**台州市 2022学年第二学期 高二年级期末质量评估试题**

**英  语**2022.07

本试卷分第I卷（选择题）和第II卷（非选择题）。第I卷1至8页，第II卷9至10页。满分150分，考试时间120分钟。

第I卷

注意事项：

1. 答第I卷前，考生务必将自己的姓名、准考证号填写在答题纸上。

2. 选出每小题答案后，用铅笔把答题纸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。不能答在本试卷上，否则无效。

**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纸上。

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。

1. What should the man take tomorrow?

A. Some fruit.                            B. The ticket.                            C. Some money.

2. At what time does the film start?

A. 3:50.                                   B. 4:00.                                   C. 4:10.

3. How will the weather be this weekend?

A. Sunny.                      B. Snowy.                      C. Stormy.

4. Why does the man decide to go to the party?

A. To meet Italian people.

B. To learn the Italian language.

C. To have Italian food.

5. What are the speakers talking about?

A. A hard project.                     B. A new worker.                     C. The woman’s colleague.

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。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至7题。

6. What is the man’s problem?

A. He forgot his password.

B. He can’t use the system.

C. He can’t find his computer.

7. Where is the computer services office?

A. At the back of the lift.               B. Next to the reception desk.              C. Beside the stairs.

听第7段材料，回答第8至9题。

8. What relation is the man to the woman?

A. Her job advisor.                     B. Her classmate.                            C. Her neighbor.

9. How does the man suggest the woman find dogs to walk?

A. By advertising in the newspaper.

B. By asking door to door.

C. By phoning people.

听第8段材料，回答第10至12题。

10. What is the woman dissatisfied with about the island?

A. The food.                            B. The beach.                                   C. The hotel.

11. What do we know about the woman?

A. She lost her way several times.

B. She met some unfriendly locals.

C. She missed home-cooked meals.

12. What does the woman suggest the man do in the end?

A. Visit the churches.                     B. Taste the local food.                     C. Go to the island of Gozo.

听第9段材料，回答第13至16题。

13. What encouraged the man and his wife to go to the Antarctic?

A. A training course.                     B. An article.                              C. A TV program.

14. What was the worst danger according to the man?

A. Living in extreme temperature.

B. Coming across a terrible wind.

C. Falling into ice holes.

15. What caused the funny noise?

A. The equipment.           B. The plane.                                    C. The wind.

16. What was a surprise for the man and his wife?

A. They got some fresh food.

B. They could leave the Antarctic earlier.

C. Someone was living out there near them.

听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17. Where did Carrey put on his first live performance?

A. In Toronto.                            B. In New York.                            C. In Los Angeles.

18. When did Carrey begin to star in an American TV show?

A. In 1977.                             B. In 1981.                                     C. In 1990.

19. Why was Carrey’s character in the American TV show dropped?

A. He was too young.

B. He always played with fire.

C. He couldn’t make the audience laugh.

20. What was Carrey’s first important film?

A. *The Mask.*

B. *Batman Forever*.

C. *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

**第二部分  阅读理解（共两节，满分35分）**

第一节（共10小题；每小题2.5分，满分25分）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的A、B、C和D四个选项中，选出最佳选项，并在答题纸上将该答案涂黑。

**A**

Collin was lying on his back when his sister, Mary, came in. From her red eyes, Collin could tell she felt homesick again.

Their family had moved to the Moon nearly four months ago. It still didn’t feel like home. The houses were cosy, but outside everything was gray and rocky and lifeless. There was even no weather there at all — no rain or snow or even wind.

“I miss everything, even the sound of rain on the roof,” Mary said sadly. “Worst of all, my birthday is in two days, and I don’t think Mom and Dad are planning anything special.”

She’s probably right, thought Collin. Life on the Moon was busy for scientists like their parents. He doubted if they had time to plan a party. If there was no party, maybe he could give his sister a gift. However, with limited room in their transport ship, each child had been allowed to bring only two toys from the Earth. Where could he find the gift?

The next day, as Collin wandered toward the agricultural center, he found some bamboo plants, which made good building materials. An idea flashed across his mind. He took a piece of bamboo plants, made tiny holes into it, then poured a handful of Moon cobblestones inside and sealed the open ends.

When it was done, Collin hurried home, holding the bamboo piece carefully. On seeing his sister, Collin said, “I have a present for you.” He handed his sister the bamboo stick. “Happy birthday!”

“What is it?” Mary asked, looking at it curiously.

“A rain stick,” said Collin. “Whenever you turn it over, the Moon cobblestones fall inside and it sounds like rain.”

Mary turned the stick, and the room was filled with a sound like rain drumming on a roof.

“It’s Moon rain!” she said. “It makes me feel like I’m home.” She smiled at Collin and turned the rain stick over again.

21. According to the text, what do we know about the Moon?

A. Life there is busy.                                           B. Its weather is changeable.

C. Living space there is limited.                         D. Its surroundings are dull.

22. Why was the bamboo-made rain stick a delight for Mary?

A. It created a rain scene.                                    B. It was her dream birthday gift.

C. It alleviated her homesickness.                     D. It was made of good materials.

23. Which of the following can best describe Collin?

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| A. Curious and careful. | B. Caring and skillful. |
| C. Creative and enthusiastic. | D. Sensitive and knowledgeable. |

**B**

Every day, across the United States, there are people sitting in towers more than 100 feet in the air alone, scanning the distance for signs of smoke. They are fire watchers, also known as our eyes in the sky.

What is it like to be a fire watcher? Peter Naumann, a former fire watcher, tells about a typical day. “I’d get up at 5:30, eat a quick breakfast, and scan the area for smoke once every hour.” Other duties include reporting to headquarters twice each day, cutting firewood and so on. Aside from these required routines, a fire watcher should have hobbies and like reading, which helps pass the time.

While it might sound like a quiet life to some, at any moment, an adventure could begin. “Rainstorms and thunderstorms were a tough time. I had to be awake all through, looking for where the lightning was striking, ” says Naumann. Sometimes, fire watchers also need to act as backcountry dispatchers（调度员）. For example, Naumann once aided in the rescue of an injured horse rider.

It may seem surprising that the life of a fire watcher is very much the same all these years. Even much of the technology used in the early days is still used today. For example, the Osborne Firefinder is a tool that gives compass headings for fire locations. This tool has been in use for nearly 100 years. Today, fire watchers have the added help of spotter planes, helicopters and satellite imaging.

With more and more new technology, why do we still need fire watchers? “Ideally, you should have someone who knows the land features and the weather conditions,” says Naumann. Also, fire watchers are able to see things that satellite imaging cannot, such as the difference between cloud-to-cloud lightning and ground strikes.

So the fire watchers still hike to their posts each fire season. Why? They are our eyes in the sky.

24. What do fire watchers do while on duty?

A. They read books to pass the time.                 B. They inspect the area regularly.

C. They take on rescue work to seek adventure.    D. They carry out multi-tasks frequently.

25. Why is Osborne Firefinder mentioned in paragraph 4?

A. To list the added help fire watchers have got.

B. To stress the importance of using technology.

C. To give an example of how skilled fire watchers are.

D. To show the little change in fire detecting technology.

26. What accounts for the irreplaceable role of fire watchers?

A. Technology may fail to perform some tasks.

B. Technology has hardly advanced over the years.

C. Humans are still needed to report to headquarters.

D. Humans are specialists in land features and weather.

**C**

Teens have a reputation for making some not-so-smart decisions and being easily distracted. Researchers have blamed it on the immaturity of the prefrontal cortex（前额叶皮质）.But scientists now find the answer may be the attraction of rewards. Rewards, even small ones, attract teens more than adults. And teens tend to continue doing things they once found rewarding, even after the actual payoff is long gone.

Psychologist Zachary Roper and his team worked with two groups of volunteers: 13- to 16-year olds and 20- to 35-year-old adults. During a training stage, a computer displayed six circles, each a different color. The players had to find the red or green circle and would be provided with a 10-cent or 2-cent reward. By the end of this training, volunteers had realized the value of each color but they didn’t know **it**. Then came the testing time. Again, groups of six symbols, one diamond and five circles, appeared on a computer screen. The researchers measured how long it took people to find the diamond and recorded their answers.

When no red or green circles appeared, both adults and teens responded quickly. But when a red or green circle showed up, both groups took a bit longer initially. Adults, though, quickly stopped paying attention to the red or green circles. Teens took longer to respond whenever a red or green circle appeared. Clearly, the red and green circles were distracting teens even though they brought no reward.

“The study demonstrates that the attention of adolescents is especially drawn to rewarding information,” says Zachary Roper. “These data may help explain why teens engage in risky behaviors.”

Some behaviors, such as texting or using social media, start the brain’s reward system. Once the teenage brain has linked a behavior to that reward, it continues to seek it again and again. That’s why teens are likely to use social media when they should be studying. Or why they respond to texts while driving. So researchers suggest physically removing distractions whenever possible.

27. Why do teens tend to make some not-so-smart decisions?

A. The appeal of rewards affects their decision making.

B. Their skills to respond wisely have not been well trained.

C. Their prefrontal cortexes have been improperly developed.

D. The tendency to keep doing things prevents them thinking clearly.

28. What does the underlined word “it” refer to in paragraph 2?

A. The red or green circle.                                   B. The end of the training.

C. The value of each color.                             D. The awareness of the color value.

29. What can we learn from the study conducted by Zachary Roper and his team?

A. Adults were not affected by the red or green circles at all.

B. Teens were attracted by the red or green circles because of the high rewards.

C. Teens were distracted by the rewarding information even after the reward was gone.

D. Adults were drawn to the rewarding information only after they were tested repeatedly.

30. What can be a suitable title for the text?

A.       The Brain Response System                         B. The Effects of Rewards

C.       The Distracted Teenage Brain                       D. The Harm of Risky Behaviors

第二节（共5小题；每小题2分，满分10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。

Everyone feels anxious or nervous at times. Feelings like these can surface when you face a challenge.     31    You might feel anxious when it’s your turn to speak in class. These feelings can be uncomfortable, but you can manage with the help of the following tips.

lStart with a growth mindset（思想倾向）.

Some people have a fixed mindset. They might think, “This is how I am. I get anxious before speaking in class. So I don’t raise my hand.” With a fixed mindset, people don’t think things can change. But people with a growth mindset know they can get better at just about everything — with effort and practice.     32

lNotice what anxiety feels like for you.

Get to know the body feelings that are part of anxiety. When you’re anxious, do you feel “butterflies”? Shaky hands? A faster heartbeat? Know that these feelings are part of the body’s normal response to a challenge.     33    Next time they happen, try to notice the feelings without getting upset. Accept them and let them be there.

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When you’re anxious, it’s common to tell yourself things like, “I can’t do this.” Or “What if I mess this up?” Instead, tell yourself something that could help you face the moment with a bit of courage, “It’s OK to feel anxious. I can do this anyway.” It’s facing the anxiety that helps you manage it. This is called exposure.

Learning to cope with anxiety takes time and patience. Most of all, it takes practice and willingness to face it. It starts with one small step.     35

A. Give it all of your attention.

B. That includes dealing with anxiety.

C. Talk yourself through anxiety and face it.

D. They’re not harmful and they fade on their own.

E. It can help you “reset” and be ready to move forward.

F. For example, you might feel nervous before taking big exams.

G. The more you practice, the better you’ll get at managing anxiety.

**第三部分  语言运用（共两节，满分45分）**

第一节（共20小题；每小题1.5分，满分30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，并在答题纸上将该项涂黑。

I was at a grocery store trying to pick up some groceries for me and my family. The big store seemed even more   36  than usual that day. When I’d   37  got everything on my list, I saw the   38  long lines at the cashiers. The store had   39  cashiers more and more lately. Most of their   40  were working as personal shoppers（私人购物助理）now for people   41  orders and picking them up. I didn’t   42  that so much but I did wish they had kept more people working the check-out lines   43  forcing most shoppers to use the self check-out area. It saved them money but   44  the stress of shopping in the store.

I pushed my cart over to the self check-out section. There was   45  a wait here too. I stopped behind a lady, who had her   46  bags laid out on the metal table. She tried to put them all in her cart quickly and   47  for making me wait. I said not to hurry and it wasn’t her   48 that it was so crowded. As she pushed her cart away, however, I   49  she had left one bag of groceries behind. I quickly   50  it and chased after her. When I caught up, she said, “Thank you so much! God bless you!”

As I returned to my cart, something was   51  . I felt blessed and was no longer   52  . Her words had brought   53  to my heart and a smile to my face. With the simple act of kindness, I brought joy to the two of us   54  meantime I healed (治愈) my heart. May our life be full of love, kindness, and   55  always.

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| 36. A. complex | B. comfortable | C. convenient | D. crowded |
| 37. A. finally | B. actually | C. gradually | D. instantly |
| 38. A. amazing | B. frustrating | C. panicking | D. thrilling |
| 39. A. cared for | B. cut back on | C. depended on | D. put up with |
| 40. A. guards | B. customers | C. employees | D. managers |
| 41. A. obeying | B. giving | C. placing | D. receiving |
| 42. A. accept | B. ban | C. encourage | D. mind |
| 43. A. instead of | B. due to | C. in spite of | D. in addition to |
| 44. A. added to | B. called for | C. brought down | D. took in |
| 45. A. once | B. never | C. ever | D. even |
| 46. A. empty | B. full | C. new | D. old |
| 47. A. assisted | B. explained | C. apologized | D. greeted |
| 48. A. fault | B. idea | C. problem | D. wish |
| 49. A. mentioned | B. noticed | C. proved | D. sensed |
| 50. A. checked | B. fastened | C. grabbed | D. packed |
| 51. A. different | B. familiar | C. strange | D. similar |
| 52. A. lonely | B. puzzled | C. stressed | D. worried |
| 53. A. belief | B. courage | C. desire | D. peace |
| 54. A. so | B. and | C. or | D. but |
| 55. A. chances | B. dreams | C. changes | D. blessings |

**第II卷**

注意：将答案写在答题纸上，写在本试卷上无效。

**第三部分  语言运用（共两节，满分45分）**

第二节（共10小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分）

阅读下面材料，在空白处填入适当的内容（1个单词）或括号内单词的正确形式。

Hearing the news that the Shenzhou XIII manned spacecraft was about to return to the Earth, Pan Xue, a Miao ethnic group girl born after 1995, decided to make   56  outer space-themed artwork to express her   57  (appreciate) and respect for Chinese astronauts.

  58   most people of her age have left to pursue a life in big cities, Pan   59  (study) related techniques in her hometown in Guizhou province since graduation. To make a good artwork, Pan devoted a lot of time   60  studying the material. After many trials and processes, a suitable cloth   61  (choose) , on which she drew over 1,000 stars. Then she used several silver bars to make branches, and silver sheets   62  (make) about 100 hanging stars. It took her about five days to complete the artwork, a small tree   63  (decorate) with all the silver stars hanging from it.

“It’s called a longevity tree in Qiandongnan,   64  implication of hope matches China’s boosting space industry,” she said. Pan felt   65  (pride) to make a “starry sky” with their ethnic group’s special handicraft, hoping it would help present Chinese ethnic culture to the world.

**第四部分  写作（共两节，满分40分）**

第一节 应用文写作（满分15分）

假定你是某外国语学校的学生李华，下周校学生会将组织一次关于健康生活的线上讲座，请你用英语在校公众号上发一则通知，内容包括：

1. 讲座时间、观看方式；

2. 讲座内容；

3. 期待参加。

注意：

       1. 词数80左右；

       2. 可适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

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第二节：读后续写（满分25分）

阅读下面短文，根据所给情节进行续写，使之构成一个完整的故事。

Edun did not want to go on a hike. She especially did not want to go on a long hike in the mountains that led to a tiny cabin（小木屋）with no electricity and no running water. She wanted to stay home reading a book instead while wrapped in a warm blanket.

“Ready?” Mom asked cheerfully after breakfast. Edun looked out the window and only saw rain, lots of it. “We should go another day,” Edun suggested. “Maybe a hundred years from now.” She worried she would get tired on the hike. She worried about getting bored at the dark cabin. Mom said it was time to stop worrying and get into the car.

Edun’s brother, Will, was waiting in the garage, who wore a camera around his neck. Will was four years older than Edun and had climbed many more mountains. He’d started hiking when he was two and loved it.

Because it was raining, Edun had to wear her rain pants, her rain hat, her rain jacket, and her waterproof boots. Her jacket had a rough material on the inside. She didn’t like how it felt against her skin.

After about half an hour’s drive, they parked at a trailhead（登山口）. The rain had stopped but the ground was still dripping wet. “We’ll be there by afternoon!” Mom promised. The afternoon sounded far away.

Will identified a bird sitting on a nearby branch — “Fox sparrow!” — then he raced down the trail and was soon out of sight.

Edun rested under a pine tree. “You can’t force me to walk,” Edun said. “You’re right,” said her mom smilingly, standing under the tree, too, “But you will never know what may lie ahead and amaze us.”

注意：

1. 所续写短文的词数应为150左右；

2. 应使用5个以上短文中标有下划线的关键词语；

3. 续写部分分为两段，每段的开头语已为你写好；

4. 续写完成后，请用下划线标出你所使用的关键词语。

**Paragraph 1:**

*Thinking Mom was right, Edun followed her down the trail.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**Paragraph 2:**

*Twenty minutes later, they saw the cabin.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**台州市 2022学年第二学期 高二年级期末质量评估试题**

**英语答案**2022.07

**第一部分 听力（共20小题；每小题1.5分，满分30分）**

1-5 ACABC    6-10 BCBAB   11-15 ACBCB    16-20 AACBC

**第二部分 阅读理解（共两节，满分35分）**

第一节（共10小题；每小题2.5分，满分25分）

21-23 DCB 24-26 BDA   27-30 ADCC

第二节（共5小题；每小题2分，满分10分）

31-35 FBDCG

**第三部分 语言运用（共两节，满分45分）**

第一节（共20小题；每小题1.5分，满分30分）

36-40 DABBC   41-45 CDAAD   46-50 BCABC 51-55 ACDBD

第二节（共10小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分）

56. an 57. appreciation   58. Although/Though/While  59. has been studying/has studied   60. to    61. was chosen     62. to make   63. decorated  64. whose  65. proud

**第四部分 写作（共两节，满分40分）**

第一节 应用文写作（满分15分)

*One possible version*

Notice

To promote our awareness of a healthy lifestyle, an online lecture delivered by Professor Wang Ping is scheduled for this Friday, starting at 2:00 pm.

Professor Wang, an expert in teenagers’ healthcare, will talk about the common problems of teens’ ways of life and offer practical advice on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, ranging from proper eating habits to regular physical exercise. After that, there will be a question-and-answer session, where you can seek Professor Wang’s help to your needs.

To attend it, please click the link attached below. Everyone is welcome.

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第二节 读后续写（满分25分）

**Paragraph 1:**

*Thinking Mom was right, Edun followed her down the trail.* They passed a waterfall, tiny yet clear. The trickling of water made Edun feel better. To her amazement, as they walked on, there was always something to look for in the wet green woods: animal tracks, wildflowers, little creeks. Soon they caught up with Will, who eagerly showed them the photos he took of the Fox sparrow resting on a branch. Together they went on, strolling past scratchy bushes, climbing over gray rocks and hiking through dwarf trees. Edun loomed above those little trees, exclaiming, “Look, Mom, I’m a giant.” Unknowingly they had already done most of the climb.

**Paragraph 2:**

*Twenty minutes later, they saw the cabin.* Edun and Will started racing up the hill. Finally, there they were in the small but cozy cabin. Through its window, Edun saw faraway meadows and lakes, and many more mountains, a whole new world emerging before her eyes. That night, everybody stayed up late to see the stars. So many stars clustering up there, Edun proposed, “I need to take a picture of them.” “Click!” The camera froze the moment. Radiant with a smile, Edun approached Mom and hugged her, whispering, “Mom, thank you for having me come!”

**听力原文**

**Text 1**

M: What should I take tomorrow?

W: You won’t need any money for the bus or the ticket to the museum, because that’s already paid for.**But the only food or drink allowed on the bus is fruit. Bring some with you**.

**Text 2**

M: Oh, it’s ten to four now. We must hurry up. **The film starts in 20 minutes.** And we need 10 minutes to walk to the cinema.

W: Let’s go. Don’t forget to take the tickets.

**Text 3**

W: Karl, it says there’ll be a big snowstorm sometime this week. We might have to change our plan to go fishing this weekend.

M: Don’t worry. **The weather report says it will be sunny at the weekend**.

W: Great!

**Text 4**

W: Tomorrow we’re going to have an “Italian only” party, having Italian food and conversations. Would you like to come?

M: Oh, I’d love to. **This is really a good way of learning Italian**.

**Text 5**

M: So you’re working with Jenny on that project, right? What’s she like?

W: She’s a hard worker. **We’ve worked together for several years** and I like to work with her.

**Text 6**

M: Hi, June. Have you had any trouble using the system this morning?**I can’t use my computer (6).**

W:There was a power failure last night, and all of our passwords were lost. You have to go to the computer services office to set up a new one.

M: Oh, great. That’s the office on the first floor next to the reception desk, right?

W: It’s on the first floor, but **it’s beside the stairs at the back(7)**. You’ll have to turn left when you come out of the lift.

**Text 7**

W: I need to make some money to pay my next term’s school fee. Do you know of any part-time jobs?

M: How about delivering newspapers? I know that John **from our class(8)** did it last year.

W: I already thought of that, but I don’t have a bike.

M: Then how about walking dogs? You know, there’re a lot of people around the neighborhood with dogs.

W: Sounds interesting. But how can I find dogs to walk?

M: **You can put an advertisement in the Sunday newspaper(9)**.

W: Thank you. I’ll phone the newspaper right now.

**Text 8**

M:Hi, Maggie. I haven’t seen you for a long time. Did you do anything nice over the summer?

W:Bruce and I went on an amazing vacation to Malta, which is a small island in the Mediterranean.

M:Sounds great!

W:Our hotel was only a short distance from the beach. **The beach itself, which was small, was not good enough for swimming(10).** However, the boats at the harbor were brightly painted and they were really beautiful. The home-cooked food was fresh and absolutely delicious.

M:You’re making me hungry!

W:We also explored the whole island, which was full of honey-colored buildings. The capital city, Valletta, has a lot of beautiful churches. **We got lost a couple of times(11)**, but the friendly locals helped us.

M: Mmm … that was nice! I think I’ll go there next summer.

W: Well, if you do, **you must visit the small island of Gozo(12)**.

**Text 9**

W:Good evening, Nick Robertson. You and your wife spent the whole of last year in the Antarctic. What gave you the idea of doing such a thing?

M:**I saw an article in a magazine (13)** about some couples who had been there. Both of us got interested.

W:Weren’t you scared?

M:A bit, but before we left we had a training course. It was tough but taught us about surviving in sub-zero conditions. The worst danger we discovered was **falling into holes in ice (14)**.

W:Could you get in touch with the outside world there?

M:There was satellite communication equipment.

W:So didn’t you see anyone else for a whole year?

M:Well, there was that time when we were having the usual canned food and there was a funny noise. Jill thought it was the wind but it was getting closer. Suddenly the room was flooded with light from the window. I opened the door and found a box in the snow. **I looked up and saw a plane flying away(15)**. They were passing nearby and someone told them that we were out there. They dropped us a box **with some fresh fruit and vegetables(16)**. It was a lovely surprise.

Text 10

M: Jim Carrey’s humor is very much his own brand. Carrey was born in Canada in 1962. He believes that his sense of humor developed during his teenage years. This was his way of dealing with a difficult period in his life. His father had just lost his job and Carrey Junior had to earn money and study at the same time. **Carrey first performed live when he was 15, at Yuk Yuks, a famous club in Toronto(17).** Even though he failed to make his audience laugh on this occasion, he kept working on his material and within four years became the club’s top comedy star. He later moved to Los Angeles to tour the clubs there. **From 1990, he starred regularly in an American TV show(18)**. The character he played was Fire Marshall Bill, who always went up in smoke. **Sadly, this character finally had to be dropped because people thought that his fire act might have a bad influence on children(19)**.

**Carrey’s first important film was***Ace Ventura: Pet Detective***, (20)**one of his most popular films. Other films since then have included *The Mask, Batman Forever* and *Yes Man*. His earnings are at around $20 million per film.