The Week (Dec 25th-31st, 2021)

一周外刊新闻

1. 《华盛顿邮报》2021年12月26日 A22版面

1) 语篇填空

A combination of health issues and coronavirus restrictions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (keep) Queen Elizabeth II from public engagements since October, but the 95-year-old monarch made \_\_ brief appearance in British homes on Saturday afternoon, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (speak) about her own grief in an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (especial) personal Christmas Day message.

The annual address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (record) in advance at Windsor Castle. In her speech, Elizabeth paid tribute to her late husband, Prince Philip, \_\_\_\_\_ died in April at age 99. While delivering her remarks, the queen sat at a desk alongside a framed photograph of herself with Philip, \_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) in 2007 to mark their 60th wedding anniversary. She said she empathized with others who had lost loved ones and acknowledged the ongoing impact of the pandemic. As usual, she commented \_\_\_\_ some of the news from the royal family over the past year, including the births of four great-grandchildren.

Every Christmas, millions in Britain \_\_\_\_ in 54 Commonwealth nations tune in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the monarch deliver her Christmas message.

1. 翻译句子

我非常同情生活在那些街区的人们。

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他拒不承认改革的必要性。

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2. 《泰晤士报》2021年12月28日 23页

1) 语篇填空

If you can think of a better name for an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (danger) swan than Swanny, then conservationists need your help.

 Bewick swans are remarkable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) to the UK’s wetlands who arrive like clock-work out of the cold, winter skies every year. Experts at Slimbridge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name) Bewick swans for the past 60 years, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (build) a vast family tree of swan “dynasties” that has provided invaluable data on their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (survive) rates. Numbers have dropped since the study started and there are fewer than 21,000 in the wild.

The birds are identified \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visual) by their unique bill patterns, so they cannot be named until their bill pattern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (form). Now conservationists are appealing to Times readers to help them name \_\_\_\_ new family of swans that flew in last week. “One of the fun elements of our work is naming them,” Dr Julia Newth, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is leading conservation efforts, said. “We do this to keep track of each one and to help keep a record of where they fit into each swan family. It can be hard to come up \_\_\_\_\_ new names so we would love Times readers to help.”

2) 翻译句子

这本书对于高校学生将有重大价值。

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他们在森林里寻找不同颜色喙的鸟。

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3) 用以下选词（组）的适当形式完成句子。

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| **endangered remarkable drop** **identify conservation keep track of** |

① His blood pressure had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ severely, which made his family anxious.

② We urge Congress to increase farmland \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

③ The beetles are on the list of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ species

④ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your efforts and write down how you feel.

⑤ Supervisors must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the reasons for poor performance.

⑥ It's that kind of courage and determination that makes him such a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ character.

3.《华尔街日报》2021年12月28日 A3版面

1. 语篇填空

Snow pummeled the Pacific Northwest, California and other parts of the West Coast over the weekend and Monday, leading to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cancel) , road closures and avalanche (雪崩) warnings in the region.

 In Seattle, \_\_\_\_\_ snow isn’t common this time of year, 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (inch) fell between Sunday and Monday. Residents there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (warn) that uncovered pipes could freeze or burst as temperatures remain below freezing. On Monday, 15% of the flights in Seattle were canceled because of the snow. Portland, Ore., was experiencing similar weather, with icy conditions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) roads potentially dangerous for driving. Temperatures are expected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (remain) below freezing this week in Portland, where temperatures are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (typical) in the 40s during December.

 In the Sierra Nevada, the snow made driving dangerous, with most roads in the area \_\_\_\_\_\_ (close). Sections of Highway 395 in Nevada were also shut due \_\_\_ whiteout conditions.Heavy snowfall and strong winds caused avalanche warnings to be issued in the Central Sierra Nevada and the Eastern Sierra. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mountain) parts of Idaho and Utah were also at high risk of avalanches.

1. 翻译句子

我们设法在森林中找到了路。

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那小偷被愤怒的人群推搡并痛打。

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1. 《卫报》2021年12月29日 25页

语篇填空

China has accused the US \_\_\_ ignoring international treaty obligations and engaging in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (responsible) and unsafe conduct in outer space after two near misses between the Chinese space station and satellites operated by Elon Musk’s SpaceX company.

Zhao Lijian , \_\_\_ foreign ministry spokesperson, said yesterday that China “urges the US to act responsibly” after incidents involving SpaceX’s Starlink satellites, which he said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pose) a serious threat to the lives and safety of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (astronaut).

In a note to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space earlier this month, China said Tiangong, its new space station, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is expected to become \_\_\_\_\_ (full) operational in 2022，had to manoeuvre(操控) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (avoid) one Starlink satellite in July and another in October.

China’s note to the UN space agency in Vienna \_\_\_\_\_ (say) state parties to the outer space treaty, which is the foundation of international space law, “bear international responsibility” for activities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (carry) out by both government and non-governmental bodies in space.

1. BBC一分钟新闻（One-minute World 12/28/21）
2. 听力填空

Millions around the world face travel disruption over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the surge in Omicron variant cases sees thousands of flights cancelled due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. United Airlines says it's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those passengers affected before they arrive at the airport.

Christmas celebrations have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem (伯利恒,耶稣诞生地) culminating (以…结束) in a Mass (弥撒) at the church of the Nativity built at the site where Jesus is said to have been born. Earlier in his Christmas Eve Mass, Pope Francis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more solidarity with those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the world.

And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are underway for the launch of a rocket carrying a space telescope that could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our understanding of the universe. The rocket carrying the James Webb Space Telescope (詹姆斯韦伯太空望远镜) will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from French Guiana later this Saturday. It's the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Hubble Space Telescope (哈勃太空望远镜).

1. 翻译句子

铁路罢工使该国港口陷入了一片混乱。

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为了显示和领袖的同心同德，支持者们希望明天举行游行。

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