

济南一中高三年级上学期期中考试

英语试题

注意事项:

1. 本试卷分第 I 卷 (选择题) 和第 II 卷 (非选择题) 两部分, 共 10 页, 考试时间 120 分钟, 满分 150 分。
2. 答卷前, 考生务必将个人的姓名、座号、考籍号填涂在答题卡规定位置, 所有答案必须填涂在答题卡相应位置, 否则无效。

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, 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。

1. What will the weather be like tomorrow?
A. Windy. B. Sunny. C. Cloudy.
2. What's the probable relationship between the speakers?
A. Classmates. B. Teacher and student. C. Brother and sister.
3. When did the man start drinking coffee?
A. When he was in high school.
B. When he started working here.
C. When he was at college.
4. What does the man mean?
A. The film is not interesting.
B. He has seen the film twice.
C. The film is better than the novel.
5. What are the speakers mainly talking about?
A. A band. B. The guitar. C. Drums.

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 was the woman doing when the man got back?
A. Cooking. B. Sleeping. C. Calling.
7. How does the man feel about Johnson's coming today?
A. Surprised. B. Discouraged. C. Embarrassed.

听第 7 段材料, 回答第 8、9 题。

8. Why does the man feel excited?

- A. He has got a job. B. He's got an interview. C. He's set up a new company.

9. What will the speakers do tonight?

- A. Go to see Toby. B. Visit the company. C. Have fun.

听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。

10. How long has the man been learning English?

- A. Over six years. B. About ten years. C. About twelve years.

11. What does the woman want to know?

- A. Why people like the countryside.
B. Why Americans mostly teach in cities there.
C. Why so many Americans teach English there.

12. What does the woman do?

- A. A businesswoman. B. A teacher. C. An English student.

听第 9 段材料，回答第 13 至 16 题。

13. Why does the woman need the man's full name?

- A. To find him in the computer system.
B. To give him the e-ticket.
C. To return his passport.

14. What does the man hope to get?

- A. The baby carriage and backpack.
B. His daughter's birth certificate.
C. A seat convenient for the passage.

15. How old is the man's daughter?

- A. One year old. B. One and a half years old. C. Two years old.

16. Why should the man get to the gate earlier?

- A. To get his boarding pass.
B. To have his carry-on checked.
C. To receive special instructions.

听第 10 段材料，回答第 17 至 20 题。

17. What is the speaker probably doing?

- A. Delivering a lecture. B. Giving a training course. C. Advertising on TV.

18. What does the center provide for young people?

- A. Job funds. B. Lots of advice. C. Job opportunities.

19. How can a graduate get help from the center?

- A. By making a call. B. By paying a little money. C. By doing voluntary work.

20. What is the working time of the center?

- A. 8:30 am-4: 00 pm, weekdays.
B. 8:30 am-4: 30 pm, weekdays.

C. 8:00 am-4: 30 pm, Monday to Sunday.

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 和 D 四个选项中, 选出最佳选项。

A

Walking certainly seems to be growing in popularity. Since the dawn of smart phones, technology has made it easier to count the steps. If you feel like hitting your stride, then the following are some popular apps to help you put your best foot forward.

Joyrun

This app focuses on helping people become better runners. Users can create and join running groups and make new friends. Setting targets is a popular function. Users can choose from a variety of activities to set goals and those who achieve them may win prizes. It also offers handy tips on how to avoid injury, with input from coaches sharing their knowledge.

Codoon

This app can track your performance whether running, walking, riding or hiking. It has an active social platform where people can share photos and videos, and it offers running programs. Users can also launch their own activities, inviting people in the same city to join them. For users who wish to engage in a variety of activities, the app provides other workout programs focused on building strength and leg muscles.

WeChat

Users can choose at most 10 friends to follow and see their daily activities, though the friends they follow will not be informed. WeChat has charity programs to help vulnerable groups, such as left-behind children. Users can “donate steps” which enterprises convert to actual amounts of money that gets donated to charity programs.

Alipay

The popular mobile payment app has a charity-oriented activity called Ant Forest, where users’ steps are converted into virtual energy, which can help tree planting. The app claims that after receiving an application from a user who has saved enough energy, a real tree will be planted in arid (干旱的) areas. They also have charity programs in Alipay encouraging users to “donate steps” as well.

Ping An Good Doctor

This app, providing online health services, such as medical consultation, can also count steps, and these can be converted into virtual coins the next day. With enough virtual coins, users can buy health-related products from its online store at discounted prices. In some cases, users only need to pay a small courier fee to get items such as chocolate candies, Band-Aids and tissues.

21. If you want to get some suggestions on how to prevent yourself from wounds or damage, you can download _____.

A. Joyrun. B. Codoon. C. WeChat. D. Alipay.

22. Which two apps are related to charity programs?

- A. Codoon and Joyrun.
 - B. Joyrun and WeChat.
 - C. WeChat and Alipay.
 - D. Alipay and Ping An Good Doctor.
23. Which of the following is true according to the passage?
- A. Codoon provides programs centred on arm muscles.
 - B. You can consult Ping An Good Doctor to get online health services.
 - C. Users can buy health-related products from Ping An Good Doctor for free.
 - D. When someone saves enough energy by Alipay, a virtual tree will be planted.

B

My violin is like a soul mate that whispers words of wisdom to me. Together, we've gone through both tears and happiness.

About 12 years ago, I made acquaintance with it following an order from my mom. Many hours of boredom were spent practicing it. And to make things worse, the disappointment in my teacher's eyes as I played the wrong notes was like an invisible hammer, striking on my heart. One day, I finally decided: I hate it!

By chance, things changed when I was seven. I was at home lying on the sofa, wondering how those famous violinists dealt with this terrible dilemma. I searched online for the E-minor Concerto, a well-known violin work by German composer Felix Mendelssohn, and listened to it.

A beautiful and mysterious sound came from the violin as the bow moved across it. It was like the music slid over the flowers, rose up, and started to fill the air. The violin's voice woke up the sun, made the trees green, and freshened the air. As the music changed, the sky turned back to gray. A gloomy shade covered the grass as all the sunshine disappeared. I could hear children crying and men shouting. It was like an invisible claw had grabbed my heart tightly, making it unable to beat.

That glorious day set off my passion and interest in violin - I grabbed mine and never let it go. Before the memories faded, I stared at my instrument. Without hesitating, I picked it up, rosined (用松香擦) the bow, and began to play. Peace filled my heart.

My violin has been by my side for 12 years. When I feel happy, an energetic tune makes it even better; when I'm deep in sorrow, a peaceful tune washes it away, when I'm walking on air, feeling especially pleased with my achievements, solemn tunes calm me down. Gradually, it has become a part of my life.

My violin, shall I compare you to a summer's day?

24. What further contributed to the author's dislike of violin-playing?
- A. Orders from mum.
 - B. Boredom of practice.
 - C. Loss of passion for violin.
 - D. Disappointment in the teacher's eyes.
25. What can be inferred from Paragraph 4?
- A. The scenery outside the room was quite attractive.
 - B. The weather actually changed because of the tune.
 - C. The sudden change made the author's heart unable to beat.
 - D. The author's feeling was continuously influenced by the music.

26. Why did the author pick up the violin again?
- The invisible hammer and claw are gone.
 - The beautiful imagination changed his attitude.
 - A famous tune aroused his interest and passion.
 - He was crazy about Felix Mendelssohn's works.
27. Which of the following can be the best title for the text?
- Deep love for music.
 - Musical soul mate—violin.
 - An inspiring story of violin.
 - My dislike and like of violin.

C

Nashville, Tennessee—nicknamed Music City—is known as a centre for country music. The city will soon become even more musical. Construction of the National Museum of African-American Music(NMAAM)is scheduled to begin this year. NMAAM's goal is to highlight and celebrate the more than 50 kinds of music that African Americans have created or influenced.

“Whether you're talking about country, blues, R&B, jazz, even rock and roll, the odds are pretty high that it's African American in its beginnings,” NMAAM president and CEO Henry Hicks said.

The museum is scheduled to open in 2022.Visitors will have many opportunities to explore and learn. They will be able to enjoy musical performances and learn the history behind the music. They will be able to record their own songs and try out dance moves.

NMAAM has already offered programs, including a summer music camp help at Tennessee State University, in Nashville. A highlight for camper Matthew Mueller, 10, was when Lucius “Spoonman” Talley showed how to play the spoons, an innovative way to create music.

“People started using spoons because they were something that all people had. Not everybody could afford instruments,” Matthew says.

Matthew's grandmother, Karen Mueller, is a music teacher. She is excited for the museum to teach people about the many kinds of African-American music. “There is such a history of music that the black community brings to America and to the world,” she says. “I hope that people will come to Nashville not only to see all the country music stuff that goes on but to visit this resource as well.”

28. Why will Nashville become more musical?
- Because it has a long history of African American music.
 - Because it has created more than 50 kinds of music.
 - Because many musical programs will be held there.
 - Because the NMAAM will be built there soon.
29. The underlined word “odds” in Paragraph 2 means “_____”.
- doubts
 - chances
 - speeds
 - voices
30. What did Matthew probably think of the spoon show?
- Boring
 - Conventional
 - Impressive.
 - Ridiculous.
31. We can learn from the passage that _____.
- Karen sings high praise for the music museum

- B. Matthew can't afford to buy any musical instrument
- C. most visitors will buy spoons as souvenirs in NMAAM
- D. only the music in Nashville can attract visitors

D

The French Danone company is the latest to replace some plastic water bottles with aluminum (铝) cans. Competitors like Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and Nestle have also started selling water in aluminum cans.

Replacing plastic water bottles that pollute the seas with recyclable aluminum cans should be an easy way to help the environment, right?

Maybe not.

Aluminum cans might result in less ocean waste, and the metal containers also are lighter than glass or plastic bottles, but they also come with their own cost to the environment. The production of an aluminum can is estimated to release two times as much carbon dioxide into the air as a plastic bottle.

"That's the dilemma you're going to have to choose between," said Ruben Griffioen, an official at beermaker Heineken. He said his company was trying to reduce the use of plastic bottles.

Bruce Karas of Coca-Cola North America agreed. He said, "There's a mix. There are some things that are not that desirable, but if you have five good things and one that isn't, we'll all have to make decisions." He added, "It'll never be that clean."

Bottled water is a 19 billion industry. Although its use of cans is increasing, experts say cans are unlikely to completely replace plastic bottles.

Aluminum is costlier than plastic so canned drinks mean higher prices for buyers. Another major consideration is user convenience—cans stay open while bottles can be reclosed. More importantly, there is one barrier to ending the use of plastic water bottles: There may not be enough cans to go a round. Beer and wine makers are now also increasingly using aluminum.

32. What's the advantage of aluminum cans?

- A. They are pollution-free.
- B. They are lighter.
- C. They are cost-effective.
- D. They are low-carbon.

33. What is Karas's attitude to replacing plastic bottles with aluminum cans?

- A. Supportive.
- B. Disapproving.
- C. Neutral.
- D. Indifferent.

34. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

- A. The wide application of aluminum cans.
- B. The promising future of aluminum cans.
- C. The major advantages of aluminum cans.
- D. The unavoidable limitations of aluminum cans.

35. What is the best title for the text?

- A. Aluminum Cans or Plastic Bottles?
- B. A Blessing or a Misfortune?
- C. How to Deal with Plastic Bottles?
- D. Why Do We Choose Aluminum Cans?

第二节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 12.5 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。

The traditional Chinese lunar calendar divides the year into 24 solar terms. Start of Summer (立夏), the 7th term of the year, begins on May 6 and ends on May 21 this year. Start of Summer signals the transition of seasons. ____36____, yet in northern China weather remains mild, not tropical. Here are four things to learn about the Start of Summer.

____37____

The term Start of Summer was originated at the end of the Warring States Period (239BC). Since it is a crucial time for the harvest of summer crops, ancient Chinese emperors in different dynasties attached great importance to the Start of Summer. It's said that most of the decorations were arranged in the color red in order to show respect to the god of summer and pray for a good harvest.

Checking one's weight

The custom of weighing people at the Start of Summer originated from the Three Kingdoms Period (220-180) and prevails in South China today. After lunch on the day of Start of Summer, people would hang a basket from a beam (梁). The young and old took turns to get weighed while the person calculating the weight would offer good wishes and auspicious words. ____38____.

Eating eggs

In ancient China, people believed a round egg symbolized a happy life and eating eggs on the day of Start of Summer was a prayer for good health. They put leftover tea into boiled water together with eggs, and the original "tea egg" was created. ____39____. Today tea egg has become a traditional snack in China.

Take care of the heart

According to Chinese traditional medicine, Start of Summer is a key time to cool the heart. When the weather grows hotter, dampness and heat can affect human health. ____40____. Vegetables, such as cucumber, tomato, watercress and celery and fruits that include watermelon, pear and strawberry are top recommendations.

- A. Say farewell to summer
- B. Greeting start of summer
- C. The temperature will rise quickly during this period
- D. Parents will hang the boiled eggs on their child's chest
- E. Food rich in vitamins and cool in nature is highly recommended
- F. Later people added spices to the eggs to make them taste delicious
- G. It was believed this practice would bring good luck to the people weighted

第三部分：语言知识运用(共两节，满分 30 分)

第一节 完形填空（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 15 分）

阅读下面的短文，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，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

The victims were carried in one by one, their paws and fur burned, suffering from dehydration (脱水) and fear. Their caretakers ____41____ their wounds, and ____42____ them in baskets with the only thing that was ____43____ ---the leaves of eucalyptus (桉树) tree. As miserable fires have ____44____ more

than 2 million acres in Australia, only dozens of koalas have been 45 from the smoky trees and 46 ground.

Koalas, unlike kangaroos, birds or snakes, do not 47 from fires but instead climb trees to the top, where they can curl themselves into a ball for 48 and wait for the danger to 49.

But during big fires, such as those that have burned in recent weeks, the animals are far less likely to 50. Even if the fire itself does not reach the tree 51, the animals may overheat and fall to the ground, where they can be burned to death.

The tough situation of the koala has raised 52 among scientists and conservationists (环保主义者). While koalas have developed to exist alongside the wildfires, they are facing new 53, not just from climate change but also from human development, which has dislocated Koalas' populations, 54 their ability to survive fires.

We have these 55 animals not found anywhere else on this planet, and we are killing them. This is a big wake-up call.

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| 41. A. touched | B. treated | C. ignored | D. discovered |
| 42. A. threw | B. locked | C. laid | D. forced |
| 43. A. familiar | B. plentiful | C. beautiful | D. expensive |
| 44. A. reached | B. left | C. burned | D. trapped |
| 45. A. killed | B. recognized | C. hurt | D. rescued |
| 46. A. flat | B. black | C. broad | D. safe |
| 47. A. escape | B. die | C. suffer | D. rise |
| 48. A. balance | B. protection | C. challenge | D. comfort |
| 49. A. attack | B. come | C. pass | D. avoid. |
| 50. A. jump | B. climb | C. fall | D. survive |
| 51. A. top | B. leaves | C. trunk | D. root |
| 52. A. passion | B. concern | C. fear | D. interest |
| 53. A. chances | B. choices | C. neighbors | D. threats |
| 54. A. weakening | B. developing | C. enriching | D. ensuring |
| 55. A. lonely | B. stupid | C. lazy | D. unique |

第二节 语篇填空(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。

Do you have a fear of public speaking? For the longest time, I had such kind of fear. It's common. In fact, various scientific reports have shown that the fear of speaking in public 56 (rank) higher than the fear of 57 (die). This may sound a bit extreme to many of you but 58 you get nervous and sweat like crazy just at the thought of speaking in front of people, then you probably know that the fear is somewhat understandable.

I remember I used to fear public speaking. My legs would get weak as I 59 (walk) to the front of the audience. I would avoid eye contact unless I found someone with a 60 (smile) face. Then I would just stare at that person for 61 whole speech.

Have you experienced these things? They are not 62 (exact) good experiences. I will share my experiences in overcoming fear of public speaking. The most important thing is to practice. You can do this 63 joining such kind of clubs. If that's not possible, then just practice doing speeches in front of anyone, even yourself in the mirror or an imaginary audience. Volunteer 64 (do) short speeches whenever you can get the chance. The more you do it, the 65 (easy) it will become.

第四部分：书面表达（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，你下周四因故不能出席外教 Smith 的英语口语课，打算向他请假，请你给 Smith 写一封邮件，内容包括：

- 1. 写信目的；
- 2. 原因及歉意；
- 3. 弥补措施；
- 4. 希望批准；

注意：① 词数 80 左右；
② 可适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。
③ 信的开头结尾已给出，不计入总词数。

Dear Smith,

Yours,

Li Hua

第二节 故事续写（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。

It was Christmas Day. Pappy was working alone fixing an old lantern in the backroom when he heard the ringing of his bell on the shop door. The bell, which produced a uniquely pleasant sound, had been in Pappy's family for over a hundred years. He valued it dearly and enjoyed sharing its song with all who came to his shop. Although the bell hung on the inside of the main door, Pappy had tied a wire to the screen door so that it would ring whether the inner door was open or not. Hearing the bell, he left the backroom to greet his customer.

“And how can I help you, little lady?” Pappy's voice was joyful.

“Hello, sir.” The little girl spoke almost in a whisper. She looked at Pappy with her big brown eyes, and then slowly scanned the room in search of something special. Shyly she told him, “I'd like to buy a present, sir.”

“Well, let's see,” Pappy said, “who is this present for?”

“My grandpa. It’s for my grandpa. But I don’t know what to get.”

Pappy began to make suggestions. “How about a pocket watch? It’s in good condition.” The little girl didn’t answer. She had walked to the doorway and put her small hand on the door. She shook the door gently to ring the bell. Pappy’s face seemed to glow as he saw her smiling with excitement.

“This is just right,” the little girl said. “Momma says grandpa loves music.”

Just then, Pappy’s expression changed. Fearful of breaking the little girl’s heart, he told her, “I’m sorry, Missy. That’s not for sale. Maybe your grandpa would like this little radio.”

The girl looked at the radio, bowed her head, and sadly sighed, “No, I don’t think so.”

In an effort to help her understand, Pappy told her that the bell had been his only companion, for the rest of his family were all gone now, except for his estranged (疏远的) daughter whom he had not seen for nearly a decade.

注意：

1. 所续写短文的词数应为 150 左右；
2. 续写部分分为两段，每段开头语已为你写好；

Paragraph1:

With a giant tear in her eye, the little girl looked up at him. _____

Paragraph2:

Later that evening when Pappy was closing up the shop, he heard a familiar ringing. _____

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第一节 (共 15 小题; 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 37.5 分)

21-23 ACB 24-27 DDCB 28-31 DBCA 32-35 BADA

第二节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 2.5 分, 满分 12.5 分)

36-40 CBGFE

第三部分 英语知识运用 (共两节, 满分 45 分)

第一节 完形填空 (共 15 小题; 每小题 1 分, 共 15 分)

41-45 BCACD 46-50 BABCD 51-55 ABDAD

第二节 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

56.is ranked 57. death 58.if 59.walked 60.smiling
61.the 62.exactly 63.by 64.to do 65.easier

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) One possible version:

Dear Mr. Smith,

I'm writing to apply for a leave of absence from your lecture on oral English next Thursday for a personal reason.

A British friend is scheduled to arrive then, so I have to meet him at the airport. Words can't convey my apology and it's a pity that I'll miss your class. To make up the missed class, I wonder if it could be recorded for me.

I'd appreciate it if you could approve my request.

Yours,

第二节 读后续写(满分 25 分)

Possible version

With a giant tear in her eye, the little girl looked up at him. She managed a forced smile, murmuring “Thank you, anyway” and turned toward the doorway. Suddenly Pappy thought of his estranged daughter. Feeling a lump in his throat, Pappy called out, “How much have you got to spend, Missy?” At this, the little girl emptied her purse onto the counter --- two dollars. After a quick struggle in his mind, Pappy said, “Today is Christmas Day and this is your lucky day. The bell costs exactly two dollars.” Holding the special bell close to her chest, the child danced out.

Later that evening when Pappy was closing up the shop, he heard a familiar ringing. He couldn’t believe his ears! There in the doorway stood the little girl, ringing the bell and smiling sweetly. Puzzled, Pappy approached her. “Have you changed your mind, little lady?” “No,” the child grinned, “Momma says the present is for you.” Before Pappy had time to say another word, the child’s mother stepped in. Holding back her tears, she gently said, “Hello, Dad.”

Text 1

M: I missed the weather report this morning. Did you hear it?

W: Yes. It said today is partly cloudy with a strong wind from the northwest. But tomorrow you'll see sunshine.

Text 2

W: Father's Day is on this weekend. Don't forget to give our dad a call on Sunday.

M: Oh, thanks for reminding me. I can never remember if I go out with my classmates that day.

Text 3

W: When did you fall into the habit of drinking coffee, in high school or at college?

M: Neither. I began it after I worked as a secretary here because I had to work extra hours.

Text 4

W: What do you think of the movie we saw last night?

M: I have read the novel about it. Well, to be honest, I don't think I will see the movie twice.

Text 5

M: Mary, I heard that Sam is forming his own band. What's the name of the band?

W: Stay Away from the World. It will be a great success. Sam is very good at playing the guitar. I know you play the drums well, so you can join his band.

Text 6

W: Hi, Bill. When did you get back?

M: About an hour ago. I saw you were sleeping, so I didn't disturb you. And I went to the kitchen and got ready to make lunch. So what's new? Were there any calls for me while I was out?

W: Yeah, someone named Johnson called yesterday afternoon. He left word for you that he would arrive today.

M: Oh, that's my old friend from college, Dave Johnson. I knew he was coming to town. I didn't expect him today, though.

Text 7

M: Hey, Jenny. I just got a job at a new company.

W: Congratulations, Gary. That's great!

M: I'm really happy. I don't have to worry about interviewing for a job anymore.

W: When will you start? Next week or next month?

M: Next Monday.

W: You will have to put your heart and soul into what you'll do, you know?

M: I know. I'm a little nervous, but it's pretty exciting.

W: I'm sure that you must be feeling proud.

M: Yeah. I'm going to celebrate tonight. Let's hang out.

W: OK.

M: How about inviting Toby?

W: Well, I think he is a bit sad. He's having a hard time finding a job right now.

M: Maybe I can introduce him to my company.

W: That sounds like a good idea.

Text 8

W: Thomas, your English is so good. How did you learn it?

M: Well, I've been taking English courses for around 12 years since the first grade.

W: I think there are lots of Americans teaching English in your country.

M: Yes, that's true. There are probably twice as many now as there were six years ago, but they are mostly in the cities. My family lives in the countryside.

W: I wonder why. Personally, I prefer the country to the city. It's so quiet. If I were to teach, I would want to teach in the countryside.

M: Do you think you would want to teach someday? I know the schools around my town are looking for teachers, so if you want, I can call them and get more information.

W: No, I don't think so. If I were a teacher, I would need to stay in a school for a long time. You know, I'm busy with the trade now.

M: Well, if you change your mind, let me know. I think you would be a really great teacher.

Text 9

W: Hi. Are you flying to Sydney?

M: Yeah. Here is my passport.

W: OK. Would you please show me your ticket?

M: This is my e-ticket. Uh...is it what you want to see?

W: Well, in fact, I just need your full name in order to find you in the computer system.

M: It's Smith Jacob.

W: OK. Ah, you are taking a child with you.

M: Right, my daughter Mia. She's 18 months old.

W: Please pass me your daughter's birth certificate to prove that she is under two years of age.

M: Sure, here you are. Would we be able to get a seat next to the passage?

W: Yes, no problem.

M: Thank you so much. Can I take my baby carriage to the gate?

W: Yes, we'll check it in the oversized luggage after you board. Are you just checking these two bags?

M: Yes, I'll take my backpack as my carry-on.

W: All right, take your boarding pass. Please arrive at the gate one hour before the boarding time. We will give you some special instructions for take-off and landing. And you can board early because you are taking a small child.

Text 10

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