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协作体读后续写**

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。

There Are No Vans

To me, what Thanksgiving really means is giving good thanks, not eating turkey. By the time I was 18 I had created my Thanksgiving ritual (惯例). I would go out shopping and buy enough food for one or two families. Then I would dress like a delivery boy, go to the poorest neighborhood and just knock on a door, and would always include a note saying “All that I ask in return is that you take good enough care of yourself so that someday you can do the same thing for someone else.” I have received more from this annual ritual than I have from any amount of money I’ve ever earned, especially one such experience in New York City.

Several years ago I was in New York City with my newly married wife during Thanksgiving. She was sad because we were not with our family. Normally she would be home decorating the house for Christmas, but we were stuck here in

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a hotel room. I said, “Honey, look, why don’t we decorate some lives today instead of some trees?” When I told her what I always do on Thanksgiving, she got excited. I said, “Let’s go someplace where we can really appreciate who we are, what we are able to do and what we can really give. Let’s go to the poor neighborhood Harlem and feed some people there in need. We’ll go buy enough food for six or seven families for 30 days. We’ve got enough. Let’s go do it!”

We started by getting a van (货车), but there seemed no vans in all of New York City. The rent-a-car places were all out of vans. My wife was disappointed, and I said, “Look, the bottom line is that if we want something, we can make it happen! All we have to do is take action. There are plenty of vans here in New York City. Look down at the street. Do you see all those vans? Let’s go get one!” My wife agreed and we took action.

Predict the story



There Are **No Vans**

- What are we looking for?
- Do we find what we want? Why?
- What do you think the story is about?

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A general point:

I received more from my Thanksgiving ritual

Example:

an experience in New York City

Know the story--elements

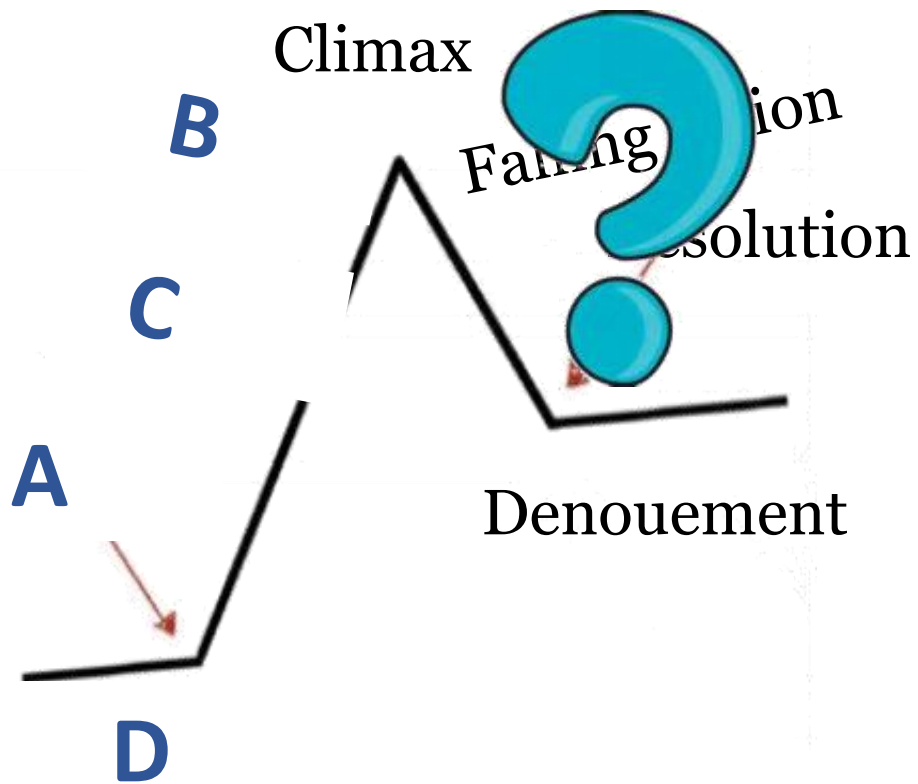
Characters	my wife, I, the driver
Time	during Thanksgiving (the 4th Thursday in Nov.)
Place	New York City
Event	an experience in New York City to search vans.

- Why were we in need of vans?
- What does the writer intend to tell us?
 - ☒ Little people can make a big difference.
 - ☐ A friend in need is a friend indeed.
 - ☐ Nothing is impossible for a willing heart.
 - ☒ One good turn deserves another.
 - ☐ ...



Know the story--plot

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Events

- A. We needed a van for loading supplies.
- B. We tried our chance at the street.
- C. We went to the rent-a-car places for getting a van, but in vain.
- D. Stuck in a hotel during Thanksgiving we decided to help people in Harlem.

Covert plot

Time	Events	Mood
<i>Before we made a plan</i>	My wife and I were <u>stuck</u> in a hotel	She felt <u>sad</u>
<i>When we made a plan</i>	I told her <u>my Thanksgiving ritual</u> We decided to <u>go to the poor Harlem</u> and buy food for them	She got <u>excited</u>
<i>After we made a plan</i>	We started by getting <u>a van</u> , but found <u>there seemed no vans</u> ; <u>available</u> I advised to <u>take a chance in the streets</u>	She was <u>disappointed</u>

划线词分类

Character	wife
Setting	Thanksgiving; food; experience; Harlem; in need; van
Action	buy; knock
Mood	disappointed

Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. _____

Event: attempt to get a van---in vain

Mood: disappointed/hopeless

Paragraph 2:

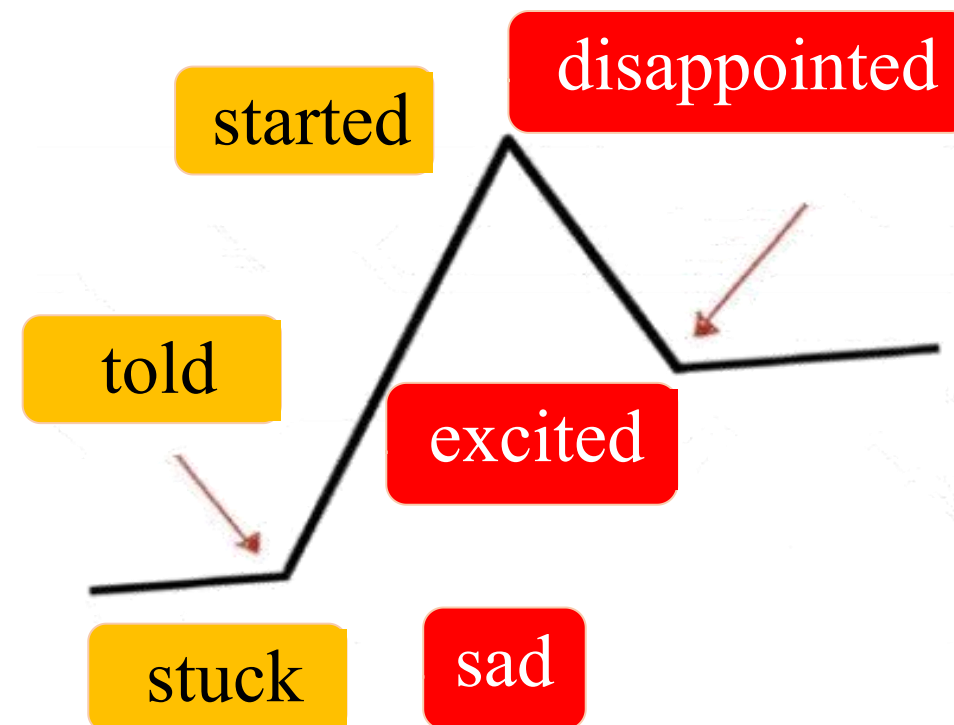
Eventually a van drove up and the driver said yes.

Event: succeed in getting a van

Mood: delighted/excited

Weave the story

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➤ 表示失望:

- 叹气 She **sighed** heavily.
After several fruitless attempts, my wife **let out a long sigh**.
- 跺脚 My wife **stamped her foot** in despair.
- 皱眉 “Who can we turn help to?” my wife **murmured with a fierce frown**. 紧皱眉头
- 颤抖 Staring at the vans zooming past us, my wife **trembled with rage**.
- 耸肩 My wife **gave a miserable shrug**. 沮丧地耸了耸肩
- 目光呆滞 She **looked blank in a moment**. 目光呆滞
- 蹒跚 With a dazed look on our face, we **staggered** away.

➤ 表示失望:

- 苦笑 She **smiled a sad smile**.
- 失望地看 My wife **darted/cast a frustrated look at** me.
 I **looked** my wife **in desperation**. 绝望地
- 低头 She **bowed her head** and said nothing.
- 摇头 She just **shook her head in hopelessness**.
- 哭 **Tears of grievance** (委屈) /'gri:vəns/ **came into her eyes** when she saw them left.
- 心跳加快 My heart **thumped fiercely** in my chest, tension overwhelming me entirely in its power.

more expressions to show disappointment

□ 无灵主语

- The unsuccessful attempts **cast a cloud of gloom over our face.**
- All at once **a feeling of hopelessness** swept through me.
- **A strong feeling of failure** beat me out of breath.
- **A sense of disappointment flooded** in my heart, and **hopelessness frequently echoed** my brain.
- After a long waiting, **disappointment accumulated** in our heart.
- **Disappointment mingled with frustration growing** inside me.
- **Disappointment swallowed** my wife. She sat on the ground and didn't utter a single word.
- **A sense of disappointment crept upon me.**

➤ 表示高兴:

- 尖叫 Hearing the words, my wife **shrieked with excitement** 激动的尖叫
- 心跳 My heart **thumped with excitement**. 兴奋地心直跳 (表高兴难以置信)
- 拥抱 With a shriek of delight, She **hugged** me.
- 握手 I **took hold of his hands** gratefully.
- 点头 We **nodded** gratefully.
- 笑 Her eyes **twinkled** and her lips broke into **a broad smile**.
- 跳起来 Hearing the simple yes, we all **jumped with joy**.
- 哭 We **shed tears with joy**.
- 松口气 At this moment, we **breathed a sigh of relief**.

more expressions to show excitement

- we were **wild with excitement/joy**.
- we **could hardly contain our excitement**.
- we were **delighted beyond description**.
- we were **floating on air**.
- we were **beside ourselves**(极度兴奋) **with excitement**.
- we **beam with excitement**.
- Our face **lit up**.
- Our heart was **thundering with excitement**.

- A wave of happiness swept over us.
- A surge of excitement flashed into my heart.
- A sense of warmth flowed in my body.

➤ 表示努力:

□ 用让步状语从句

- We kept on struggling forward, **even though** we knew it was hopeless.
- **While** the passing drivers zoomed past us without a stop we never lost hope for another try.
- Disappointed and fatigued as we were (as) , we continued to wave at the passing cars stubbornly.
- We told ourselves repeatedly however painstaking the task was, (however), we wouldn't give in to setbacks.
- **In spite of** countless failures , we still believed in miracles.

➤ 表示努力:

□ 用非谓语

- Having been refused many times (be refused), we decided to try one last time.
- Gritting our teeth (咬紧牙关), we pushed on.

□ 用强调句

- It was my wife's encouragement that (妻子的鼓励) gave me **an extra burst of energy**. 迸发出额外的能量

□ 用倒装结构

- Never would we be defeated by the plight (never)

➤ 表示努力:

□ 用虚拟语气

- We **summoned up/collected up/ plucked up/mustered up/gathered our courage** and **yelled at the top of our voice** for the fear that we would miss a van.

□ 用谚语

- Our heart sank at the thought of our failure to get a van, but we told ourselves **never do anything by halves**. (绝不半途而废)

□ 用 “the+比较级, the+比较级”

- We constantly convince ourselves that the more **efforts we put in, the luckier we would be.**

常见问题

第二节:读后续写(满分 25 分)

Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. However, ^{nobody}~~no one~~~~as one~~ noticed
us. Although we yelled to ~~at~~ them at the top of lungs, the
situation was same. When Harlem heard our plan, ~~it~~ she decided
to join us for those in need. The noon was rising, we felt on
pins and needles. My wife was so disappointed that she wanted
to give up it. Harlem was very tired and she sank into the
Chair ^{near}~~under~~ the park. But I kept it, I believed that every small
step counts!

未理清人物
关系:
Harlem 是地
点不是人物



Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. ~~But no one stopped~~. A van stopped and ~~asked~~ the driver asked us what we ~~wanted to do~~. I told him that we wanted to go to Harlem and feed some people in need. But he refused us and drove away. My wife was disappointed and we stayed there for stopping a van. The sun slowly fell down and the moon ~~it~~ rose, the ~~it~~ street was like a colorful river. We ~~was~~ were failed to find a van to ~~drive us~~ drive us. My wife was tired and wanted to abandon it. I told her to wait for a while.

无用的环境描写：
colorful与下文故
事发展脱节。



Paragraph 2:

Eventually a van drove up and the driver said yes. What's more, he said he would call up more van drivers to join us to transport food to Harlem. All of a sudden, I felt a flash of warmth came upon on my heart. A few moments later, more and more drivers gathered together. Thanks to the Thanksgiving Day, we could immersing people's kindness to help people in need. I would never forget the experience in New York City because of Thanksgiving.

书写较差



Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. To our disappointment, every van just passed by quickly, seemingly not noticing our waving arms. Chill wind blew through our numb face and roared all the time without mercy. My wife lowered ^{down} her head with a deep sigh, ~~tightening her clothes so that the monster-like wind would not slide into her body~~ My patience was running out as well and I was about to give up when an ~~older~~ elder driver's voice ~~came~~ ^{came} into my mind. He said that he would be back soon but was sorry to inform the family of the bad news for nothing to spend Thanksgiving. Exactly at that moment, ~~the wrinkled face flashed back to my mind~~ and I decided to keep on trying ~~until a kind person picked us up~~ My wife gathered her passion to help me without saying anything.

故事太过冗
长拖沓



Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. But all the drivers ignored us. We still tried to stop a van just like we were ~~call~~ for calling for a taxi. Some drivers even thought we ~~are~~ were fools. We felt tired and upset finally and we ~~were~~ were about to giving up. "Let's try last time, if we fail to stop a van, this Thanksgiving Day will be the worst Thanksgiving in my life." I said ~~de~~ disappointly. So we tried again and something amazing was happening.

未按要求划线



Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. Yet the drivers either turn a blind eye to our frantically-waving hand, ~~or~~ or sped past us, drowning our hope in the deafening roar of engines. Fingers numbed by the chilly wind, throat choked by dusty air, we felt ever so alone on the crowded streets of New York — surrounded by cold-hearted poker faces, and no one offered the least help to two selfless souls. Staring in to my wife's red-rimmed eyes, we found ourselves on the verge of giving up, until it suddenly dawned on me — the very sensation of despair I'm experiencing now, is exactly what some struggled with their entire lives. The nearly-extinguished sparks of hope instantly rekindled, propelling us forward as we again dived into the roaring flow of cars, searching for a van that could deliver the good will brimming in us.

本文抓住了故事的中心矛盾——我们的努力和过往车辆的“无情”(turn a blind eye/sped pass/ drown our hope)构思和推动情节;用无灵主语和外貌描写(fingers numbed/throatchocked/red-rimmed)侧面烘托了“我们”的无奈和无助



Paragraph 2:

Eventually a van drove up and the driver said yes. Showering him in a string of thanks, we immediately set out to purchase, and then headed for Harlem. That night, we witnessed the other side of this seemingly glamorous city — families struggling desperately on the edge of poverty, orphans with neither a roof over their heads, nor parents by their side... Yet when we gave out the food, heart-felt appreciation could be seen on all those pale and weather-beaten faces, ~~it~~ radiating enough warmth to melt the coldest winter. Tears turned into frost, covering ~~over~~ our faces, yet we felt our inner world flaming hot. We don't know the tragic stories behind their miserable lives, nor can we change this unfair world that make the rich and poor divide, but at least we can offer our kindness, for the helpless souls, in the darkness^{est} of times.

结尾段用了时间状语 immediately/ then/that night/ when等有序地推进故事发展；并且用外部寒冷的环境跟内心感到的温暖和炽热作对比深化主题“at least we can offer our kindness”



Paragraph 1:

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We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. As if we were totally transparent, all van drivers turned a blind eye to our hands-waving, and passed by mercilessly, leaving us standing on the streets, alone. Unwilling to give up easily, we kept waving hands continuously and yelling for a van's stop exertly, with our torch of hope in heart was still burning. Finally a van pulled up near us, however, the aged male driver refused our request emotionlessly and drove away icily, after hearing our seemingly-ridiculous Thanksgiving wish. From dawn to dusk, we stood there determinedly, waiting for a miracle, though initial overflowing exhilaration was gradually eroded by overwhelming ~~exhaustatio~~ exhaustion and dimming hope.

该文续写第一段用了非谓语 **leaving us standing on the streets /waiting for a miracle** 和形容词状语 **alone/unwilling** 生动、形象地勾勒出了现实的“冷酷”和我们的“执着”，描写了故事该有的曲折，合理地推动情节的发展。



Paragraph 2:

Eventually a van drove up and the driver said yes. In the fleeting moment, all the anxiety and tiredness ~~was~~ faded away immediately, as I hugged my wife excitedly on the van, accompanied with joyful giggles. From booming New York City to poor Harlem, the driver discussed a lot about our arranged deeds with us, and decided to join in this meaningful Thanksgiving activity. Upon the arrival of our destination, we three downloaded our adequate food from the van, knocked on the door, delivered the food to those poor people, door by door, family by family. As they smiled suffused with merriment and gave thanks when accepting our food, ~~we~~ their smile was the best ^{reward} gift for ~~us~~ ^{our kindness} as well.

该文续写第二段用了形象动词 hugged/discussed/decided/knocked/delivered/smiled 等继续推进故事发展；同时用了一系列情绪词 anxiety/tiredness/excitedly/joyful 等向读者传递主人公由悲转喜的情景。



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Paragraph 1:

We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. Waving at them, my wife and I shouted loudly and even jumped off the ground. To our dismay, the drivers pretended to ignore us and passed us directly, only to leave ash and dirt dancing in the air. Disappointment crept onto my face, driving the excitement away. My wife wrinkled and gazed into my eyes. "There It seems that no one wants to give us a ride. Why we just give away food the other day?" "But today is Thanksgiving! Just try more and we'll make it." Holding her in my arms, I keep kept stopping vans, my heart beating thickly. The gathering gloom even deepened my anxiety and pushed me hard. "Please, please!" I beg desperately in heart.

该文使用了非谓
语（waving at...;）
only to...; 无灵主
语
(disappointment
crept onto my face;
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anxiety)
牵动故事发展



Paragraph 2:

Eventually a van drove up and the driver said yes. ~~He~~ With his help, we loaded all the food and headed towards Harlem. During the ride, we chatted with the warm-hearted driver and learned that the residents struggled to get food every day. Listening to ~~her~~ his description, my wife and I sniffled audibly, tears rolling down our cheeks. Ultimately, we arrived at the neighborhood just before the start of the dinner. With butterflies in my stomach, I dressed like a delivery boy again and knocked on a door. An old woman in worn-out clothes answered the door and was just too astonished to say a word. I gave the food to six other families and received the same result. Looking at their conditions and utmost gratitude, my wife and I finally decorate ourselves with a deep insight of the spirit of Thanksgiving.

文章第二段用了with复合结构“with butterflies in my stomach”、非谓语“Looking at...”、独立主格结构“tears rolling down our cheeks”形象地展示了故事结尾传递爱心的感人至深的一幕。



A possible version:

Paral: We tried stopping vans as they were driving down the street. I learned something about New York drivers that day: They don't stop; they speed up. Then we tried waiting by the light. We'd go over, knock on the window and the driver would roll it down, looking at us in alarm, and I'd ask if he would drive us to Harlem so we could help some people. Every time the driver would look away quickly, furiously roll up the window and pull away without saying anything. My wife was ready to give up, but I said, "It's the law of averages: **somebody is going to say yes.**"

*Para 2: Eventually a van drove up and the driver said yes. We were **wild with joy** and **climbed onto** the van. Upon arrival, he led us to a store where we bought lots of food and some baskets. Together we packed them up, carried them onto the van and went to buildings **where** there were even people living without electricity. It was **a truly fulfilling experience to make even a small difference**. You see, you can make anything happen if you **commit to it and take action**. **Miracles like this happen every day—even in a city where “there are no vans.”***

