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21. What service can Parsley Box offer you?
- A. To put your meals in the microwave.
 - B. To deliver meals direct to your door.
 - C. To cook meals for you in your kitchen.
 - D. To place the meals in your cupboard.
22. Which one of the following is the reason for quality meals?
- A. Carefully selected vegetable.
 - B. Use no sauces to cook the meat.
 - C. Cook the meats slowly with sauces.
 - D. Mix two portions of potato and wine.
23. What is the purpose of the passage?
- A. To teach people to cook delicious meals.
 - B. To encourage people to order meals.
 - C. To allow people to enjoy meals free of charge.
 - D. To inspire people to make an advertisement.

B

It was a warm spring evening. As I often do after a long day, I went straight to my backyard and did some work in my flower garden. I had only just walked a few steps on the patio (露台) when I suddenly felt a horrifying blow to the right side of my neck. Totally confused, I reached up and, to my shock and horror, realized that I had been shot --- with an arrow.

I grabbed the arrow with a death grip where it had pierced my neck and ran inside, screaming my husband's name. Ed ran to me and called an ambulance. I lay on the couch and prayed. I didn't know if there was any way I could survive.

The arrow had come from a young man practising with a hunting bow in his backyard. Luckily, he was using a practice arrow. An arrow for hunting would have killed me.

At the hospital, I tried hard to reassure my family and friends. I kept telling them I was fine, but the looks on their faces told me that they weren't buying it. After a CT scan, the doctors and nurses began

telling me how lucky I was. The arrow had gone between the carotid artery and the jugular vein. There was no bleeding at all. Although I didn't realize how incredible this was, I began arguing with them that I wasn't "lucky", I was "blessed". Someone told my son there was a post on the site texasbowhunter.com asking for prayers for me. It turns out a friend had posted the prayer request on that website.

The morning after my two-hour surgery to remove the arrow, the surgeon came in my room. He revealed that I had a brain tumour and the surgery had to be done. I remember going a bit numb but thinking, *God works in mysterious ways*. The brain surgery was successful and in less than a week I was back home. 微信公众号IAI English

Nothing eventful happened for a couple of years. After an MRI in 2015, I was told that there was still no sign of a tumour growing back. Had it not been for that arrow, I would have died from a brain tumour. And honestly, the arrow should have killed me. But it didn't.

Coincidences? Luck? I think not. The gentleman who wrote the last comment on the prayer-request thread on texasbowhunter.com summed it up in just two words. He simply wrote, 'Amazing grace'.

24. How did the author's family feel when she told them she was fine at the hospital?

- A. Doubtful B. Concerned C. Convinced D. Reassured

25. What did the author think of all that happened to her?

- A. It is a blessing in disguise.
B. No pleasure without pain.
C. One good turn deserves another.
D. What goes around comes around.

26. Why did the gentleman write "amazing grace"?

- A. To appeal for attention.
B. To describe his reaction.
C. To call for others' support.
D. To comment on the whole issue.

27. Which section of a magazine does the passage come from?

- A. Health B. Entertainment C. Nature D. Story

C

We are all aware of the damaging pollution that's created by driving petrol and diesel(柴油) vehicles. Many of the world's cities are blocked with traffic, creating fumes containing gases such as nitrogen oxides. The solution for a cleaner, greener future could be electric vehicles. But how optimistic should we be?

There was much excitement last year when the UK government announced it will ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030. But is that easier said than done?

The road to global traffic being totally electric is still a long way off. Currently, battery life is an issue --- a fully charged battery won't take you as far as a full tank of petrol. There are also limited numbers of charging points to plug an EV into. Of course, technology is always improving. Some of the biggest tech companies, like Google and Tesla, are spending huge amounts of money developing electric cars. And most of the big car manufacturers are now making them too. Colin Herron, a consultant on low-carbon vehicle technology, told the BBC: "The big leap forward will come with solid state batteries,

which will appear first in mobile phones and laptops before they progress to cars.” These will charge more quickly and give cars a bigger range. Cost is another issue that may discourage people switching to electric power. But some countries offer incentive, such as cutting prices by reducing import taxes, and not charging for road tax and parking. Some also provide exclusive lanes for electric cars to be driven on, overtaking traditional cars which might be stuck in jams.

These kinds of measures have made Norway the country with the most electric cars per capita(人均) at more than thirty electric cars per 1000 inhabitants. But Colin Herron warns that “electric motoring” doesn’t mean a zero-carbon future. “It’s emission-free motoring, but the car has to be built, the battery has to be built, and the electricity does come from somewhere.” Maybe it’s time to think about making fewer journeys or using public transport.

28. What can we infer from the question at the end of paragraph 1?

- A. We should not be too optimistic about the future.
- B. Electric vehicles may not solve the traffic problems.
- C. It’s not a good idea to replace petrol vehicles with electric ones.
- D. It is not easy to obtain a greener future by means of electric vehicles.

29. What does the underlined word “incentive” mean in paragraph 3?

- A. compensation
- B. allowance
- C. encouragement
- D. privilege

30. Which statement is true according to the passage?

- A. Electric motoring will create a zero-carbon future.
- B. Electric cars might not get stuck in traffic jams in the future.
- C. There are four obstacles on the road to global traffic being totally electric.
- D. Putting solid-state batteries in electric cars first will be a “great leap forward”.

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

- A. Total Electric Traffic: a Long Way to Go
- B. Electric Vehicles: a Road to a Greener Future
- C. Electric Power or Petrol: a Tough Decision to Make
- D. Petrol and Diesel Vehicles: a Main source of Gases

D

Scientists have transfused lab-made red blood cells into a human volunteer in a world-first trial that experts say has major potential for people with hard-to-match blood types or conditions such as sickle cell (镰状细胞) disease. The research could someday mean an end to long searches for compatible (兼容的) donors or dangerous transfusion reactions.

The experimental transfusion was done at Addenbrooke’s Hospital in Cambridge, England, as part of a collaborative (合作的) effort among UK scientists to understand how lab-made blood transfusions could work.

The scientists took whole blood from donors in a UK database and separated out the stem cells. These are the body’s raw materials---the cells from which all specialized cells, like a red blood cell, can generate. The researchers grew red blood cells from those stem cells and transfused them into two healthy volunteers. The transfusions involved only a tiny amount of blood: the equivalent of one or two teaspoons. A standard blood transfusion would involve many hundred times that amount. This stage of

the trial involves two mini transfusions at least four months apart, one with a standard donation of red cells and the other with lab-made cells from the same donor.

The researchers are closely monitoring the volunteers to determine whether the process was safe. They say there have been with "no side effects" so far. They're also watching how long the lab-grown cells last compared with an infusion (灌输) of standard red blood cells. Red blood cells typically last about 120 days, but a transfusion from a standard donation contains cells that are a variety of ages because the bone marrow (骨髓) continuously makes these cells.

Previous tests have shown that manufactured cells function like normal cells and that these lab-made cells are likely to survive longer overall while in circulation. This study will determine for the first time whether that's true. Further trials will be necessary to determine whether there could be a clinical use of this lab-grown product. 微信公众号IAI English

The research could eventually make a difference to people with sickle cell disease, those who develop antibodies (抗体) against most donor blood types, or those with genetic disorders in which their body can't make red blood cells or the blood cells they make don't work well.

32. What function is expected of the lab-made red blood cells transfusion?

- A. It may make it easier to get blood donors.
- B. It may grow red blood cells from the stem cells.
- C. It may end the dangerous transfusion reactions.
- D. It may develop antibodies against many donor blood types.

33. What can be inferred about the experimental procedure?

- A. It is widely considered not safe despite many experiments.
- B. The two mini transfusions shouldn't be carried out closely together.
- C. The researchers transfused stem cells into volunteers to monitor them.
- D. A standard blood transfusion only need to involve a tiny amount of blood.

34. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. The process of lab-made blood transfusions proves safe so far.
- B. Lab-made cells survive longer overall than normal cells in circulation.
- C. There are two mini transfusions with lab-made cells in the experiment.
- D. The stem cells, as the body's raw materials, can't produce red blood cells.

35. What's the passage mainly about?

- A. A small amount of blood can make a difference.
- B. Lab-made cells outweigh normal cells in a transfusion.
- C. Lab-made cells can contribute to blood-related diseases.
- D. Lab-made cell transfusions can replace normal blood donations.

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。

ChatGPT, the hardworking upgrade on Siri and Alexa, can write essays, scripts, jokes, marketing pitches---even contracts and scientific papers. _____36_____ Specifically, can it write a Times editorial

arguing the pros and cons of using itself to write a Times editorial? Here's what it came up with. Instantly.

“It is our job to provide readers with informed and thought-provoking editorial content. On the one hand, ChatGPT has the potential to greatly improve the efficiency of our editorial team. By using this tool, we can generate multiple drafts of an editorial in a fraction of the time it would take a human writer.

Furthermore, _____37_____ This could allow us to provide readers with a more diverse range of opinions and ideas, potentially leading to more engaging and informative editorial content.

However, there are also potential drawbacks. _____38_____ If the data is biased, this could lead to the spread of false or misleading information, something we strive to avoid as a reputable newspaper. Additionally, using ChatGPT in our editorial process could potentially lead to a loss of jobs for human writers. _____39_____ ”

Woah! That's quite enough of that, smartypants. _____40_____ No need for any more of that sort of talk. Thanks very much. Before the unfortunate picture becomes a reality, however, we think you'll agree that the vaunted(自夸的) AI brainbox is doing rather well. Frighteningly well, indeed. It seems that our worries are reasonable. After all, it is not an experiment which can be conducted repeatedly.

- A. We think we'll stop you right there.
- B. But is it up to writing a Times editorial?
- C. And these drawbacks are very likely to be ignored.
- D. ChatGPT is skillful in presenting novel comments on what is happening around.
- E. As a machine learning model, ChatGPT is only as good as the data it is trained on.
- F. This could have negative consequences for the employment prospects of journalists...
- G. ChatGPT has the ability to generate a wide variety of ideas and perspectives on a given topic.

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） 微信公众号IAI English

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

The turning point of my life was my decision to give up a promising business career and study music. My parents, although sympathetic, and ___41___ my love of music, disapproved of it as a profession. This was ___42___ in view of the family background. My grandfather had taught music for nearly forty years. Though much respected, he earned ___43___ enough to provide for his family. As a consequence of this example, the very mention of music as a profession carried with it a picture of a risky existence with ___44___ financial rewards. My parents ___45___ college instead of a music school, and to college I went — quite ___46___, for although I loved my violin, I had many other interests.

Before my graduation from college, the family met with severe financial reverses and I felt it my ___47___ to leave college and take a job. Thus was I launched upon a business career — which I always think of as the ___48___ years. Now I do not for a moment mean to ___49___ business. My whole point is that it was not for me. I went into it for ___50___, and aside from the satisfaction of being able to help the family, money is all I got out of it. It was not enough. I felt that life was ___51___ me by.

I continued to make money, and finally, bit by bit, ___52___ enough to enable me to go abroad to study music. I resigned from my position and, feeling like a man released from ___53___, sailed for

Europe. I stayed four years, and enjoyed every minute of it. "Enjoyed" is too ___54___ a word. I walked on ___55___. I really lived and I was a free man.

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| 41. A. sharing | B. approving | C. discovering | D. hiding |
| 42. A. pointless | B. absurd | C. tolerant | D. understandable |
| 43. A. nearly | B. barely | C. mostly | D. possibly |
| 44. A. stable | B. deserving | C. uncertain | D. fixed |
| 45. A. insisted upon | B. attended to | C. picked out | D. entered for |
| 46. A. painfully | B. desperately | C. casually | D. happily |
| 47. A. honor | B. duty | C. burden | D. turn |
| 48. A. unforgettable | B. golden | C. wasted | D. deserted |
| 49. A. quit | B. assess | C. disrespect | D. conduct |
| 50. A. money | B. contentment | C. achievement | D. glory |
| 51. A. dropping | B. passing | C. standing | D. stopping |
| 52. A. raised | B. withdrew | C. spared | D. accumulated |
| 53. A. prison | B. hospital | C. jungle | D. school |
| 54. A. abstract | B. simple | C. mild | D. vague |
| 55. A. cloud | B. board | C. ice | D. air |

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。

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) ___56___ (name) Chongqing Jingzhu village as one of the Best Tourism Villages of 2022.

Jingzhu Village is next ___57___ Wulong Fairy Mountain, ___58___ is rich in natural resources and has a forest coverage rate of 75 percent. It is suitable ___59___ (visit) in both winter and summer. When ___60___ (cover) with snow in winter, the mountain is an excellent tourist attraction. In summer, the average temperature is 15°C lower than that in the main city of Chongqing. The climate is cool and pleasant.

Alongside its beautiful scenery, the village is working towards the ___61___ (preserve) of cultural heritage. Old houses built by local villagers, ancient firewood stoves, square tables and bamboo chairs, copper teapots are retained. They offer tourists a taste of ___62___ (tradition) rural life.

The village runs a series of workshops. They teach and display intangible cultural heritage techniques. These include batik making, bamboo weaving, palm weaving, pottery making, tofu making ___63___ paper-cutting classes. Tourists can soak up the charm of typical rural culture.

In 2019, the village was included on the list of the first batch of key rural tourism villages in China. The old houses that were once on the verge of collapse ___64___ (transform) into distinctive homestays. The village has become ___65___ must-visit destination for many tourists across the country.

It's not that I hadn't been warned. Other women who had worked my job before me called Jack names I couldn't repeat. One coworker took me aside the first day. "He's personally responsible for two different secretaries leaving the firm," she whispered.

As the weeks went by, I grew to look down upon Jack. His actions made me question much that I believed in, such as turning the other cheek and loving your enemies.

One day another of his rude behaviors left me in tears. I stormed into his office, prepared to lose my job if needed, but not before I let the man know how I felt. I opened the door and Jack glanced up. "What?" he asked abruptly. 微信公众号IAI English

Suddenly I knew what I had to do. After all, he deserved it. I sat across from him and said calmly, "Jack, the way you've been treating me is wrong. I've never had anyone speak to me that way. As a professional, it's wrong, and I can't allow it to continue."

Jack smiled nervously and leaned back in his chair. I closed my eyes briefly. God help me, I prayed. "I want to make you a promise. Whatever you do, I will be a friend," I said. "I will treat you as you deserve to be treated, with respect and kindness. You deserve that. Everybody does." I slipped out of the chair and closed the door behind me.

Jack avoided me the rest of the week. _____

One year after our "talk," I had my breast cancer surgery but was still scared. _____