**2023学年第二学期浙江七彩阳光新高考研究联盟返校考**

**高三英语学科试题**

**考生须知：**

**1.本试题卷共8页，满分150分，考试时间120分钟。**

**2.答题前，在答题卷指定区域填写班级、姓名、考场号、座位号及准考证号。**

**3.所有答案必须写在答题卷上，写在试卷上无效。**

**4.考试结束后，只需上交答题卷。**

**第Ⅰ卷**

**第一部分：听力（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。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. Why is the man phoning the woman?

A. To ask her out for dinner. B. To tell her he will be late. C. To inform her of an accident.

2. What does the man like his toast with?

A. Much butter. B. Less butter. C. Nothing on it.

3. What is the man going to buy for his father?

A. A new digital camera. B. An antique desk. C. An old film camera.

4. How fast did the man drive on the straightaway?

A.180km/h. B.200km/h. C.220 km/h.

5. How is the man feeling?

A. Sad. B. Awkward. C. Proud.

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、7题。

6. When was the last time the speakers were in a theater?

A. January. B. March. C. July.

7. What stage show did the speakers watch on television?

A. *Cats*. B. *Romeo and Juliet*. C. *Hamilton*.

听第7段材料，回答第8至10题。

8. Where does the conversation probably take place?

A. In a bar. B. In a hotel. C. In a restaurant.

9. How much is the barbecue?

A. $10. B. $20. C. $30.

10. What is the woman going to do first?

A. Have a drink. B. Take a shower. C. Eat some food.

听第8段材料，回答第11至13题。

11. Who lives above the speakers?

A. Mr. Green. B. Mr. White. C. Mrs. Smith.

12. Where is Mrs. Smith now probably?

A. In another city. B. In her apartment. C. At the fire department.

13. What will the man do next?

A. Phone for help. B. Break into the house. C. Get a bucket.

听第9段材料，回答第14至16题。

14. What does the woman do on the last Friday of each month?

A. Visit a rooftop restaurant.

B. Attend a business meeting.

C. Join in a formal business dinner.

15. What is the probable relationship between the speakers?

A. Brother and sister. B. Banker and client. C. Manager and employee.

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

A. Apply for a business loan. B. Organize a social event. C. Take a break from work.

听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17. What will the weather be like on Christmas day?

A. Dry. B. Rainy. C. Snowy.

18. When will people probably go to shop in the sales?

A. On Christmas Eve. B. On Christmas Day. C. On Boxing Day.

19. What does the speaker suggest people do for New Year?

A. Watch the roads when driving.

B. Wear warm clothes when going out.

C. Stay indoors and drink hot chocolate.

20. What is the main topic of the talk?

A. The weather condition during Christmas period.

B. The plan on celebrating the New Year.

C. The arrangement on Boxing Day.

**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

There’s hardly a dull moment in vibrant Istanbul. The city’s historic attractions can be appreciated any time of year, but its atmosphere does change dramatically with the seasons, and accommodation prices vary accordingly. Here are our picks for the best times to enjoy Turkey’s largest city.

June to August is best for outdoor dining and concerts in Istanbul. Summer is peak tourism season in Istanbul. Costs for accommodations can be high and lines long at major attractions. The weather is hot and humid, but the sun sparkling off the Bosphorus is glorious, and the outdoor seating at cafes, restaurants and bars makes for a lively urban scene. Concerts, festivals and other events are staged in the open air too.

The shoulder season is best for sightseeing and cultural events. The long, mostly pleasant spring and fall seasons are ideal for seeing the sights and wandering the neighborhoods of Istanbul, a city that rewards exploration by foot. There’s a drop off in tourist crowds, and local urban life is in full swing, including a busy calendar of arts and cultural events.

Istanbul in December? Winter is ideal for travel on a budget. The gray, rainy and chilly winter months aren’t the most appealing time to visit Istanbul, though they do lend the city a certain romantically sad mood. On the plus side, it won’t be difficult or expensive to find accommodations, and Istanbul’s many museums, mosques and other sights provide plenty of indoor activities.

21. When is Istanbul’s most crowded tourism season?

A. Spring. B. Summer. C. Autumn. D. Winter.

22. What can we learn about the “shoulder season” in Istanbul?

A. It’s perfect for cultural events. B. It’s ideal for budget traveling.

C. There’s a rise in tourist crowds. D. There’s little urban scene to see.

23. What is one good thing about touring Istanbul in winter?

A. Open-air concerts. B. Pleasant weather.

C. Outdoor activities. D. Affordable accommodations.

B

Coco Gauff used to visit the Grand Slam tournament（大满贯锦标赛）as a kid to see her idols Serena and Venus Williams. Now she is a champion there herself. On Sept 9, the 19-year-old from the US won her first major women’s singles title at the 2023 US Open（美国网球公开赛）.

After an average start, Gauff surged to a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over her bigger, stronger opponent, Aryna Sabalenka, from Belarus, who became the new world No.1 the day after the tournament ended.

Unlike the Williams sisters, who have obvious force and power, Gauff is small and slim. But she moves fast on the tennis court. Forbes magazine said, “She is the quickest and perhaps already the best returner of impossible shots in tennis history.”

Even though Sabalenka is a very powerful hitter, it felt like she had to finish each point four or five times, as Gauff’s defense was so perfect, noted The Telegraph. This ended up frustrating Sabalenka and caused her to make 46 unforced errors.

Gauff thus became the first American teenager to win the US Open since Serena Williams, then 17, in 1999. When asked about “taking the torch” from the 23-time Grand Slam winner and the similarity between their tennis careers, Gauff told ESPN, “Serena is Serena. She’s the greatest of all time... I’d hope to do half of what she did. But I’m not going to compare myself to her. She’s some one that I look up to.”

Now, Gauff’s big win has left tennis fans wondering: When’s her next Grand Slam? That’s no easy task. Two of the past four US Open women’s champions were teenagers at the time, Canada’s Bianca Andreescu in 2019 and the UK’s Emma Raducanu in 2021, and neither has come close to repeating their success yet. But one thing about Gauff is certain--that at just 19 years old, **the sky’s the limit**.

24. What do we know about Gauff’s performance in the game at the 2023 US Open?

A. She made 46 unforced errors. B. She was leading from the start.

C. She defeated a stronger opponent. D. She became world No.1 afterwards.

25. According to the text, what are Gauff’s advantages?

A. Her force and power. B. Her speed and defense.

C. Her figure and height. D. Her services and attacks.

26. Who is “the 23-time Grand Slam winner” mentioned in paragraph 5?

A. Aryna Sabalenka. B. Bianca Andreescu. C. Coco Gauff. D. Serena Williams.

27. What does the underlined sentence “**the sky’s the limit**” imply in the last paragraph?

A. It is hard for Gauff to push back her limits.

B. Gauff will consider switching to other sports.

C. Gauff has potential for greater future success.

D. Teenage sportsmen often fail to continue their success.

C

Leadership is a quality that is hard to define. Everyone can think of inspiring leaders from history but managers who think they can base their style on Nelson Mandela or Elizabeth I are suffering from misunderstandings of greatness.

The biggest mistake is to consider leadership entirely equal to charisma（魅力）. Billy McFarland was just 25 when he set up the Fyre festival which promised attendees a luxury experience on a deserted island in the Bahamas. As shown by the Netflix documentary, “Fyre: The Greatest Party That Never Happened”, Mr McFarland was an unusual salesman. He convinced investors that he was a visionary businessman and persuaded talented young people to work for him.

But he lacked the skills to put his vision into practice. Festival guests arrived to find their food consisted of cheese sandwiches, rather than first-class cuisine. They were housed not in luxury villas, but in tents left over from a hurricane-relief program. The whole event ended with Mr McFarland being sentenced to six years in prison.

His example could have been a case study for the book by Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic— “Why Do So Many Incompetent Men Become Leaders?（and how to fix it）”. As an organisational psychologist, he points out that people tend to assume that confident individuals are competent, when there is no actual relationship between the two qualities. Those confident people are promoted and then their abilities turn out to be over-estimated.

Mr Chamorro-Premuzic argues that competence is more important than charisma or confidence. Managers need enough presence to persuade their teams to follow the business plan, but they should think in terms of coaching rather than inspiration. Employees are more likely to be engaged with their work if they get frequent feedback from their bosses, and if they are involved in setting their own goals. Another key factor in leadership is the ability to set a good example. Subordinates（下属）notice what behaviour gets rewarded and which standards are set by the person at the top.

28. What can we infer from paragraph 1?

A. Leadership is a quality impossible to evaluate.

B. Nelson Mandela and Elizabeth I are both overrated.

C. You can’t become leaders by simply imitating others.

D. Charismatic people are more likely to be great leaders.

29. According to the text, what kind of a leader was Billy McFarland?

A. Unconfident. B. Visionary. C. Incomparable. D. Incompetent.

30. What does Mr Chamorro-Premuzic reveal in his book?

A. The assumption that confidence equals competence.

B. The phenomenon that competent people can’t lead well.

C. The connection between competence and career success.

D. The reason why confident people are popular in workplaces.

31. What does Mr Chamorro-Premuzic suggest for good leadership?

A. Respecting the privacy of employees. B. Giving employees frequent feedback.

C. Inspiring employees with big visions. D. Following the examples of good employees.

D

Turning around corners, weaving through traffic, every second matters. It is neither a street race nor a 007 chase, but the risky journey of a sushi（寿司）roll.

The streets of China are filled with delivery drivers racing noodles, sandwiches and soups across cities. While the everyday consumer may find these services convenient, most do not realize the true cost of their delivery. How much is that late-night snack really worth?

Strict time limits are the main concern for delivery drivers. The Chinese delivery app Meituan decreased the maximum time allowance from 50 minutes to 30 or even 20. Time literally means money: Surpassing the limit can result in fines, which are paid to the firm rather than to the consumers. Yet, beyond fines, there is often a great er cost. According to Pandaily News, one delivery worker is injured or killed in accidents every 2.5 days in Shanghai and, sadly, companies seldom provide insurance claims when their time limits lead to these consequences. Drivers are pushed to break traffic rules and risk their lives so your sushi is not a minute late.

Furthermore, low wages and extensive working hours **exacerbate** these issues. Some companies in China take advantage of the economic inequalities between China’s large cities and less developed interior to offer extremely low pay to migrant delivery drivers while demanding long hours. Yet these long hours and low pay are common throughout the global delivery industry. In the United States, advertised earnings of $22 per hour are largely exaggerated while workers complain that food delivery apps rarely give them all their tips.

What is the solution? First, consumers should recognize what is behind their impossibly cheap and fast delivery: exploitation. We should expect more from the delivery app companies and less from their drivers. That is, we should pay more and wait longer while only ordering from companies who offer their drivers fair wages, insurance and a safe working environment. In the end, your sushi is just not worth it.

32. Who will be paid the fines for a delayed delivery?

A. The delivery firm. B. The delivery worker.

C. The sushi restaurant. D. The ordinary consumer.

33. What does the underlined word “**exacerbate**” in paragraph 4 mean?

A. Integrate. B. Comprise. C. Worsen. D. Alleviate.

34. Why does the author mention the “earnings of $22 per hour” in the US?

A. To indicate that delivery drivers shouldn’t expect much.

B. To emphasize that delivery companies should provide insurance.

C. To prove that the pay and working environment are better in the US.

D. To show that low pay and overwork are common issues in the industry.

35. Which of the following is the best title for the text?

A. The Harm of Delivery Services B. The True Cost of Convenient Deliveries

C. The Overrated Popularity of Sushi D. The Benefits and Problems of Delivery Apps

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。

**Advice on Choosing Your Career**

You probably are very much concerned about which direction you take in your career, but before working through the process of generating and refining specific career choices, helicopter up to 10,000 feet from where you can view your overall career map, answer the big questions and set your overall direction. 36 What is your aim? How long have you got? Remember that there are no right answers, only the best choice for you, based on what you know now.

Having laid out your overall map, set boundaries and defined your personal targets, you can then turn to practical issues. 37 Write down examples of how you demonstrate key employ ability skills such as team work, leadership, and communication.

38 Go out and meet people, attend talks, go to relevant lectures, watch videos about industries and organizations, seek out websites that can give you objective and general career advice, for example, the open access Oxford university careers website.

Over time you can start to narrow down your choices and then choose one. 39

In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set off with a compass and direction, and a general destination of mapping the new Louisiana territories in America. But they had no exact map. 40 Your career will be much longer but, like Lewis and Clark, it is about direction, not destination.

A. Where, roughly, are you going?

B. Their successful expedition took two years.

C. In any event, you have a few years to explore.

D. Identify what you are good at, based on your skills and experiences.

E. That way, you’ll be more focused and thus more likely to achieve your goal.

F. You are looking for a match to what might suit you now, but that changes over time.

G. Your care er project might take some time, as now you are probably short of information.

**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。

I’m a physical therapist（治疗师）for severely disabled children in the South Bronx. I had one student named Tamisha who was stuck in a wheelchair. She could 41 move her eyes. She couldn’t speak, but I could basically 42 her mind.

Tamisha was very intelligent, and very humorous. If someone terribly dressed got on the elevator, she’d 43 her eyes and giggle. I’d have to 44 I didn’t know what she was laughing in order to avoid embarrassing that person. We grew so close over the years. On Halloween I 45 her up as a butterfly, because that’s how I saw her. She was 46 in this body, but she was a soul with so much depth and so much 47 .

When Tamisha graduated, my husband and I went to Home Depot and got paint, and butterflies, and rainbow decals（印花胶纸）. And we completely 48 her bedroom. We made her sleep in the living room 49 she wouldn’t know it. But at the end of the weekend, when Tamisha’s father carried her in, she started going wild. Her face 50 . She’s making all kinds of sounds. Her father is holding her, and he’s 51 . The makeover was a real 52 .

We’ve done about 20 of them now. Our process always begins with an 53 process. We ask the person: what makes you happy? What colors do you love? What are your favorite things? We let them design their 54 room. Then we become the 55 who bring that dream to life.

41. A. only B. even C. therefore D. soon

42. A. educate B. read C. inspire D. change

43. A. cover B. roll C. wipe D. feast

44. A. assume B. remind C. pretend D. estimate

45. A. dressed B. picked C. stood D. put

46. A. absorbed B. invested C. involved D. trapped

47. A. suffering B. future C. access D. admiration

48. A. transformed B. removed C. emptied D. cleaned

49. A. even though B. as if C. so that D. in case

50. A. clouded over B. smoothed over C. showed up D. lit up

51. A. complaining B. leaving C. crying D. frowning

52. A. revolution B. phenomenon C. miracle D. invention

53. A. interview B. experiment C. appointment D. exchange

54. A. temporary B. dream C. artificial D. hospital

55. A. designers B. doctors C. instruments D. teachers

**第Ⅱ卷**

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个恰当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

Japan is a country known for its iconic landmarks, from ancient temples of Kyoto to neon-lit skyscrapers of Tokyo. However, 56 often goes unnoticed is the approach Japan 57 （take）to beautify its manhole covers（窨井盖）since the 1980s. These metal plates, of which there are roughly 6,000, serve not only 58 functional infrastructure but also as canvases showcasing cultural symbols.

Photographer Remo Camerota, 59 documented these unique manhole covers in his book “Drainspotting,” describes the experience of finding them as a treasure hunt. The designs on these manhole covers show Japan’s 60 （commit） to integrating functionality with art and culture. Each cover tells a story, whether it’s representing a local festival, historical event, 61 natural landscape.

The practice of decorating manhole covers has not only added 62 touch of artistic genius to Japan’s streets but has also become a popular tourist attraction. Visitors now 63 （encourage）to seek out and appreciate these often overlooked pieces of urban art, adding a new dimension to their travel experiences.

Japan’s 64 （create）approach to decorating its manhole covers reflects the country’s rich cultural heritage. These unique pieces of urban art are living proof of Japan’s attention to detail and the importance placed on preserving and 65 （celebrate）its cultural identity.

**第四部分 写作（共两节，满分40分）**

第一节（满分15分）

假如你是李华，你的外国笔友Patrick写信告诉你，每当别人向他求助时，他总是不会说不，这极大地影响了他的学习和生活。请你给他回信，帮他解决这一问题，内容包括：1.安抚对方；2.提出建议并说明理由。

注意：1.写作词数应为80个左右；

2.请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

Dear Patrick,

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Yours,

Li Hua

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。

My story started one autumn morning, at the bend on a path.

I was 13 years old, and was on the way to school. It was the first time I had caught sight of a fox. Fascinated to the point that I forgot all fear, I dared to go up to it. I had never come so close to a wild animal. There was nobody else around, only me and the fox.

“Hey, fox!” I tried to greet it, though my voice was so weak it felt like I was saying hello to myself. It didn’t hear me. It stayed there and I watched it. My heart was beating flat out. It was so cute. For a moment, I thought I might be able to touch it.

Throughout the day at school, I could only think of the fox at the big beech（山毛榉）tree. At my return to the place where we met, I was sure I’d find it there.

And I did. This time I gathered a little bit more courage and called out to it, “Fox!” Of course it escaped. But that only made me long to meet it again. I decided that if I could find its kennel（洞）and catch it, I would try and tame（驯服）it, making it my friend.

Thus, I spent most of my free time in the forests trying to find the fox during the following months. But I never saw it again before winter came. During the winter, I followed its footprints far across the fields. Suddenly I was alarmed by the howling of wolves near me. I ran away frightened, stumbled and hurt my ankle. It healed very slowly, so that I had to stay at home during the winter, reading a book about animals of the forest and foxes.

When spring arrived, I was free again. I looked for fox kennels and waited for my fox. To my amazement, it had got young ones but kept moving because of my observations; therefore I decided to observe the fox from a longer distance.

注意：

1.续写词数应为 150个左右；

2.请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

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| Paragraph 1: *Finally, it would let me get close.* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Paragraph 2: *To my surprise, the day after I took it home, it fled.* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**2023学年第二学期浙江七彩阳光新高考研究联盟返校考**

**高三英语学科参考答案**

**第一部分：听力（共20小题，每小题1.5分，满分30分）**

1-5 BACBC 6-10 BCBAB 11-15 CACAA 16-20 CACBA

**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）

21-23 BAD 24-27 CBDC 28-31 CDAB 32-35 ACDB

第二节（共5小题：每小题2.5分，满分12.5分）

36-40 ADGEB

**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）

41-45 ABBCA 46-50 DBACD 51-55 CCABC

第二节（共10小题：每小题1.5分，满分15分）

56. what 57. has taken 58. as 59. who 60. commitment

61. or 62. a 63. are encouraged 64. creative 65. celebrating

**第四部分 写作（共两节，满分40分）**

第一节（满分15分）

参考范文

One possible version

Dear Patrick,

It is obviously a virtue to be nice, kind and helpful toward others, but there is a point where people can end up taking advantage of you, and you should be aware of setting limits and maintaining your sense of well-being.

I think you can try this: tell people that you need to wait before you can say yes or no to their request. This can help you break the habit of automatically saying yes. If the person needing help is patient and willing to wait for you, then he or she is somebody worth helping. If the person gets upset, angry or impatient with you, then he or she is likely just trying to get something out of you rather than being a friend.

I hope you’ll find this method helpful. Just keep in mind that it’s OK to say no and not be a people-pleaser.

Yours,

Li Hua

参考范文

One possible version

*Finally it would let me get close*. One day, as I sat quietly under the shade of a tree, the fox cautiously approached, its bright and soft eyes fixed on me. I held my breath, not wanting to startle the little creature. As it came closer, I could see the trust in its eyes, and I knew that it had got accustomed to my presence and that our bond had deepened. Over time, I was able to bring it food and even stroke its fur and occasionally, it would huddle peacefully against me as we sat on the green grass, like two old friends. And just like what I’d do to an old friend who seemed to need help, I took it home-thinking I could better take care of it and we could better enjoy each other’s company.

*To my surprise, the day after I took it home, it fled*. It jumped out of an open window and in no time vanished into the woods. As I watched it slip away, with a nimbleness and grace that was a joy to behold, darting through the underbrush with a fluidity that spoke of its wild nature, I suddenly realized that perhaps the wild called to it more strongly than I ever could. I should never have tried to keep it as a tame pet, because wild creatures were supposed to be roaming in their own home, rather than being confined in mine. I didn’t see it then,—not even with the help of that book about foxes, but now, on looking back, I know that my self-acclaimed “love” for it was not love at all, but possession.

听力原文

Text 1

M: **I’m just phoning to say I’ll be late home.(1)** Looks like there’s been an accident on the highway.

W: OK. I’ll save you some dinner. Just be safe. It’s very cold so the roads must be slippery(滑的).

Text 2

W: I knew you were working hard and hadn’t eaten much, **so I made you some toast with butter.**

M: Thank you. **I like how you put it on thick. (2)** Dad spreads it far too thin.

Text 3

M: **I’m going to get my dad a camera for his birthday, but he’s old-fashioned. Do you still get film cameras instead of digital ones?**

W: **Not in most shops, but if you try an antique store, they might have an old one. (3)**

Text 4

W: Mr. Rossi, what an impressive motorcycle race! **You were flying around the track-you hit 180 km/h around the turns.**

M: Thank you. Yes, **I believe I drove over that speed by almost 20 km/h on the straightaway. (4)**

W: You’re right — a new track record!

Text 5

M: You’ve done so much to represent our country, Queen Elizabeth.

W: **We’ve seen your work with sick and needy children. We want to congratulate you at the royal palace.**

M: **It’s an honor. I hope to continue the great successes in this field. (5)**

Text 6

M: **I’ve been looking forward to a night out at the theater, considering we only went once last year.(6)**

W: **We went twice. Remember, we saw that Shakespeare play *Romeo and Juliet* in January, and then *Cats* in March. (6)**

M: Both of them seemed like such a long time ago. **I think it’s because we watched the stage version of *Hamilton* on TV. (7)**

W: Yes, that was in July. I’ve watched it a few times since then when you were out.

M: I guessed that because you are always singing the songs from it.

W: I do love the music. I can’t wait to see it live.

Text 7（第8题为推断题）

M: So if you want to grab a drink, the bar is over there.

W: I’m actually looking for food.

M: We have a standard menu, **but if you wait 30 minutes, we’ll have a barbecue tonight. (9)**

W: **Is it expensive? I’m on a traveler’s budget. (9)**

M: **No, a flat fee of $10 and you can eat as much as you want. (9)** It’s very popular with our guests.

W: Yes, **I’ll do that because I really need to have a shower before I eat. (10)**

M: So the showers are next to the rooms on the second floor. Just go up this set of stairs. Do you want a hand with your bag?

W: No, I’ll manage. Thanks.

Text 8

W: **There’s water leaking from the ceiling of the living room. (11)**

M: **It must be coming from Mrs. Smith’s apartment. (11)**

W: I’ll go knock on her door and see if she is all right.

M: **She’s not home. She flew to New York to visit her brother for the weekend. (12)** What’s worse, I don’t have her number.

W: She must have left a tap on or something. We need to get in.

M: I think Mr. Green has a spare key. He lives across the hall from her.

W: OK, I’ll go see if he is in. If not, I’ll phone Mr. White at the fire department. They are allowed to break into the house.

M: **I’ll go get a bucket, so it won’t soak the carpet any more than it already has. (13)**

W: Try and avoid standing under it, just in case it falls in on us.

M: It should be OK. I think we’ve noticed it in time.

Text 9

M: I’ve been told I need to socialize with more people to get more clients for my business.

W: That’s true. **I attend two networking events each month. (14)** One is a Monday business dinner for local companies.

M: And the other?

W: It’s less formal. **It’s at a rooftop restaurant on the last Friday of each month. (14)** It’s not only about making connections but sharing creative ideas, enjoying the food and admiring the view.

M: I’m just not as confident as you about talking to people.

W: Oh, come on. **When we were growing up, you were always so outgoing. Mom would have to run after you. (15)**

M: I know, but it’s different now being an adult.

W: You know you can go to classes to learn how to speak in public.

M: I know, **but I spend all my time on the job. Sometimes I even forget to eat. (16)**

W: **You need to take a break before you burn yourself out. Why don’t we go to that new art gallery?**

**You can relax there if you need to. (16)**

M: I appreciate the offer. However, I have some paperwork to fill out for some government financial support, as the bank turned down a business loan.

M: Actually, yes, that would be great.

W: Bring it with us and I can help you with it. I do have a business degree after all.

W: Let me grab my coat.

Text 10（第20题为总结题）

Good morning, and here is a look at the weather in the UK over the Christmas period. Unfortunately, those hoping for a white Christmas may be disappointed, as Christmas Day looks **as though it is going to be mild, with cold but light winds blowing in from the Atlantic Ocean. But it should remain dry throughout the day, with the last of the rain falling on Christmas Eve. (17)** However, **Boxing Day will see temperatures fall sharply to -10 degrees in the morning and only reach highs of one degree or possibly two degrees. So, be careful when you are walking or driving to the sales, as the roads are going to be very icy. (18) This cold weather will continue up until New Year, when there is a chance that there will be snow. So if you are planning on celebrating the end of the year outside, be sure to wrap up warm and take some nice hot chocolate or tea with you. (19)** And that’s the weather from me. On behalf of myself and everyone here at BBC Weather, we hope you all have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year when it comes.