," said Steve. "I'll help you. We'll get done quicker working together."

The boys went down the block to the Thimpson's and got started. They put boxes that were scattered(散落) around the garage floor on shelves before they swept. As Paul lifted a big box onto a shelf, it fell off and with it fell an envelope. He picked up the envelope and found it wasn't sealed. He opened it, inside which were lots of one hundred dollar bills. Gasping in astonishment, Paul pulled out a handful of bills and showed them to Steve.

"Where did you get that?" asked Steve. Paul pointed to the shelf, explaining, "It just fell down when the box fell. There's got to be a couple of thousand dollars here." He looked past Steve to the opening garage door. "Nobody is around. If I take some, I bet no one will ever know," added Paul, uncontrollably picturing the bat and glove in McGroger's Sports Store that he had longed for.

Steve frowned and shook his head. "Are you crazy? That's stealing." "Well, I do a lot of chores for them and don't get paid. It's not really stealing; it's kind of payment for my hard work." Paul defended himself. "Forget about it. You're better than that." Steve grabbed the money from Paul's hand, stuffed it back in the envelope and put the envelope back on the shelf. "Come on! Let's get done and go to the park," Steve urged.

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。

"Hello, boys. Mrs. Thimpson baked you a chocolate cake." Mr. Thimpson appeared and invited them in.

As they wolfed the cake and were about to leave, Mrs. Thimpson stopped Paul. _____
