The World (January 1st-15th, 2024)

***1.The Times (4th January 2024 P4 )***

1. Text Completion

Survival rates in the UK for several common cancers are among the worst in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (comparabe) wealthy countries.

Researchers analysed six types of cancer with \_\_\_ average five-year survival rate in Britain of just 16 per cent —lung, liver, brain, oesophageal, pancreatic and stomach. More than 90,000 people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (diagnose) with these conditions in the UK each year, and they account for more than 67,000 deaths annually — about 40 per cent of UK cancer rates among worst of wealthy countries all cancer deaths. \_\_\_ 33 countries with roughly comparable wealth and income levels, the UK \_\_\_\_\_ (rank) as low as 28th for five-year survival for both stomach and lung cancer, according to the Less Survivable Cancers Taskforce.

The countries with the highest five-year survival rates for the six cancers included South Korea, Belgium, the US and Australia. The report found that \_\_\_ survival rates in the UK equalled \_\_\_\_\_\_ of these countries, more than 8,000 lives would be saved annually.

The poor performance is likely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (reflect) delayed diagnoses and slow access to treatment, the task force said.

Many patients with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (survivable) cancer will be diagnosed only after an emergency admission to hospital or an urgent GP referral after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (symptom) have become severe. For instance, seven out of ten patients in the UK receive no treatment at all for pancreatic cancer and of the 10,000 people diagnosed annually, just 10 per cent receive surgery, the only potential cure.

1. Translation

她未获自己选择的大学录取。

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12月23日，他们被送往一所转诊医疗。

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***2.The Wall Street Journal (4th January 2024 A8 )***

1)Text Completion

Nikita Zimov walked through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stick) brown muck of Siberia, just above the Arctic Circle. Zimov is tracking the effects of the melting and working on a plan to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ （potential）mitigate it.

As permafrost \_\_\_\_\_\_ (melt), microbes feed on the carbon trapped in the ice, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (release) carbon dioxide and methane, a more potent greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere. The gas is apparent even in small streams. When Zimov pierced the ground with \_\_\_\_ long fishing rod, bubbles of gas floated to the surface.

The employees at the park monitor the methane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (emission). The ground is releasing more greenhouses gases each year than some large countries emit annually.

Zimov collects data on the depth of the permafrost to measure how much is disappearing in villages \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Arctic Circle.He hopes that in the next 25 years, the park will be free of human interference. “The goal of our work is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (create) a self-sustaining system,” he said. But the daunting aspects of the mission are not lost on him.

“The main criticism of our project is \_\_\_\_\_ it’s too much of a task, and there is just not enough time,” he said. “Maybe yes, it is too hard of task. But that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t be trying.”

People dress in fur from head to toe so that they can live in the freezing temperatures. It’s a matter of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (survive), but it’s also a way of life that is now in danger.

2)Translation

植树造林减轻了土壤侵蚀。

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他用刀子在皮腰带上又扎了一个洞。

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***3.Choice* ( December 2023–January 2024 Page 6)**

1) Text Completion

In 2019, the ACMA issued a formal warning to Ticketek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cease) and desist breaching the Spam Act. But it seems the market-dominating ticketing business didn’t take the warning to heart. In October this year, Ticketek paid \_\_ $515,040 fine to the ACMA after the regulator found it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (send) around 41,000 marketing texts and emails without the consent of recipients, and around 57,000 texts and emails to people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had previously unsubscribed.

Ticketek claimed that some of the emails were exempt from the Spam Act \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they contained event information for ticket holders, but the ACMA’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (investigate) found they also contained advertising and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (promotion) material for upcoming events, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mean) the Spam Act applied.

“Australians are fed up with these types of intrusions \_\_\_ their privacy and Ticketek has no excuses given it was on notice after our previous action,” says the ACMA Chair Nerida O’Loughlin. “It is also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (incredible) frustrating for people to take the time to unsubscribe only for those requests to not be actioned. Businesses must have working systems in place to comply with consumer choice and consent.”

1. Reading Comprehension

Which of the following can replace the underlined word “breaching” in Paragraph 1?

A. breaking B.obeying

C. establishing D.abolishing

3) Translation

他因未征得车主的同意自行开走车而受到指控。

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1. ***National Geographic* (January 2024 BREAKTHROUGHS)**

1)Text Completion

We all know the characteristic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feature) of a giraffe: long neck, hornlike head protuberances, spotted coat. Well, not always. A giraffe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (miss) spots was recently photographed \_\_\_ the first time in the wild. The unprecedented sighting, at a private game reserve in Namibia, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (occur) just weeks after another animal with similar coloring was born at a Tennessee zoo. No data suggest that a solid-brown coat is appearing more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (frequent) than in the past, but it’s a surprising coincidence, says Sara Ferguson, a wildlife veterinarian and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (conserve) health coordinator at the Giraffe Conservation Foundation. The last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (report) all-brown giraffe sighting was in 1972, at a Tokyo zoo. Genetic mutations are the likely cause, \_\_\_ the animals don’t seem to be at a disadvantage, says Derek Lee, \_\_ biologist at Penn State University who co-authored a 2018 study \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ found some aspects of giraffe markings are passed down from mother to calf. Are the all-brown giraffes truly spotless? Technically, Lee says, they’re “one-spot-all-over giraffes.”

2)Reading Comprehension

Which of the following statements is correct?

A. Giraffes missing spots are rare both in the wild and at zoos.

B. There has been a sharp rise in the number of spotless giraffes.

C. The first ever spotless giraffe was discovered in 1972.

D. The all-brown feature is an unfavorable one for giraffes.

3)Translation

这种情况在现代还没有出现过。\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

众所周知，辐射会引起突变。

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1. **BBC News 01/04/2024**

1)Text Completion

The Ukrainian air force says its air defense systems have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 35 drones launched in Russia’s latest attacks. The military has now \_\_\_\_\_\_ air alerts nationwide warning of missile \_\_\_\_\_\_ from Russian bombers. The mayor of the capital Kiev says debris from missiles has fallen on different parts of the city. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the capital are still collecting bodies for a Russian aerial attack on Friday.

The government of Panama has said that half a million people risked their lives crossing the Darien Gap last year as they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the US-Mexico border, the number more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the previous year. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the only link between South and Central America. Migrants pay thousands of dollars to criminal gangs to guide them through tropical rivers and steep mountains.

The British government says it’s fulfilled a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the prime minister Rishi Sunak to clear a big backlog of outstanding asylum \_\_\_\_\_\_. Tens of thousands of migrants have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the system.

2)Translation

救援人员正在清理残骸。

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我有一大堆积压的工作要做。

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