The World (December 1st-15th, 2023)

1. ***Daily Express* (9th December 2023 Page 10)**

1)Text Completion

Visitors have been stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_ seeing loved ones in some hospitals hit by an outbreak of winter vomiting bug norovirus.

 Cases have jumped 15% in a week and already this season there have been double the number of people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (need) hospital care. A total of 498 NHS beds have been occupied by norovirus patients or closed as part of infection control measures around England. Wards have also been closed to new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (admit) in North Wales. The measures have been introduced in an attempt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (control) the spread of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (high) infectious illness that causes diarrhoea and vomiting.

 Sufferers usually recover within a few days \_\_\_\_ a spike in cases can put extra pressure on hospitals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are also caring for patients with winter flu, Covid and other seasonal illnesses. NHS England figures have revealed that cases of flu have soared \_\_\_\_ more than 50% in a week, with an average of 234 people in hospital with the illness every day last week. Health chiefs also fear new Covid variant JN1 could spark a wave of infection. Three wards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (close) yesterday at the James Cook University hospital in Middles-brough and visiting hours axed at Cheshire’s Ellesmere Port Hospital and the Countess Of Chester Hospital. Southampton General Hospital closed a ward after a five-fold increase in patients within a week, and wards have also been closed and visiting restricted at Wrexham Maelor Hospital in North Wales.

 Professor Julian Redhead, NHS chief for urgent and emergency care, said: “As we experience more spells of cold weather and people gathering indoors, we expect to see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (continue) increase in winter viruses.”

2)Translation

在过去的六个月里，失业率急剧上升。

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1. ***Science* (1st December 2023 Page 1007)**

1)Text Completion

The Amur leopard is a leopard subspecies that has adapted \_\_\_ the East Asian environment near the Amur River, which runs through eastern Russia and along the northern border of China. Because of human activities such as mining, logging, road building, population growth, \_\_\_\_ poaching, the Amur leopard population dropped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (substantial) in the 1970s. In the years since, conservation efforts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(increase) the population to be around 40 individuals in China and 70 in Russia. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the effects of climate change are exacerbating the threats that this Critically Endangered species faces.

 Amur leopards live in coniferous-deciduous forests, \_\_\_\_\_\_ they rarely share territory and hunt alone for small animals. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ much of their habitat is now designated as national parks in southwestern Primorye Province of Russia and the neighboring Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces of China, rising temperatures and dry conditions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) by climate change have led to increased fires that combined with human activities and landscape fragmentation have reduced the leopards’ territory and increased cub mortality.The spread of wildfires and increased temperatures have increased deforestation.Together with increased hunting of deer and wild boar by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (human) , this ecosystem degradation has led to reduced ungulate prey and more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compete) between Amur leopards and Amur tigers. As a result, the predators invade villages and prey upon livestock, increasing human-wildlife conflict and the likelihood that leopards will be killed or injured.

2)Translation

这些症状可能会因为某些药物而加重。\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

这楼层已定为无烟区。

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1. ***The Wall Street Journal*  (5th December 2023 E5)**

1)Text Completion

 With the holiday shopping season upon us, keep in mind that, yes, shopping carts, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (particular) the handles and seats, can harbor a lot of germs.

 In a 2012 study, researchers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (swab) 85 grocery carts for certain digestive tract germs. About 72 percent tested positive for some form of fecal bacteria. Bacteria — as well as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (virus) —can stay viable on certain surfaces from hours to weeks.

 Shopping carts are noteworthy partly because of \_\_\_\_ number of hands that touch them and partly because of the amount of time a shopper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (expose) to them. Unlike a 3-second swipe of a doorknob or toilet handle, a shopping cart is a longer-term relationship — with more opportunity to come into contact with pathogens as you push it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the store.

 The good news is \_\_\_\_\_ experts do not believe shopping carts represent a major health risk because, in most cases, the dose of germ exposure will not be high enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cause) illness.

Experts advise washing your hands or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(use) hand sanitizer before shopping so that you don’t contribute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (addition) germs. Use disinfecting wipes, which are available in many stores, to wipe down the shopping cart, particularly the handle and seat.

2)Translation

我不会再庇护任何不健康的思想。\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

船员们奉命擦洗甲板。

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1. ***National Geographic* (December 2023 BREAKTHROUGHS)**

1)Text Completion

A species of tiny freshwater fish \_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) in the Amazon Basin and in home aquariums around the world was discovered to possess something \_\_\_\_ a surprising number of people appear to lack: the ability \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) their turn. In a new study published in Scientific Reports, researchers ushered schools of neon tetras (Paracheirodon innesi) through \_\_ narrow opening in their tank and found that the fish used queuing to navigate the close quarters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clogging up and impeding passage. The “courteous” creatures, which are only about an inch long, did not collide into one another as they swam near the opening. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the dexterity to exit without bottlenecking has been observed in ants, no other animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) to have the skill. The study’s authors believe that the neon tetras’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (seem) polite behavior might have evolved to help them pass between rocks in their river habitat. These findings, the authors say, could be used to improve traffic-control \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (strategy) for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (autonomy) cars–and perhaps for crowds of people too.

2)Translation

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楼房的施工因天气恶劣而停了下来。

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1. **Newsweek 12/05/2023**

1)Text Completion

A shooting in Dallas, Texas, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lives of four people and left a 15-year-old girl hospitalized, according to local police. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not in custody, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) said in a statement. “At this time, this is believed to be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ incident and there is no \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the public,” Dallas police said. Around 4:20 p.m. on Sunday, police were called about a shooting in the 9700 block of Royce Drive in the Rylie neighborhood of Dallas, Texas, DPD said. When officers arrived on the scene, they found five people suffering from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Three adults died at the scene, and two juvenile \_\_\_\_\_\_, a 15-year-old female and a one-year-old boy, were transported to a nearby hospital, the DPD said. The little boy succumbed to his injuries. The teen who was wounded was last listed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, DPD said. Additional details about the victims were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the time of publication. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the mass shooting was unknown as of Sunday night. The investigation is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, DPD said. Newsweek reached out via email on Sunday to DPD for an update on the incident.

2)Translation

她那天后来被拘留了。

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他最终为Lucy的魅力所倾倒。

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