**高二年级英语试题**

**考生须知：**

**1．本卷共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、学号和姓名；考场号、座位号写在指定位置；**

**3．所有答案必须写在答题纸上，写在试卷上无效；**

**4．考试结束后，只需上交答题纸。**

**第I卷**

**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 did the woman send the e-mail to the man?

A. She made a mistake. B. He headed the project. C. She wanted him to check her plan.

2. What does the woman want the man to do with the box?

A. Carry it downstairs. B. Put it in a low position. C. Move it to the upper shelf.

3. When will the dinner start?

A. At 8:00. B. At 7:30. C. At 7:00.

4. What could the man most probably be?

A. A secretary. B. A salesman. C. A policeman.

5. What are the speakers mainly talking about?

A. A competition. B. A team. C. A classmate.

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，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 does the woman say about her present work?

A. The job is easy. B. The journey is tiresome. C. The pay is low.

7. What kind of work will the woman do next fall?

A. Writing. B. Teaching. C. Driving.

听第7段材料，回答第8至10题。

8. How did the man get the information of the movie preview?

A. From TV. B. From the newspaper. C. From the woman.

9. Why did the man miss the movie last night?

A. He picked up a wrong channel.

B. He was doing his homework at that time.

C. There was something wrong with his TV set.

10. What does the woman say about the movie?

A. It was made for parents. B. It was based on a real story. C. It will be on again next week.

听第8段材料，回答第11至13题。

11. How did Mr. Lam help the boy?

A. He helped him with study. B. He gave him pocket money. C. He found him a part-time job.

12. What is the boy’s attitude towards the club?

A. It is expensive. B. It is satisfying. C. It is useless.

13.What advice does the boy offer?

A. Keeping in touch with students.

B. Making a note of students’ problems.

C. Putting a letter box outside the club’s room.

听第9段材料，回答第14至17题。

14. What does the Hotel Sunshine have?

A. A gym. B. A cinema. C. A multimedia center.

15. Where can people get instruction programs in water sports?

A. In the Sunshine Hotel. B. In the Carminia Hotel. C. In the Highland Hotel.

16. What can people do in the Royal Hotel for free?

A. See a film. B. Surf the Internet. C. Play golf.

17. Why does the man choose the Carminia Hotel?

A. It's relaxing. B. It has a meeting room. C. It includes the top health center.

听第10段材料，回答第18至20题。

18. Where is the speaker now?

A. In a hospital. B. In a college. C. In a pet school.

19. In which aspect is a visit from a dog helpful?

A. It cures the patients. B. It makes patients feel better. C. It helps do a lot of things.

20. What are the dogs first trained to do in the program?

A. Play with patients and their children.

B. Accompany patients to their hospital rooms.

C. Be familiar with the hospital and pick up things.

**第二部分 阅读理解（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**

**Visit the New York Botanical Garden**

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is an advocate for the plant world. We welcome all to learn about the importance of plants and plant science, and the joy of gardening.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

•HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW

The NYBG’s Holiday Train Show — a favorite holiday tradition — has been making memories for over 30 years! See model trains pass through a wonderful display of more than 190 replicas (复制品) of New York landmarks, each re-created from natural materials.

•T.H. EVERETT: A LIFE IN PLANTS

Through T.H. Everett’s extensive archive (档案) held by the LuEsther T. Mertz Library, we explore this influential man’s extraordinary career, from his modest beginnings in England and early training at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, to his path to the New York Botanical Garden.

**ADMISSION**

All visitors, including members, need tickets for entry to the Garden. Purchase at the Garden or reserve your tickets in advance online and display them on your mobile device for quicker entry.

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| Pricing | Public | Member |
| Adult | $15 | Free |
| Senior (65+) | $7 | Free |
| Student (with ID) | $7 | Free |
| Child (2-12) | $4 | Free |
| Child under 2 | Free | Free |

**OPENING TIMES**

•January– July: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. •August – December: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

21. What can visitors do at the *HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW*?

A. Celebrate a traditional holiday. B. Tour the garden in a train.

C. Watch a model-trains show. D. Recreate landmark replicas.

22. What does the second event focus on?

A. T.H. Everett’s career life in plant study. B. T.H. Everett’s influence on botany.

C. T.H. Everett’s educational background. D. T.H. Everett’s contribution to the garden.

23. What is the admission fee for an adult member with a 3-year-old non-member?

A. Free. B. $4. C. $15. D. $19.

**B**

Tired of working in IT and staying the same in Australia, Paulo Cattanco decided to make a change. In 2015 he started a strict budget so he could save up enough money to buy his dream KTM1190 motorbike, a camera, and enough funds to support himself for a few years.

Then he gave up his job, packed his things, and set off on an adventure, travelling the world on his motorbike. Paulo, 39, has spent the last four years biking through Australia. South America, North America, and Europe, riding up to 12 hours a day and spending his nights in his tent under the stars.

“Australia for me was my first experience riding long distance and I was mind-blown by the beauty of the old continent.” Paulo wrote on his travel journal, “Traveling through Latin America, I explored the rainforest and learned Spanish and Portuguese. Mexico has some of the best food I ever had and Peru is an interesting place where I can enjoy the unique local Indian culture, also called Inca civilization.”

Paulo has managed to keep his travels going by keeping his budget tight, so he hasn’t had to get a job for his travels. To keep costs low, he seldom looked for accommodation in hotels and went camping instead. Thankfully, the motorbike, which Paulo bought second hand in Australia, has not required any major repairs since he set off. The journey isn’t always easy, but Paulo has never looked back.

Sadly, the Covid-19 pandemic put a stop to his travels in Greece when he traveled around Europe, and Paulo has had to spend the last few months in Italy, his homeland. Once the world is back up and running, he plans to return to life on the road and explore Asia and Africa.

24. What did Paulo begin to do in 2015?

A. He switched his occupation. B. He started a travel adventure.

C. He carried out a saving plan. D. He purchased travel equipment.

25. What do we know about Paulo’s journey?

A. He enjoyed the best food in Peru. B. The motorbike often troubled him.

C. He got a job to support his travel. D. The view in Australia appealed to him.

26.Which of the following words can best describe Paulo?

A. Determined and adventurous. B. Intelligent and economical.

C. Ambitious and idealistic. D. Humble and knowledgeable.

27.Where is the text probably from?

A. A fitness magazine. B. A travel journal.

C. A lifestyle website. D. A sports column.

**C**

In recent years, towns across Italy have been racing to launch plans aimed at attracting new residents to revive the towns. From abandoned homes selling for a euro, to ready-to-occupy houses at low prices, there has been a tendency for competition.

The picturesque town of Presicce is the latest to enter the game with a very **alluring** offer. Officials say they will pay people up to 30,000 euros to buy an empty house and take up residency. Even better, the houses for sale as part of the deal are priced around 25,000 euros. The cash motivation is expected to breathe new life into the depopulating town, where newborns are fewer each year.

Presicce traces its history to the Middle Ages, booming during the Renaissance as a prosperous place known for its fine wine, cheeses and cattle trade. It gains a reputation as a “town of green gold” for green olive trees and olive oil. Its location is incredible, surrounded by the nature of the Salento area and close to beautiful beaches and clear waters of Santa Maria di Leuca. “There are many empty homes in the historical center built before 1991 which we would like to see alive again with new residents,” says local councilor Alfredo Palese. “It is a pity witnessing how our old districts full of history, wonderful architecture and art are slowly emptying.”

According to Palese, a 2019 merger (合并) with the nearby town Acquarica to create the larger town Presicce-Acquarica has provided them with extra money to ensure the project can continue for years to come. “After the merger as per Italian law, our wider territory will be blessed with more public funds, roughly 1,000,000 euros per year for several years forward, which we intend to invest to renew the old district,” says Palese.

The town hall has already launched other plans to attract more residents, including tax benefits to set up new business activities and baby bonuses for families with kids.

28. What problem do many Italian towns face?

A. Depressed housing market. B. Financial crisis.

C. Fierce business competition. D. Population decline.

29. What does the underlined word “alluring” in paragraph 2 mean?

A. Conditional. B. Attractive. C. Formal. D. Reasonable.

30. What’s the author’ purpose of writing paragraph 3?

A. To show Presicce’s past glory. B. To introduce Presicce’s traditional culture.

C. To advertise a historical town. D. To stress the importance of reviving Presicce.

31. Why did Palese and Acquarica merge in 2019?

A. To create wider territory. B. To gain more funds.

C. To attract more investment. D. To follow Italian law.

**D**

Trees naturally absorbed CO2 through photosynthesis (光合作用), releasing oxygen, storing carbon for decades, or even centuries. Biotechnology firm Living Carbon says lab trials of its genetically-changed poplar trees take up more carbon and grow 1.5 times faster than unchanged ones. The team added genes from pumpkin to the poplars, which makes their photosynthesis more efficient, turning more carbon dioxide into sugars to create wood biomass (生物量).

Though the firm’s lab results are promising, biologists warn that high growth rates are not guaranteed in the wild as the poplars compete for sunlight with other plants and trees. Genetically-modified (GM) supertrees may also need much watering and fertilizer to keep their rapid growth.

The results are important given the rate of climate change and climbing CO2 levels in the atmosphere. But critics say there are risks to planting GM trees in the wild if they reproduce with other trees, or negatively affect other plant and animal species. Living Carbon says trees are a hybrid that can only reproduce from cuttings, so cannot cross-pollinate (授粉) with wild trees.

If the field trials are successful then it will still take time to get approval from the government. One sixth, around 135, tree species in the US may face extinction due to climate change, foreign insect species, or disease. And even though field trials of a GM chestnut tree have shown its ability to resist some foreign disease that wiped out billions ofAmerican chestnuts, it still has not been approved for planting.

If CO2 storage is the aim then there are species that already **fit the bill**. California’s Redwood trees store more carbon than any other species. Redwoods are not suitable for every forestry plot, so creating climate adaptable trees through reproducing programs that fit into local ecosystems is the goal. But in the rush to fix the climate crisis, increase CO2 uptake, and carbon storage, GM supertrees may be part of that solution.

32. How was the poplars’ carbon capacity improved?

A. By absorbing carbon dioxide. B. By producing wood biomass.

C. By speeding up photosynthesis. D. By engineering their genes.

33. What is the potential disadvantage of the GM trees?

A. They reproduced with other plants. B. It is impossible to get approval.

C. It is hard to grow fast in the wild. D. They are not competitive enough.

34. What does the underlined phrase “**fit the bill**” in the last paragraph mean?

A. Be unusual. B. Be available. C. Be unsuitable. D. Be valuable.

35. What can be the best title for the text?

A. Supertrees Could be Climate Fix. B. Supertrees Take up More Carbon.

C. Change of Genes Reduce CO2. D. Changes of Genes Brings Efficiency.

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。

Is your glass of milk half-full or half-empty? This saying is often used to test people's outlook in a situation; do they focus on the positives (a half-full glass) or the negatives (a half-empty one)? 36 —and it’s known to boost your well-being.

**Why is thinking positively good for you?**

Research shows that people who are optimistic and think positively tend to experience less stress and cope well when faced with life's challenges. People who are more pessimistic may find it hard to believe that these challenges will pass. Scientists have even found that thinking positively can make you live longer. According to Professor Tali Sharot, being optimistic about the future can make you happier and more successful. 37

**Worrying is like a fire alarm.**

Everybody can worry from time to time. Worrying can help to keep you safe — if you were never worried and were overly positive about how things would turn out, you wouldn't recognize risks. “ 38 It's like a fire alarm,” says child psychotherapist RachelMelville-Thomas. “The trouble is that sometimes it goes off when there isn’t a huge danger to face.” When this happens, you can feel anxious and hopeless about what lies ahead.

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Optimism is shaped by your genes, which carry characteristics inherited from your parents, and by what happens to you. 40 Research has shown that it can help to draw or write an outcome that’s positive — for example, an image of you playing guitar, having passed your next grade. Imagining this can motivate you to work to achieve it, such as practicing every day after school.

A. Learn to think positively.

B. Sometimes worrying can do harm to our health.

C. The way you think positively or negatively largely depends on your genes.

D. Worrying is our brain warning us that there might be something threatening.

E. However, no matter your starting point, everyone can learn to become more optimistic.

F. Thinking positively, with a belief that most things will turn out well, is called optimism.

G. This’s because you believe your goals are achievable, which encourages you to work towards them.

**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 was waiting in a checkout line. A woman and two boys were ahead of me. At the cash desk, a white-haired man had begun to 41 his goods. Then came the 42 . Sometimes it’s a customer with multiple coupons (优惠券), or someone who forgot to 43 a piece of fruit. Fair enough. One waited.

But today, it was something else. The man didn’t have 44 money. So he began the process of choosing which 45 to keep and which to hand back. He 46 over each one before keeping or abandoning it. We waited. Longer lines surged ahead.

Eventually, his 47 came to an end. The man turned back to us as he left, 48 and apologetic. We 49 off his chagrin (懊恼). It could happen to anyone.

But I had no idea just how 50 the family of three ahead of me were until their turn came. The woman asked the cashier to add all the 51 goods to her bill as quickly as possible. Then the two boys 52 through the exit with the small bag of groceries. When they returned, it was clear that their mission had been 53 .

Then I realized all it took to witness this flash of 54 was waiting a little longer in a checkout line. I could have caught the bus. But I felt so 55 on my feet that I walked home instead.

41.A. bag B. list C. check D. receive

42.A. question B. barrier C. difficulty D. conflict

43.A. fetch B. slice C. weigh D. taste

44.A. adequate B. pocket C. extra D. bonus

45.A. tools B. items C. drinks D. snacks

46.A. doubted B. glanced C. shifted D. paused

47.A. delay B. evaluation C. checkup D. selection

48.A. thrilled B. anxious C. embarrassed D. satisfied

49.A. blew B. waved C. cut D. kicked

50.A. helpless B. sympathetic C. patient D. annoyed

51.A. expensive B. thrown-away C. left-behind D. major

52.A. dashed B. slipped C. walked D. moved

53.A. accomplished B. failed C. postponed D. started

54.A. tenderness B. courage C. kindness D. tolerance

55.A. fast B. heavy C. clumsy D. light

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个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

Many foreigners first learn about Chinese culture through numerous Chinese restaurants 56 (find) all over the world. The second impression of Chinese culture is often Peking Opera, 57 masks are now almost symbolic of China. Many countries design posters 58 (use) Peking Opera masks to signal a “Year of Chinese Culture”.

59 impresses people most is the artistic beauty of Peking Opera masks, which serve two purposes. One is to indicate the identity and character of the role. For example, a red face means that the person is loyal and brave 60 a white face identifies the person as foxy and evil. The other purpose is to express people’s 61 (assess) of the roles from a moral and aesthetic (美学的) point of view, such as respectable, hateful or noble etc.

Zhang Fei, a heroic character from Three Kingdoms Period (220-280), has a 62 (face) design in the shape of a butterfly— 63 perfect combination of personality and artistic design. The beauty of the color and design of Peking Opera masks adds to the attractive performance 64 stage. Therefore, Peking Opera masks 65 (adopt) as a source element in designing many Chinese folk handicrafts, posters, and fashions.

第四部分 写作（共两节，分满分40分）

第一节：应用文写作（满分15分）

为缓解学生压力，确保健康，创设一个能抒发情绪、获得专业心理指导的平台，你校英文报新开设了一个专栏“心灵之约”。请你介绍该专栏，内容包括：

1.专栏开设目的；2.专栏内容；3.你的感想。

注意：

1.写作词数应为80左右；

2.请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

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| Anew column called *Listen to Your Heart* is set up in our school newspaper. |

第二节 读后续写（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。

“Jane! Look who I brought home!” My father stuck his head out from behind the door, flashing a big smile. My heart skipped a beat as I mouthed, “Adog?” Nodding, my father pushed the door open, revealing a large German Shepherd. I grasped my hands tightly over my mouth and failed to hold back a sharp scream. Rushing back into my room, I locked the door and covered the gap between it and the floor with tape. I had had a strong fear and great hate of dogs ever since I was bitten by one badly on the face, leaving a huge and deep scar (伤疤). I decided to stay in my room until the dog had gone for a walk with my father.

After what seemed like ages, I heard the door open and shut. “Finally! I can get out of here,” I thought. Out of great joy, I threw open the door and punched (用拳猛击) the air. At that moment, I felt something wet touching my foot. To my shock, it was the dog! I stood there, scared and shocked as if my feet were rooted to the ground. When I regained my calmness, I shouted loudly, “Ahhh! It is the dog! Help! He wants to bite me! Get him away from me!”

My father was standing at the door, folding his arms and laughing quietly. “He is not going to eat you! Jane, don’t be so scared. Go on! Touch him!” he said. Attempting to show my unwillingness, I failed to do so due to my constant and uncontrollable shaking. Instead, I shouted loudly, “Never! I will never touch that dirty thing! Go away!” I picked up a tennis ball on the table and aimed at the dog but missed, causing the ball to roll across the living room.

注意：1.续写词数应为150左右；

2.请按如下格式在相应位置作答。

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| The dog barked excitedly before running across the room to fetch the ball and bring it back to me.  The following day, gathering my courage, I decided to follow my father when he took the dog out for a walk. |

**高二年级英语学科参考答案**

**第一部分：听力（共20小题；每小题1.5分，满分30分）**

1-5CBABA 6--10BABCC 11--15CBCAC 16--20BAABC

**第二部分：阅读理解**

第一节：（共15小题；每小题2.5分，满分37.5分）

21-25.CABCD 26-30.ACDBD 31-35.BDCBA

第二节：（共5小题；每小题2.5分，满分12.5分）

36-40.FGDAE

**第三部分：语言运用**

第一节：完形填空（共15小题；每小题1分，满分15分）

41-45.ABCAB 46-50.DDCBB 51-55.CAACD

第二节：（共10小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分）

56. found 57. whose 58. using 59. What 60. while

61. assessment 62. facial 63. a 64. on 65. are adopted

**第四部分：写作**

第一节：应用文写作（满分15分）

*One Possible Version:*

A new column called *Listen to Your Heart* is set up in our school newspaper. It is aimed at relieving pressure and improving students’ mental health.

The column has the unique advantage that the experts in psychology can give us the expertise and guidance, which cover the voices or feelings from students’ inner spirits and professional suggestions.

From my point of view, not only does our school attach importance to our study, but also put our mental health at the top of the list. It also provides a platform for us to communicate with others.

第二节：读后续写（满分25分）

*The dog barked excitedly before running across the room to fetch the ball and bring it back to me.* I was about to open my mouth to say “So cute”, but I resisted the urge and shouted, “Stupid dog! That is my favourite tennis ball and you just covered it with your mouth liquid! You stupid dog!” Unfortunately, the look on my face sold me out. I was laughing, my eyes lit up and I started to pet the dog. He was just so cute and lovable, and began to lie on his stomach beside my feet, enjoying my touch with his eyes slightly closed.

*The following day, gathering my courage, I decided to follow my father when he took the dog out for a walk.* Filled with joy and enthusiasm, I opened the gate. Just as I put one foot outside the gate, suddenly, deep barks sounded from up ahead. At the sight of several dogs wondering there, I stopped with my legs trembling! All at once, my dog violently barked back, causing the dogs to flee away. I regained my calmness, smiled and praised my dog. We three walked on, breathing the sweet air. From that day on, I overcame my problem — my fear of dogs.

**听力材料**

(Text 1)

M: Melissa? I just got your e-mail with the plan for the Highline Housing project, but I’m not sure why you sent it to me.

W: Oh, Josh, I was hoping you could go over it for me before I hand it in.

(Text 2)

W: Could you lend me a hand, please?

M: I’d be glad to. Where will you put this heavy box?

W: Down on the bottom shelf, and then it won’t fall and hurt anyone in sudden events.

(Text 3)

W: Do you remember what time the dinner was supposed to start? It’s already 7:00.

M: I was told it would start at 7:30. But the time was changed. It was delayed half an hour.

(Text 4)

W: I’m just going to try this dress on and then look for shoes. Where are the changing rooms?

M: They’re to the left of the Womenswear Department, right next to Customer Service. The shoe department is by the Menswear.

(Text 5)

W: The competition for the school volleyball team is tomorrow. Will you go?

M: Yeah. I heard much about it. It’ll attract many students. My classmate John will also play.

(Text 6)

M: I hear you might not be coming back to teach here next fall. Is that true?

W: Yeah. I’ve been picking up lots of writing work and, as you know, coming here is a long distance though it pays well. It’ll be much easier on me if I don’t have to drive so much every day.

M: Sounds great! Is this the technical writing you were doing a few months ago?

W: Yes, I’ve actually been turning work away the last few months. I decided if there’s ever a time to be self-employed, now is it.

(Text 7)

W: Bob, did you see the movie on Channel 12 last night?

M: No, I missed it. I read the preview in yesterday’s paper and had hoped to watch it last night. I turned on the TV, and it began to make a noise at first, and then it changed channels out of the blue. I turned it off and when I turned it on again, the picture was gone.

W: Oh, that’s too bad. It was an excellent film. It was made especially for teenagers, you know. It was based on a book by Canadian children’s novelist Marilyn Halvorson. It describes a father-son relationship ….

M: Well, I want to see that movie myself, and it’s no fun if you tell me the whole story

W: Hey, Bob! They’ll rerun the movie sometime next week.

(Text 8)

W: Hello, Martin. How are your exam preparations coming along?

M: Good, Miss Davis. I’ve worked hard for it recently. I think I’ll be ready for the coming exams.

W: Excellent! So, are you working at weekends now to get some pocket money?

M: Yes. I’m very grateful to Mr. Lam. He really helped me with my problem.

W: Mr. Lam said that your problem was that you had no pocket money. Is that right?

M: That’s right. I couldn’t go out with my friends because I didn’t even have the money for the bus fare But I’m OK now with a part-time job.

W: So, you think the Students’ Welfare Club really helped you?

M: Oh, yes. I have no complaints about the club. I think you are fantastic!

W: Thank you! Any suggestions as to how we can be even more fantastic?

M: Why don’t you have a letter box outside the club’s room? That way, we can keep in touch with you even

if we don’t get to see you.

W: That’s a great idea. It won’t cost anything to put a letter box outside. OK, thank you for your time, Martin.

(Text 9)

M: So, what are the differences between these four hotels?

W: Well, the Hotel Sunshine is the only one which has a gym and it’s also got one of the top health centers in the area. It's next to a lake so you can do water sports there. But if you really like sailing or waterskiing, then the Highland Hotel would probably be the best place because it offers great instruction programs in these sports.

M: Actually, I’m not a sporty person.

W: OK. Well, what about the Carminia Hotel? It prides itself on its cinema and multimedia center. You can also play golf there. And then there is the Royal Hotel. It’s brand new and it has a conference room, a meeting room, and free computer access, but it’s not really suitable for children; there’s not much in the way of entertainment.

M: Well, I’m going on holiday, not to work, and it’s just my wife and me so I think we’ll book the Carminia Hotel, please.

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M: Welcome to the Four-Footed Friends Visit Day at Fairfield Hospital. The “Four-Footed Friends” program is for dog owners who volunteer to bring their dogs to visit people who are ill in hospital. As any Four-Footed Friends volunteer will tell you, a weekly visit from a dog can make hospital patients feel less lonely and less afraid. It gives them something to look forward to when their new “four-footed friend” visits them each week. And that’s not all. Nurses often tell us that patients’ blood pressure and heart rate return to normal levels after a visit. I'm not suggesting that our dogs can cure patients, but I’ve seen for myself that they do make people feel better. Even patients who are feeling very discouraged look much happier the moment they see their dogs approaching. I’d like to say a little about the training program now. The first thing we have to do is get our dogs familiar with hospitals and their unusual sights, sounds and smells. Our dogs must also be trained to pick up things for patients. For example children are always dropping their toys, and older people tend to drop things like their glasses. We can’t take them to a real hospital until we have seen how they perform at the college.