2024-2025学年第一学期期中南京市六校联合调研试题

高一英语

**第一部分 听力（共两节，满分30分）**

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，从试题所给的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. Where might the conversation take place?

A. At a TV store. B. In a hotel. C. In a restaurant.

2. What is the probable relationship between the speakers?

A. Doctor and patient. B. Teacher and student. C. Customer and waiter.

3. What does the man say about turtles?

A. They’re ugly and lazy. B. They’re cute and smart. C. They’re noisy and dirty.

4. What does the woman mean?

A. She once lived on Victoria Street.

B. The man doesn’t have to move at all.

C. The man’s new apartment is near his school.

5. What does the woman advise the man to do?

A. Play games on his iPad 4.

B. Buy an iPad 4 this week.

C. Surf the Internet together.

第二节（共15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，各个小题将给出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 kind of job did the woman take after graduation?

A. Teaching. B. Marketing. C. Engineering.

7. What does the woman think the man should do?

A. Take his job immediately.

B. Not worry about the money.

C. Make a decision and stick to it.

听第7段材料，回答第8-9题。

8. Where does the woman advise the man to apply for a job?

A. In a car factory. B. In a travel agency. C. In a newspaper office.

9. What does the man ask the woman about the job?

A. The pay. B. The experience. C. The working condition.

听第8段材料，回答第10-12题。

10. Why didn’t the man realize his childhood dream?

A. He was offered another good job.

B. His parents didn’t support him.

C. He lost interest in it later.

11. What did the woman want to be when she was a little girl?

A. A pilot. B. A teacher. C. A scientist.

12. What languages is the woman good at?

A. English and French. B. English and Italian. C. French and Italian.

听第9段材料，回答第13-16题。

13. How long has it been since the speakers’ graduation?

A. Three years. B. Ten years. C. Thirteen years.

14. Who is Jenny?

A. The man’s wife. B. The man’s sister. C. The woman’s colleague.

15. What do we know about the man?

A. He continued his studies after graduation.

B. He is working in a trade company.

C. He once worked at a law firm.

16. When will the speakers meet each other again?

A. This Saturday. B. This Sunday. C. Next Saturday.

听第10段材料，回答第17-20题。

17. Where was Bill Gates born?

A. Washington. B. Harvard. C. New York.

18. What did Bill Gates do in 1975?

A. He went to Harvard University.

B. He began to develop new software.

C. He sold his inventions to MITS.

19. When did Bill Gates leave Microsoft?

A. In 2000.  B. In 2008. C. In 2014.

20. What do we know from the talk?

A. Bill Gates is reportedly worth nearly＄60 billion.

B. IBM partnered with Microsoft for a short time.

C. Bill Gates’ mother worked as a lawyer.

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。

**A**

**A Guide to New York City’s Best Bookstores**

In the hot and crowded summer city, there’s nothing better than finding a cool and quiet bookstore to get lost in. Undoubtedly, a great bookstore can provide both relaxation and inspiration. Here are the must-visit bookstores in New York City:

**McNally Jackson**

McNally Jackson is a beloved independent bookstore with multiple locations, known for its good selection and welcoming atmosphere. Besides offering a wide range of genres, many locations feature a cozy café where you can enjoy coffee, pastries, and light snacks while browsing or reading.

**The Mysterious Bookshop**

As the name suggests, The Mysterious Bookshop specializes in mystery, crime, and detective fiction, offering a wide range of related books. The store regularly hosts book signings and readings with well-known authors in the mystery genre, providing fans with opportunities to meet their favorite writers. The knowledgeable staff is passionate about mystery fiction and can provide personalized recommendations.

**Dashwood Books**

For those who love photography, Dashwood Books is a hidden paradise on Bond Street. Here you can find rare, limited, and out-of-print photo books. Some days, you’ll ever find bargain bins (柜) located near the back of the store, with options for less than＄5 a pop. Fashion designers, such as Simone Rocha, have been known to wander to the store for inspiration.

**Chelsea Market’s Posman Books**

Posman Books at Chelsea Market is a delightful spot for book lovers, hidden in one of NYC’s most popular food markets. The store offers a good selection of bestsellers, children’s books, and unique gifts, making it a great place to pick up something special while exploring the market.

21. Which bookstore can provide some advice?

A. McNally Jackson B. Dashwood Books

C. The Mysterious Bookshop D. Chelsea Market’s Posman Books

22. What unique feature does Posman Books have?
 A. A large selection of rare books. B. A location within a food market.
 C. Special events with famous authors. D. A wide collection of mystery novels.

23. What is the main purpose of the passage?
 A. To promote online book shopping.

B. To offer recommendations for bookstores.

C. To compare the service of some bookstores.

D. To discuss the history of some bookstores.

**B**

When Sam Fisher took his two young sons and their cousin on a hike in the Badlands of North Dakota, he was probably expecting a day of sightseeing and light exercise. What he could not have expected, however, was the group coming across the remains of a young Tyrannosaurus rex (霸王龙) that had lived millions of years ago.

Fisher and the boys were surely excited by their discovery, but they didn’t know what to do with the fossil (化石). Fisher sent a photo to his former classmate, Dr. Lyson, an expert in the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Then, Dr. Lyson arrived on the scene with a skilled team to dig up the fossil. Together, they unearthed the remains of the teenage Tyrannosaurus rex.

Their find was considered as an “incredible discovery” by the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. It is unusual to find complete Tyrannosaurus rex fossils, and even more unusual to find the remains of a young one, so Dr. Lyson was excited when he realized what they had unearthed. The fossil, called “Teen Rex”, is between 12 and 14 years old at the time of death. Even though it was still growing, the dinosaur already weighed 3,500 pounds and was 25 feet long, though these impressive measurements still put it at about half the size of a fully developed Tyrannosaurus rex.

“These boys have made an incredible dinosaur discovery that advances science and deepens our understanding of the natural world,” says Dr. Lyson. “I’m excited for museum guests to dig into the “Teen Rex Discovery” experience, which I think will inspire the imagination and wonder, not only in our community, but around the world!”

The fossil will be on display as part of the temporary (临时的) Discovering Teen Rex exhibition, which will open at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science next month. In addition to the exhibition, the museum will also be screening a new 40-minute documentary T.REX.

24. How did Sam Fisher feel when they found the fossil?

A. Satisfied. B. Awkward. C. Amazed. D. Alarmed.

25. Why did Fisher send a photo of the fossil to Dr. Lyson?

A. To ask for help. B. To sell the fossil.

C. To find a museum. D. To show off the fossil.

26. What did Dr. Lyson think of the discovery?

A. He believed it was just another common find.

B. He considered it of great value to science.

C. He thought it would attract little interest.

D. He was uncertain about its significance.

27. What might the author continue to talk about?

A. A summary of the exhibition. B. Details about the documentary.

C. Professional advice for museum guests. D. Information on how to become an expert.

**C**

If you often exercise, there is a good chance for you to be more creative, according to a study of the links between physical activity and imagination. The study finds that active people come up with more and better ideas during tests of their inventiveness.

It has been proved that physical activity influences our thinking. Many studies show that our brains go through changes in response to physical activity, for during exercise our brains take in more blood, oxygen and nutrients (营养物), thus producing more new brain cells than those who don’t exercise. In this way, exercise raises our moods (情绪) and is likely to improve our abilities to reason and remember.

However, creativity is an abstract (抽象的) thinking skill, whose relationship with exercise has not been clear. Some past research suggested exercise does not directly affect creative thinking.

To learn more about how being active could possibly affect creativity, researchers at the University of Graz tracked the normal activities of a group of healthy adults. They equipped these volunteers with activity trackers for five days. Then they asked them to visit the lab. The researchers then rated their output on its creativity and other measures. The volunteers also completed standardized questionnaires about their moods.

The scientists found that the most active of the volunteers proved to be also the most creative, especially if they often walked or exercised properly. They are also likely to be in high spirits, although their moods were highest if they took part in energetic activities, rather than average ones. However, the link between activity, creativity and moods was light. This suggested that it was not improved moods, but physical activity, that had a greater influence on creativity.

The study didn’t take people’s whole lives into account and cannot tell us how exercise and other activities might shape creativity, if not by raising moods. But the results do suggest that active imaginations start with active lives.

28. How does physical activity change our brains?

A. By making more brain cells. B. By responding to thinking.

C. By supplying more nutrients. D. By increasing blood pressure.

29. What does Paragraph 4 mainly focus on?

A. The purpose of the study. B. The process of the study.

C. The findings of the study. D. The subjects of the study.

30. What do we know from Paragraph 5?

A. Those doing more energetic exercise are the most creative.

B. People’s moods are closely connected with their creativity.

C. Exercise plays a more important role in shaping creativity.

D. Effortless physical activities make people more creative.

31. What is the most suitable title for the passage?

A. Is Exercise Good for Your Mental Health?

B. Can Exercise Make You More Creative?

C. What Makes You More Imaginative?

D. How Exercise Improves Your Mood?

**D**

We all want to give our kids the best possible advice, but when it comes to what path they should explore after education and what career possibilities are out there, where should we start?

“For parents, the most important thing is to keep options open and to understand that equipping them with life skills are important,” says secondary school teacher David Earl.

Your kid will probably have some idea of the terms “growth” and “fixed mindset”. Simply put, the central idea of the growth mindset (思维模式) is that intelligence（智力）and ability can be developed, and children who have this idea will try to seek opportunities to push themselves, understanding that they are likely to achieve what they want if they persevere. This challenges a fixed mindset, the idea that a child’s ability is limited and set in advance.

Help your kid prepare for closed doors, tough interviews, rejection letters by encouraging them to embrace them and understand that none of them is failure. Remind them of things they’ve overcome, suggesting they view every negative experience as a chance to learn and grow, rather than an end point.

Employers lay stress on all kinds of life skills, including problem-solving, leadership and creative thinking. So getting your children to think about those skills is helpful. Barclays LifeSkills has listed skills important for individuals in their future careers ——communicating through videos and audio, rather than writing, and working with people from different generations and backgrounds.

Good grades and passing examinations may seem like the most important thing to your kid right now, but try to encourage them to also think of longer-term goals. By thinking of a long-term goal, you may be able to find areas they need to improve.

Thinking about the future can be challenging, but it’s important that your kid understands that the next step is just that one small step. It doesn’t have to be anything as huge as what career to pursue or which course to take. This is a team effort: Ask teachers, friends, or turn to experts for tips.

32. What does the growth mindset stress?

A. A child’s ability can be improved. B. Success comes only from good grades.

C. One’s intelligence stays unchanged. D. Children should avoid challenges to succeed.

33. Which is closest in meaning to the underlined word “embrace” in Paragraph 4?

A. Ignore. B. Measure. C. Perform. D. Accept.

34. Which of the following might the writer agree with?

A. Children should consider long-term goals instead of good grades.

B. It’s parents’ responsibility to choose their children’ future careers.

C. It’s a life skill to get along with people from different backgrounds.

D. Children should be independent of their parents as early as possible.

35.Who is the above passage mainly intended for?

A. Children. B. Parents. C. Employers. D. Teachers.

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。

The act of making and being a friend is as simple as it is difficult. Here are a few tips to help you make new friends as well as to take better care of the friendships you already have.

Accept the awkwardness. It’s a little bit awkward to reach out to someone you don’t know well——whether that’s sending the first text messages or starting small talk in the elevator. 36 Otherwise you can’t make any new friends.

 37 Actually this advice is based on a well-known theory and some field research. Gallian Sandstorm, a senior lecturer in psychology at the university of Essex in the UK, has done research on something called the “liking gap”, which says that the little voice in your head telling you that somebody doesn’t like you very much is wrong. 38 Instead, remember that when you talk to someone else, you are actually brightening their day.

Invest in activities that you love. Ask anyone about how to make friends and they will most likely tell you to try a new hobby. It might sound empty, but it works. 39 Then people will be drawn to you because you will be in the right place.

Be present. The planet is warming, and there is so much good television out there to watch. We get it. But if you want to keep your friendships, you have to show up for them. 40

A. So don’t listen to it.

B. But you have to accept it.

C. Do the things you are crazy about.

D. You don’t have to be interested in just one thing.

E. You have to listen and notice things about your friend.

F. Remember that people will like you more than you think they will.

G. We have a few tips for being present and engaged with your friends.

第三部分 语言运用 (共五节，满分55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。

When I was young, I liked writing. I wrote for the 41 of putting thoughts down on paper.

Then I spent 20 years doing 42 writing for a publishing company. I was using all of my creative energy to write. Nothing was 43 . My creative well was dry.

For the last 15 years, I’ve been managing a company. I was no longer 44 .

Then one day, I saw a friend post something about a new typewriter he had 45 , bringing his collection to 12 machines. I thought about the 100- year-old typewriter I bought about 35 years ago at once. I never 46 it. I just loved the look of it.

Suddenly, I found myself 47 “typewriter repair” online. 48 , I did find someone to bring my old typewriter back to life.

I work on a computer. I do not want to spend my rest time, my 49 time there either. When I sit at my typewriter, I don’t receive 50 . I don’t see things pop up (突然弹出) on a screen telling me what time my next meeting is or 51 bad news happening somewhere in the world. The real world is a 52 place with so many distractions (干扰).

But all that goes away when I sit down by my old typewriter. It’s just me and my 53 . My wife advised that I restart writing and put my thoughts down on the typewriter. I gladly accepted the 54 .

Perhaps the reason the old typewriter 55 me so much is that I’m also learning to be patient again. I’m thinking before I’m writing.

41. A. enjoyment B. challenge C. responsibility D. potential

42. A. individual B. scientific C. professional D. historical

43. A. noticed B. remembered C. changed D. left

44. A. reading B. painting C. writing D. working

45. A. exchanged B. acquired C. repaired D. improved

46. A. looked forward to B. focused on C. believed in D. took advantage of

47. A. searching B. learning C. introducing D. preparing

48. A. Naturally B. Fortunately C. Equally D. Clearly

49. A. exercise B. travelling C. relaxation D. waiting

50. A. letters B. gifts C. suggestions D. messages

51. A. sharing B. explaining C. proving D. collecting

52. A. boring B. noisy C. strange D. busy

53. A. attitude B. thinking C. style D. character

54. A. invitation B. help C. proposal D. reminder

55. A. moves B. surprises C. comforts D. attracts

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, the birthplace of tea, 56 (hold) a deep-rooted relationship with this beloved drink since ancient times. Tea has become a part of Chinese culture, appearing in poems and \_57 (tradition) customs. For many, the joy of tea comes not just from its taste, 58 from the beauty of tea ceremonies.

In spring, 59 (pick) tea leaves is a cherished activity in South China. Before Qingming in early April, 60 the weather warms up and rain comes more often, the first tea leaves are ready to be harvested. This early tea, called Mingqian tea, is 61 (high) praised for its quality.

Zhejiang province in East China is 62 major tea-producing area. Famous types include White Tea from Anji county and West Lake Longjing Tea from Hangzhou, both of which 63 (know) in China and abroad. During spring, the hills in these regions are covered with tea workers tending to their plants. Many 64 (tourist) visit these areas to enjoy the beautiful tea farms and taste freshly brewed tea.

Thousands of years ago, Chinese people turned a simple leaf 65 a delicious drink. Over time, tea has continued to play an important role in Chinese culture, enriching lives and preserving traditions.

第三节 单词填空（共10小题；每小题1分，满分10分）

阅读下面的句子，根据中文提示或首字母在空白处填入单词的正确形式。

66. One night, the penguin escapes from the zoo and sets off on an amazing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (冒险), all the way to the South Pole.

67. Regular exercise can greatly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (使受益) both physical and mental health, improving overall well-being.

68. The new software is highly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (效率高的), which allows employees to complete tasks much faster than before.

69. The “Little Bank” was used for sudden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (紧急情况) when I was young.

70. People always show their respect and love for those who have amazing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (表现) in many fields.

71. Students often have many o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make new friends by joining clubs.

72. Teenagers both have a new desire for i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a continued need for their parents’ love and support.

73. Many undergraduates choose to v\_\_\_\_\_ in their communities to prepare for their future career.

74. The professor explained the topic in d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and all students understood the complex concepts.

75. F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working hours enable employees to achieve a better work-life balance.

第四节 单句语法填空（共10小题；每小题1分，满分10分）

阅读下面的句子,在空白处填人1个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

76. The population of the city is increasing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an alarming rate, putting pressure on local resources.

77. Whenever I felt tired and wanted to stop, my parents kept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (encourage) me not to give up.

78. The artist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paintings are displayed in the gallery will be giving a talk next week.

79. The things and persons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ influenced people most often shaped their values.

80. There is no denying that Nanjing is a beautiful city with many tourist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (attract).

81. If you have feelings of fear or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (anxious) about the upcoming school year, it’s important to express them.

82. Whether you will succeed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fail, we will always be on your side.

83. She has changed so much that she is unlikely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (recognize) by her old friend.

84. After a long day, I like to settle down \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable) on the couch with a good book.

85. The report \_\_\_\_\_\_ (base) on last year’s research provides valuable insights for future planning.

第五节 完成句子（共5小题；每小题1分，满分5分）

根据所给汉语句子，在空格里填上合适单词，使句意完整，语法正确；每空一词。

86. 我认为幸福在于帮助别人获得快乐。

I hold the view that happiness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helping others to be happy.

87. 他是一个聪明的人，因为他知道何时让步，何时放松控制。

He is a wise man because he knows \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ and when to relax his control.

88. 只要人人都努力，我们一定会对环境产生影响。

As long as we make efforts, we will surely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the environment.

89. 众所周知，好朋友能使一个人最好的一面显现出来。

As is known to all, a good friend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the best in a person.

90. 看到大海上的壮丽日落，莉莉一时找不到合适的词语来描述。

Seeing the breathtaking sunset over the ocean, Lily was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for words to describe it.

第四部分 应用文写作 (满分15分)

假定你是李华，收到了朋友John的电子邮件。他说随着高中课程难度加大，他因很难适应而情绪低落。请给John回一封邮件，内容包括：

1. 表示理解；
2. 提出建议(至少两点);
3. 表达祝愿。

注意：1. 写作词数应为80左右；2. 可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

Dear John,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Yours,
 Li Hua

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高一英语 参考答案

**第一部分 听力（共两节，满分30分）**

1-5 BAACB 6-10 BCCBB 11-15 CCBAB 16-20 AACBB

**第二部分 阅读（共两节，满分50分）**

21-23 CBB 24-27CABB 28-31ABCB 32-35 ADCB

36-40 BFACE

**第三部分 语言运用 (共两节，满分55分)**

**第一节 完型填空 (满分15分)**

41-45 ACDCB 46-50 DABCD 51-55 ABBCD

**第二节 语法填空(满分15分)**

56.has held 57.traditional 58. but 59. picking 60. when

61.highly 62. a 63. are known 64. tourists 65. into

**第三节 单词填空(满分10分)**

66.adventure 67. benefit 68. efficient 69. emergencies 70. performance

71. opportunities 72.independence 73. volunteer 74. detail 75. Flexible

**第四节 单句语法填空 (满分10分)**

76. at 77. encouraging 78. whose 79. that 80. attractions

81. anxiety 82.or 83. to be recognized 84. comfortably 85. based

**第五节 完成句子 (满分5分)**

86. lies in 87. when to back down 88. make a difference 89. brings out 90. at a loss

**第四部分 应用文写作(满分15分)**

Dear John，

 I am really sorry to hear that you can’t adapt to your high school life quickly. You’re not alone. I’d like to share some suggestions with you.

First, When we have difficulty in study, we’d better turn to teachers for help, who will give us some guidance to help us solve our problems in a proper way. What’s more, it is wise to develop a pleasant relationship with other students. Joining in some after-class activities is a good way to make friends, which helps us keep a better mood in school. Last but not least, as the saying goes, “Rome wasn’t built in a day.” Set a clear goal, keep trying and you’ll make progress.

I sincerely hope my suggestions will be of help to you. Wish you a happy senior school life.

 Yours,

 Li Hua

**听力录音稿**

(Text 1)

M: Good evening. What can I do for you?

W: Hi. I’d like to book a double room with TV and Internet service.

(Text 2)

M: When can I go back to work?

W: I suggest that you wait and rest until your temperature goes back to normal.

(Text 3)

M: Mom, I do love dogs. They are so cute and smart. Can I have one?

W: Well, don’t you think they are rather noisy and dirty? How about a turtle?

M: No, Mom! Turtles are ugly and so lazy.

(Text 4)

M: I’m going to move.

W: Move again? Where this time?

M: It’s a new apartment on Victoria Street,

W: Oh, that’s good. You don’t have to leave home so early every morning to get to school on time.

(Text 5)

M: May, have you seen the new iPad 4? It looks so useful. You can surf the Internet and watch movies on it.

W: Yes, I already have one. I also use it to play games and read news online.

M: Oh, that’s so nice.

W: I hear that they’re on sale this week. Why not get one for yourself?

(Text 6)

M: What did you do after graduation?

W: I’d planned to be a teacher, but then I was offered a good job doing marketing, so I changed my mind.

M: Sounds like you’re happy with your decision.

W: I am. I enjoy my job very much. By the way, have you not had any job offers yet?

M: I had one, but I didn’t like the job very much. I’d also really wanted to attend graduation school, but I was afraid I couldn’t pay that much money.

W: I think you need to make a decision, stick to it and don’t be afraid of difficulties.

(Text 7)

W: Look, Jack! Here’s a job that might interest you.

M: Are you sure? The last job interview you sent me to was really a disaster.

W: Well, look! It’s a big company. You might get to travel.

M: What kind of company is it, though?

W: Um, let’s see. It is a newspaper office. They say the pay is really good. And oh, look! They give you a car to travel around. That’s not bad, is it?

M: Do they say anything about needing to have experience of a journalist?

W: No, they want someone young and energetic. Oh, yes they want a university graduate, so that’s OK. You’ve been to university. The only thing is that you have to travel, but then that’s what the company car is for.

M: Perhaps I will have a close look at it.

(Text 8)

W: John, when you were little, what did you dream you’d grow up to be?

M: Oh, I dreamed that I’d be a pilot when I grew up.

W: So what happened? Did you just lose interest in being a pilot?

M: No. My parents said it was too dangerous, and they wanted me to find a safer job. How about you? What did you dream of becoming when you were a little girl?

W: When I was a little girl, I dreamed of being a great scientist, but now, as you can see, I’m just a common office clerk.

M: So what are your dreams now?

W: Well, I really want to be a translator some day, so I’m working hard to learn English.

M: You’re so good at language learning. Your French and Italian are already fluent. Well, I hope you succeed in that dream some day!

(Text 9)

W: Hi, Bob! I am so glad that you came.

M: Of course I’d come. I couldn’t think of a better chance to see all my old friends.

W: It’s hard to believe that it’s been ten years since graduation.

M: How time flies! How are things going with you?

W: It’s only recently that I’ve been able to start settling down. How about you? Are you still with Jenny?

M: Yeah, Jenny and I got married right after graduation. It was hard for the first three years—I was supporting us both while she continued her studies—but now things are getting better. I work as a manager in a trade company and she’s working at a law firm. It’s all started to come together and we’re finally able to make a life for ourselves.

W: Oh, that sounds wonderful. I have always known you two would make it. I hope I can keep in better contact with you.

M: Definitely! Actually, we just moved into a new place. There’s a house-warming party this Saturday, if you are free? I know Jenny would love to see you again and it should be a good party.

W: Sounds great! I am free this weekend and I’ll be there.

(Text 10)

Bill gates, an American inventor, computer programmer and businessman, is reportedly worth nearly＄80 billion, making him one of the wealthiest people in the country today. He founded and was head of Microsoft for years.

Gates was born to a rich family in the state of Washington. His father was a lawyer, his mother was a banker. He is famous for being taken as the father of modern computer. He studies at Harvard University but did not graduate because of his desire to develop new software.

As a 13-year-old student, Gates was introduced to computer programming. In 1975, Gates spoke to a company called Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems (MITS). He convinced the owner of the company that he had written a program that would work well and make big money. The owner bought into Gates’ inventions, and the two men reached an agreement to develop software for the company. Then the Microsoft Company was born.

Gates went on to develop the Windows operating system with their partner IBM. The two companies had differences though, and their partnership ended quickly. Gates worked as CEO until 2000. He remained active with the company for several years before leaving the company in 2008. In 2014, Bill Gates became the technical advisor of the firm.