浙江省 A9 协作体暑假返校联考 高三英语试题卷

考生须知:

- 1. 本试卷分第 Ⅰ 卷 (选择题)和第 Ⅱ 卷 (非选择题)。满分为 150 分,考试时间为 120 分钟。
- 2. 请用黑色签字笔将学校、班级、姓名、考号分别填写在答题卷和机读卡的相应位置上。

第 [卷(选择题部分)

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。

- A. She didn't go outside.
- B. She didn't hear clearly.
- C. She didn't see the glasses.

- 2. Who is the man speaking to?
 - A. A dentist.

- B. His daughter.
- C. Mrs. Smith.

- 3. Why was the man out of work?
 - A. He was fired because of lateness.
 - B. He quit the job owing to his health problem.
 - C. His company closed down due to the COVID-19.
- 4. What will the woman do?
 - A. Write a report.
- B. Go shopping.
- C. Go home.

- 5. What are the speakers mainly talking about?
 - A. A country.

- B. The population.
- C. A language.

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。

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6. What does the man do?		
A. A car seller.	B. A police officer.	C. A student.
7. What do we know about the woman'	?	
A. She'll have to pay a fine.	B. She can't offer the license.	C. She just receives a warning.
听第7段材料,回答第8至10	题。	
8. Why does the woman want to lose w	reight?	
A. To look pretty.	B. To stay healthy.	C. To avoid being laughed at.
9. What does the woman ask the man to	o do?	
A. Buy her a cup of coffee.	B. Give her some suggestions.	C. Make a training plan for her.
10. What does the woman think of the	man?	
A. He's quite helpful.	B. He's a little worried.	C. He's so surprised.
听第8段材料,回答第11至13	题。	
11. What does the woman want the ma	n to do at first?	
A. Make a decision quickly.		
B. Drive the car on the freeway.		
C. Talk about price.		
12. What does the man say about the ca	ar?	
A. Its style really appeals to him.		
B. It is a second-hand car with high	price.	
C. It doesn't drive smoothly.		
13. How much should the man pay if h	e buys the car?	
A. \$16,600.	B. \$17,800.	C. \$18,600.
听第9段材料,回答第14至16	〕 题。	
14. What is the conversation mainly ab	out?	
A. Habits.	B. Advice.	C. Hobbies.
15. What is Agatha Christie probably?		
A. A famous writer.	B. A movie star.	C. A bookseller.
16. What does Bob suggest doing?		
A. Buying some books.	B. Watching movies.	C. Waiting at the office.

17. Where is Easter Island?

听第10段材料,回答第17至20题。

- A. In Europe.
- B. In America.

A. 788.

- C. In the southeastern Pacific Ocean.
- 18. What caused the decrease of the population?

A. Disease. B. War.

19. How many statues are on the island?

C. 887.

C. Earthquakes.

- 20. What has been proved about the statues?
 - A. They remain a mystery today.
 - B. They were from another planet.
 - C. They were built by ancient people on the island.

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,并在答题纸上将该项涂黑。

B. 1100.

A

Most Chinese diners pick up food from communal platters(公益) with the same pair of chopsticks that they then use to eat, or serve others. <u>Double dipping is the norm.</u> But the government hopes to change habits by urging people to use a second pair of chopsticks — just for serving.

State news agencies are calling it a "dining table revolution." Dr. Zhong Nanshan and Dr. Zhang Wenhong, outspoken infectious disease experts who have become celebrities since the outbreak of the COVID-19, have voiced their support. The authorities across the country are running advertisements with slogans like: "The distance between you and civilized dining is just one pair of serving chopsticks."

Some restaurants and diners have followed the call. They are offering discounts to diners who use serving chopsticks. In the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou, more than 100 outstanding restaurants have formed a "Serving Chopsticks Alliance."

Still, resistance is strong. Many see sharing food with one's own chopsticks as among the most genuine expressions of China's communal culture and emphasis on family, no less essential than hugging is to Americans or the cheek kiss is to the French. Serving chopsticks are typically associated with formal settings, like feasts and meals with strangers.

By contrast, wheat-eating northerners, and particularly the men, take pride in what Chinese call "eating big and drinking big," without caring about such small concerns as germs and bacteria. Never mind a small, recent experiment by government experts who found that the level of bacteria in dishes for which serving chopsticks were used was as little as 0.4 percent the level of dishes shared in the regular fashion.

- 21. What does the underlined sentence "Double dipping is the norm." mean in paragraph 1?
 - A. Normally, people use reusable chopsticks in a meal.
 - B. It's common to use two pairs of chopsticks in a meal.

- C. It's a common practice to share food with one's own chopsticks.
- D. People will dip their chopsticks in soup twice before serving others.
- 22. The author mentioned Dr. Zhong Nanshan and Dr. Zhang Wenhong in paragraph 2 to______
 - A. introduce the topic

B. show their popularity

C. draw readers' attention

- D. strengthen the persuasion of the call
- 23. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?
 - A. People should use serving chopsticks whenever dining.
 - B. It's civilized to use serving chopsticks when dining out.
 - C. Northern men especially mind using serving chopsticks.
 - D. Some restaurants encourage diners to use serving chopsticks with discounts.

B

Chinese Culture Shown to the World with Love

Li Ziqi, a short video blogger specializing in traditional Chinese cooking and handicrafts, has gained worldwide popularity.

Li has about 20 million followers on Sina Weibo, China's equivalent to Twitter, plus 7 million followers on overseas social media networks. Many foreigners say they have got to know traditional Chinese food culture via her channel.

It is the spirit of craftsmanship(技艺) behind her works that makes Li's video clips attractive. She strictly follows the traditional steps and procedures in making traditional Chinese food and handicrafts, such as peach flower wine and silk, and goes to great lengths to ensure her videos are accurate. Sometimes she spends several months producing one of her videos.

Li has been inheriting(继承) traditional Chinese culture in a rather creative way. A closer look at her videos will show that they are never with any "analysis" that makes people feel bored. They just show audiences each and every detail of traditional Chinese culture so that the latter knows how Chinese live their beautiful and elegant lives. It is that universal appeal that makes her works so attractive. Thanks to Li's efforts, many non-material cultural heritages that only existed in memories and written records now appear before our eyes. Via her short videos, Li presents the image of a beautiful and friendly China.

With the growth of the Chinese economy, people overseas are showing more interest in traditional Chinese culture. Li has shown how to satisfy that interest in a good way, namely showing the best parts of traditional Chinese culture with her heart.

To effectively present the beauty of Chinese culture to the world, we need more Li Ziqi.

- 24. What can we learn about Li Ziqi's video clips?
 - A. They promote the sales of Chinese food and handicrafts.
 - B. They attract a large number of foreigners to visit her online shop.
 - C. They are based on her family's recipes of making traditional Chinese food.
 - D. They are aimed to introduce traditional Chinese food culture and handicrafts worldwide.
- 25. What could be inferred from Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 4?
 - A. Analysis of Chinese culture in Li's videos makes people bored.

- B. Details and accuracy play significant roles in the success of Li's videos.
- C. Li makes sure all of her video clips are short enough to be downloaded.
- D. Cultural heritages usually exist in memories and written accounts.
- 26. What is the author's purpose in writing the passage?
 - A. To provide guidance on cooking and making handicrafts.
 - B. To suggest a way of attracting more followers on Sina Weibo.
 - C. To encourage more people to make efforts to bring Chinese culture to the world.
 - D. To give an example of how to gain worldwide popularity as a a short video blogger.

 \mathbf{C}

Choosing to forget something might take more mental effort than trying to remember it, researchers at the University of Texas discovered. Their findings suggest that in order to forget an unwanted experience, more attention should be focused on it.

"Decades of research has shown that we have the ability to forget something out of our own free will, but in what way our brains do that is still being questioned. Once we can figure out how memories are weakened and come up with ways to control this, we can design treatment to help people rid themselves of unwanted memories," said Jarrod Lewis-Peacock, the study's senior author.

Memories are dynamic constructions of the brain that regularly get updated, adjusted and reorganized through experience. The brain is constantly remembering and forgetting information — and much of this happens automatically during sleep.

Their findings not only confirmed that humans have the ability to control what they forget, but that successful intentional forgetting required more activity than what was required to remember.

"A proper level of brain activity is important to this forgetting mechanism(机制). Too strong, and it will strengthen the memory; too weak, and you won't change it," said Tracy Wang, lead author of the study. "Importantly, it's the intention to forget that increases the activation(激活) of the memory, and when this activation hits the proper level sweet spot, that's when it leads to later forgetting of that experience."

The researchers also found that participants were more likely to forget scenes than faces. "We're learning how these mechanisms in our brain respond to different types of information, and it will take a lot of further research before we understand how to use our ability to forget," said Lewis-Peacock.

- 27. What remains a puzzle to researchers?
 - A. How our memories can be strengthened.
 - B. How our brains voluntarily forget something.
 - C. What effect unwanted memories have on our brains.
 - D. Whether our brains can voluntarily forget something.
- 28. Which of the following words can best describe memories?
- A. Active. B. Lasting. C. Casual. D. Ridiculous.
- 29. According to Tracy Wang, forgetting is possible when_____.
 - A. the information involves more emotion
 - B. the activation of the memory reaches a certain level

- C. people respond to new experiences in an adaptive way
- D. people have the strongest intention to forget something
- 30. What can be a suitable title for the passage?
 - A. What It Takes to Forget an Unwanted Experience
 - B. Strong Memories Have a Great Influence on Health
 - C. Forgetting Uses More Brain Power than Remembering
 - D. How to Train Our Brains to Voluntarily Forget Something

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。

Your house may have an effect on your figure. Experts say the way you design your home could play a role in whether you pack on the pounds or keep them off. You can make your environment work for you instead of against you. 31.

Open the curtains and turn up the lights. <u>32</u>, for people are often less self-conscious(难为情) when they're in poorly lit places — and so more likely to eat lots of food. If your home doesn't have enough window light, get more lamps and flood the place with brightness.

__33__. Research suggests warm colors fuel our appetites. In one study, people who ate meals in a blue room consumed 33% less than those in a yellow or red room. Warm colors like yellow make food appear more inviting, while cold colors make us feel less hungry. So when it's time to repaint, go blue.

Don't forget the clock — or the radio. People who eat slowly tend to consume about 70 fewer calories per meal than those who rush through their meals. Begin keeping track of the time, and try to make dinner last at least 30 minutes. And while you're at it, actually sit down to eat. ___34__. It makes you less likely to rush through a meal.

Downsize the dishes. <u>35</u>. We eat about 22% more when using a 12-inch plate instead of a 10-inch plate. When we choose a large spoon over a smaller one, total intake jumps by 14%. And we'll pour about 30% more liquid into a short, wide glass than a tall, skinny glass.

- A. Mind the colors
- B. Colors are important
- C. Big serving bowls and plates can easily make us fat
- D. Dark environments are more likely to encourage overeating
- E. If you need some help slowing down, turn on relaxing music
- F. Here are some ways to turn your home into part of your diet plan
- G. Suggested ways to make your home environment relaxing are as follows

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。

Holding my father's hands one night, I couldn't help but notice their calluses(老茧) and roughness.

His hands tell the story of his life as a farmer, <u>36</u> all his struggles. One summer, I remember, a drought hit Ontario, turning it into a 37 desert. On one of those hot mornings I was picking sweet corn with my dad to fill the last 38 from the grocery store. Fifty dozen was all we needed, which 39 took twenty minutes. That morning, however, the process didn't 40 quickly. After forty minutes of aimlessly walking in the field, we ___41___ needed twenty dozen. I was completely 42 and angry. Dropping the basket heavily, I declared, "If the store wants its last twenty dozen, they can pick it themselves!" Dad 43, "Just think, my little girl, only ten dozen left for each of us and then we're 44 ." Such is Dad — whatever problem he 45 , he never gives up. <u>46</u>, the disastrous effects of the drought were felt all over our country. It was a/an <u>47</u> time for everyone, but Dad remained optimistic. He 48 to be grateful for other things like good health and food on our plates. Only then did I truly begin to 49 Dad and his faith that guided us through the hard times. Dad is also a living example of real ___50_. From dawn to dark, he works countless hours to __51__ our family. He always puts our happiness ____52 ___ his own, and never fails to cheer me on at my sports games 53 his exhaustion after long days. His loving and selfless nature has inspired me to become Dad, the life ___55__ I have learned from you will stay with me forever. You are my father, teacher, friend and, most importantly, my hero. B. including C. concerning D. besides 36. A. except 37. A. stormy B. lively C. burning D. disappearing 38. A. order B. form D. position C. gap 39. A. naturally C. eventually D. actually B. normally 40. A. go B. begin C. occur D. change 41. A. yet B. even C. still D. nearly 42. A. discouraged B. disappointed C. annoyed D. frightened 43. A. apologized B. scolded C. complained D. comforted 44. A. lost B. done C. gone D. touched 45. A. thinks about B. brings up C. works out D. meets with 46. A. Surprisingly B. Unfortunately C. Hopefully D. Strangely 47. A. unforgettable B. regretful C. embarrassed D. tough 48. A. happened B. seemed C. continued D. aimed 49. A. appreciate C. examine D. question B. face 50. A. care B. love C. pride D. honesty 51. A. settle B. impress C. please D. support 52. A. before B. after C. beside D. under 53. A. in control of B. in terms of C. in spite of D. in place of 54. A. careful B. positive C. humorous D. considerate

C. lessons

D. patterns

55. A. rules

B. mottoes

第Ⅱ卷 (非选择题部分)

第二节: (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

阅读下面材料,	在空白外值》	\ 话当的内容	(1 个单词)	或括号内单词的正确形式

Cities around China have started allowing people to set up roadside ___56__(booth) or food stalls on streets. Vendors(商贩) used to be banned ___57__(keep) cities clean, and now their return ___58__(expect) to help increase people's incomes and promote local economies hit hard by the COVID-19 outbreak.

People are allowed to set up temporary roadside businesses, __59_ were previously targeted by city administrators because they have often caused traffic jams and pollution. There will be no charge for running a business in a designated(指定的) roadside area, __60_ they must operate in an orderly manner and mustn't interrupt traffic and local life. Also, they have to pass __61_ (environment) protection assessments.

Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province, <u>62</u> (allow) people to run businesses in designated areas on some pedestrian streets since March 15, <u>63</u> (create) more than 100,000 jobs, the city government said.

Actually, it's <u>64</u> opportunity to find the balance <u>65</u> city administration and roadside businesses, so the businesses can be sustainable in the future.

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)

假定你是李华,你的室友们经常有一些令人不开心的行为,如经常聊天聊到深夜等。这些严重 影响了你的心情甚至学习,为此你向宿舍管理员王老师写信投诉反映此事,具体内容如下:

- 1. 反映情况,表示不满(列举令你不开心的行为至少两条);
- 2. 希望重视,尽快解决。

注意:

- 1. 词数 80 左右;
- 2. 可以适当增加细节,以使行文连贯;
- 3. 开头和结尾已为你写好,不计入总词数。

Dear Mr. Wang,

I'm Li Hua, a student in Room 312.

Sincerely yours,

Li Hua

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。

Laurie sat quietly in the empty dressing room at the ice-skating rink(溜冰场). She had not been skating in any competition since her <u>left knee</u> was badly injured in an accident six months ago. As she waited for her turn to <u>skate</u>, Laurie was very nervous. "If I can <u>win</u> today," she thought, "I can skate in the World Cup next year and then maybe I can make it to the Olympics."

Laurie was told that she had a tough <u>competitor</u> this year, a girl named Jinny Jordan who was really strong in everything. "She is the one you have to beat this year," said the <u>coach</u>.

Minutes later, the door swung open and Laurie saw a young woman who was about her own age. The young woman <u>dropped</u> her skating bag onto a chair. The bag fell to the floor with a thud (砰地一声). "Hi, I'm Jinny Jordan," she said.

Laurie felt uncomfortable as she looked at Jinny. "So this is my competitor," thought Laurie. "Because of her, I may <u>lose</u> tonight."

"This costume(表演服) was my mom's idea," Jinny said, looking down at her red, white, and blue skating dress. "It looks like a flag."

Laurie couldn't keep from smiling. She pointed to Jinny's bag, "Some stuff fell out of your bag." Jinny looked down. As she began to gather her belongings, the <u>door</u> opened.

"Jinny," called someone, "You'd better give the music tape to the sound engineer right away."

"Oh, my God! I thought I had handed it hours ago. It's a green box with my initials(姓名首字母) written on it," screamed Jinny, hurrying out.

Laurie knew that music was nearly as <u>important</u> to the program as the skating itself. If she lost her music tape, she might as well forget about skating. Laurie stood up and walked to the chair to do a few more knee bends.

注意:

- 1. 所续写短文的词数应为 150 左右;
- 2. 至少使用 5 个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

Suddenly Laurie saw a dark green box with letters "J. J" behind the leg of the dressing table	
Paragraph 2	
Feeling relieved, Laurie skated quickly to the center of the rink after the announcer finally called her name	2.

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高三英语参考答案

听力: 1—5 BCCBA 6—10 BABBA 11—15 BBACA 16—20 ACACC

阅读: 21-23 CDA 24-26 DBC 27-30 BABC 31-35 FDAEC

完形: 36-40 BCABA 41-45 CADBD 46-50 BDCAB 51-55 DACDC

填空: 56. booths 57. to keep 58. is expected / is being expected 59. which

60. but 61. environmental 62. has been allowing / has allowed 63. creating

64. an 65. between

应用文参考范文

Dear Mr. Wang,

<u>I'm Li Hua, a student in Room 312.</u> I'm writing to make a complaint about my roommates' inconsiderate behavior.

Firstly, much to my dissatisfaction, some of them seldom participate in cleaning up the room, usually making it messy. Worse still, my items are often used without permission. What annoys me most is that they are constantly chatting loudly till midnight, which dramatically impacts my rest. Owing to these circumstances, I have found it difficult to concentrate on my lessons recently.

Thus, I'd appreciate it if you could give due attention to the matter and help create a harmonious atmosphere at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Li Hua

续写参考范文

Paragraph 1

Suddenly Laurie saw a dark green box with letters "J. J" behind the leg of the dressing table. She picked it up. "It's Jinny's music tape!" she exclaimed, surprised and excited. Her heart began to pound wildly, "What I'd have to do is to forget that I found this. Jinny would look pretty ridiculous skating without music. And then I would win." Laurie shivered slightly. Then another voice echoed in her mind, "Is winning really so important to me that I'd be willing to cheat for it?" Without hesitation, she lunged towards the door and called Jinny loudly.

Paragraph 2

Feeling relieved, Laurie skated quickly to the center of the rink after the announcer finally called her

name. Music filling the stadium, she skated gracefully and beautifully. Her left knee was fine and she felt

herself gliding smoothly like a bird. The audience applauded from time to time enthusiastically, supporting

her in her comeback. When she finished, her coach ran up to her and hugged her, "You made it, Laurie!"

Laurie smiled and thought about Jinny's music tape. "No one will ever know how close I really came to

losing," she said softly to herself.

录音原文

Text 1

M: Wow, the sunlight is strong outside. Grandma, do you see my sunglasses?

W: Sorry, I didn't catch that.

Text 2

M: Hello, this is Wilson. Can I speak to Jerry Smith?

W: I'm sorry, he isn't in now. He took our daughter to see a dentist.

Text 3

M: My company went bankrupt, so I was unemployed.

W: Poor you. What caused that?

M: Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

W: Sorry to hear that. Every cloud has a silver lining (守的云开见月明).

Text 4

W: Where are you off to?

M: To the library. I want to find some information and write my history report. Are you going home now?

W: No, I plan to go to the mall to buy a present for my mom.

Text 5

M: The current population of Egypt was over 101 million in 2020, which accounts for 1.31% of the total world population.

W: What language do people there speak?

M: The national language is Arabic.

Text 6 (第 6 题为推断题)

M: Hi, ma'am. May I see your driver's license and registration, please?

W: Yes, sir. Just give me one second.

M: Ma'am, you know that you are in a school zone. And you were speeding. **T'm going to have to** write you a ticket for that.

W: Ahh... Could you please give me a break (饶了我吧)?

M: **①Unfortunately, it's already been written.** Please drive safely, ma'am.

W: **7**Fine. Thank you, sir.

Text 7 (第 10 题为推断题)

M: Hi, Mary. You're late again.

W: I'm so sorry. I missed the early bus.

M: I was so surprised when you called me yesterday and told me you wanted to come to the gym with me.

W: (a) My doctor said I should watch my weight. People who are overweight are more likely to develop a number of potentially serious health problems.

M: Oh, I thought what you really wanted was to look good in this summer.

W: Well, I'm a little worried. **9If you have any advice for me, I'll be happy to listen.**

M: Maybe you should change your diet first. If you don't eat so many sweets any more, you will definitely lose weight.

W: You're right.

M: Of course it's incredibly important to exercise a lot. So, let's make a detailed plan.

W: Oh, how nice of you! How about having a coffee? This is my treat.

Text 8

W: **①How about taking this car out for a drive?**

M: That would be a great idea.

W: Fine, I'll need your driver's license and proof of insurance.

M: Here they are.

W: Just sign this card and we'll be on our way. Don't forget to buckle your seat belt!

M: Thanks for letting me test drive the car. This car has a nice smooth ride, even on the freeway.

W: I agree with you. Let's work out the details of the purchase.

M: Actually, I have other cars to look at before making my decision.

W: It's a great deal. Let's talk about price. Maybe you'll change your mind.

M: Well, how much does this car cost?

W: The total will be \$18,600.

M: I was thinking a little lower than that.

W: Whoa! What price are you thinking is fair?

M: More like \$16,000.

W: Um... I'll give it to you for \$17,000.

M: **(2)** That would be a good price if the car was in great shape, but it's registered as having been in an accident.

W: (3)OK, \$16,600 and that's my final offer.

Text 9 (第 14 题为总结题)

W: Hey, Bob. What do you do when you're not at the office?

M: Umm... I like reading very much, which always makes me feel peaceful and relaxed. I've been reading *The Great Gatsby* recently.

W: How do you like it so far?

M: It's great. So Adelaide, do you read books in your spare time?

W: Yes, and I'm really into detective novels.

M: Who is your favorite author?

W: **(5)**Of course Agatha Christie. Some of her novels have been made into films.

M: Do you sometimes reread your favorite books?

W: Yes. Some books are worth reading more than once.

M: Can you judge a book by its cover?

W: No. I don't think that's a good thing to do.

M: How do you decide what books to read?

W: I take suggestions from my friends.

M: (16) Let's go to the bookstore right now. I need something new.

W: Great. Maybe you can recommend some to me.

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W: ①Easter Island is an island in the southeastern Pacific Ocean, 3,500 km off the coast of South America. A European explorer discovered it on Easter Sunday on April 5th, 1722. It has also been called "the Belly Button of the World", because there are no other islands near it. The earliest people lived there from 700 to 1100. Over the next 800 years, it developed into a complex society. ①The people lived without war, until sickness killed most of the population. ②The most interesting thing about the island is the 887 stone statues that are found there. The statues look like huge faces, with big noses and lips. Most of these stone statues are four meters tall, but the biggest one is ten meters tall. Some could have been twenty-one meters tall, but they were destroyed in earthquakes. ②Until 1987, many people thought it was impossible for ancient people to move the heavy stones. Some people said visitors from another planet brought them there. The secret of Easter Island had finally been solved when some people proved the heavy stones could be moved with simple equipment.