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**2022学年第二学期温州十校联合体期末联考**

**高二年级英语学科试题**

**注意事项：**

1．答卷前，考生务必将自己的姓名、准考证号填写在答题卡上。

2．回答选择题时，选出每小题答案后，用铅笔把答题卡上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动，用橡皮擦干净后，再选涂其他答案标号。回答非选择题时，将答案写在答题卡上，写在本试卷上无效。

3．考试结束后，将本试卷和答题卡一并交回。

**第一部分 听力（共两节，满分30分）**

做题时，先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后，你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

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。

例：How much is the shirt?

A. £19.15. B. £ 9.18. C. £ 9.15.

答案是C。

1. What day is it today?

A. Saturday. B. Sunday. C. Monday.

2. What is Michael?

A. A teacher. B. A lawyer. C. An accountant.

3. What does the man mean?

A. Ask Sally for the address.

B. Send the mail to Sally.

C. Call Linda directly.

4. What are the speakers probably talking about?

A. A photograph. B. A textbook. C. ATV set.

5. Where will the speakers meet?

A. At the station. B. At the cinema. C. At the church.

**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. When will the woman have a class?

A. At 3:00 B. At 3:15. C. At 5:00.

7. What will the woman do first after lunch?

A. Go to work. B. Play soccer. C. Study in the library.

听第7段材料，回答第8至9题。

8. What’s the probable relationship between the speakers?

A. Waitress and customer.

B. Doctor and patient.

C. Mother and son.

9. What would the boy like to have?

A. Some ice cream. B. Some peas. C. Some vegetables.

听第8段材料，回答第10至12题。

10. What does the woman plan to do?

A. Paint her house. B. Buy a new house. C. Expand her house.

11. What might Don work as?

A. A singer. B. A dentist. C. A pilot.

12. Where is the woman going now?

A. Her home. B. A music hall. C. A store.

听第9段材料，回答第13至16题。

13. Why didn’t the woman go climbing?

A. She was worn out.

B. She lost touch with others.

C. She loved the scene at the bottom.

14. What was the woman doing when she saw a dolphin?

A. Relaxing on the beach.

B. Sailing in a boat.

C. Diving.

15. What made the woman give up doing bungee jumping?

A. Her health. B. Her fear. C. Equipment problems.

16. What did the woman like most about her vacation?

A. Taking photos. B. Visiting the caves. C. Playing with the dolphin.

听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17. When is a prom held?

A. At the start of college.

B. In the middle of the term.

C. At the end of high school or college.

18. Where did the prom begin in most people’s mind?

A. In America. B. In Canada. C. In Australia.

19. Why is the prom important in the students’ lives?

A. It’s the sign of becoming an adult.

B. It’s an old tradition in many countries.

C. It marks the start of living on their own.

20. Who will traditionally pay for the tickets for the prom?

A. Schools. B. Students. C. Parents.

**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，选出最佳答案。

**A**

**Games for Peace**

The Peace Corps is a United States volunteer organization. The mission of the Peace Corps is to promote world peace and friendship by providing trained volunteers to countries who need them. Here is advice of two of those volunteers on joining the Peace Corps and some more information about the activity.

**Schwille:** It usually takes nine to twelve months to be placed, and it’ll take longer if you’re married. If you’re willing to go anywhere, there are more opportunities. Remember the place you’re going is not the place you think it is.

**Schneider:** The biggest piece of advice I could share is that each experience is so unique and every experience is incredibly valuable. There is no one way to measure the “success” or “impact” a volunteer has in their community.

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To Be a Volunteer

Length of service is 27 months, which includes an average of three months of in-country training and 24 months of Volunteer service.

The application process averages 9-12 months. The minimum age for Peace Corps service is 18; there is no upper age limit. Volunteers must be U.S. citizens.

Competitive applicants will have a demonstrated commitment to community service, leadership experience, and a willingness to learn a new language.

21. What’s the purpose of the Peace Corps?

A. To train volunteers. B. To advance peace and friendship.

C. To provide opportunities. D. To share experiences.

22. Who is qualified to be a volunteer of the organization?

A. A British postgraduate who wants to give back to society.

B. A Canadian lawyer with adequate volunteering experience.

C. An American gardener who is proficient in French.

D. An American high school student with busy school schedule.

23. Where can the text be found?

A. In a magazine. B. In a biography. C. On the website. D. In a novel.

**B**

The Camp Fire ravaged(毁坏) an area the size of Chicago, destroying 14,000 residences and taking more than 17 days to contain. As it spread, killing at least 85 people and displacing thousands more in Northern California, Madison waited patiently.

Madison’s owner, Andrea Gaylord, was not able to get to her home in Paradise, California, when the fire began to spread on Nov. 8, meaning Madison was left behind. For weeks, all Gaylord could do was pray for Madison’s safety.

Shayla Sullivan, a rescue volunteer, spotted Madison a few times in a valley, apparently guarding territory, and put out fresh food and water regularly in hopes that the dog would turn up. She even placed an article of clothing that smelled like Andrea near the home to keep Madison’s hope alive until his people could return.

When the evacuation(撤离) order was lifted last week and Andrea went back to the property—which had been destroyed by the fire—her prayers were answered: Madison was there, seemingly protecting what little remained of his family’s home.

“WELL, I’m so HAPPY to report that Andrea was allowed to return to her property today and THERE MADISON WAS!!!! He had stayed to protect what was left of his home, and NEVER gave up on his people!” Sullivan wrote in the comment on her Facebook post, which was shared 12,000 times as of Saturday evening. “I’m so happy. I’m crying as I write this! He didn’t give up through the storms or the fire! A LOOOOONG month it must have been for him!” she added.

Later, Andrea said in an interview that she was overcome with joy to see Madison waiting for her. Andrea lost everything in the fire and is now homeless, but she has been able to find some solace knowing her dogs are safe, “Imagine the loyalty of hanging in through the worst of circumstances and being here waiting,” Andrea told ABC10, fighting through tears. “**You could never ask for better animals**.”

24. Why was Madison left behind?

A. He was stopped by the fire.

B. He was unwilling to go with his owner.

C. He was ordered to protect the family home.

D. His owner was not at home when the fire spread.

25. Why was Shayla Sullivan crying when writing the post?

A. She was worried whether Madison could survive.

B. She was overcome with joy to see Madison waiting for her.

C. She was happy Madison finally turned up for the food she left.

D. She was moved by what Madison did and his reunion with Andrea.

26. What did Andrea mean by saying “**You could never ask for better animals**.”?

A. Madison is the best dog.

B. One could not ask animals for help.

C. Animals are never better than humans.

D. Dogs are clever than any other animals.

27. What is the text mainly about?

A. A brave dog fought alone against the storms of fire.

B. A helpful rescue volunteer helped to find a lost dog.

C. A devoted dog reunited with his owner after the fire.

D. A frightened survivor had a narrow escape from the fire.

**C**

A new study led by researchers at the University of California, Riverside, has found exposure to third-hand smoke (THS) causes skin diseases.

The study—the first to look at humans exposed to THS—involved 10 healthy non-smokers wearing clothing with either filtered (过滤的) air or THS chemicals. The investigation lasted three hours, during which participants would either walk or run for 15 minutes per hour—this would make them sweat and increase the levels of THS potentially taken in through the skin. Blood samples were collected, which were measured to see whether THS may have caused cell or tissue damage.

“We found THS exposure caused damage to DNA, lipids (脂质), and proteins, and the damage remained even after the exposure stopped,” said Shane Sakamaki-Ching, a doctor of biology and the first author of the study. “Cigarette smokers show the same result.” The study showed exposure to THS increases signals related with skin diseases, which makes sense: the organ most likely to come into contact with THS is your skin, and so it receives the biggest exposure to the harmful chemicals. “However, what’s even more worrying is the tendency to lead to cancer,” added Sakamaki-Ching.

“If you buy a used car previously owned by a smoker, you are putting yourself at some health risk,” said Prue Talbot, a professor of cell biology at UC Riverside and the corresponding author of the study. “If you go to a restaurant that allows smoking, you are exposing your skin to THS. The same applies to staying in a hotel room that was previously occupied by a smoker.”

All that came from just three hours’ investigation. And if you think e-cigarette smokers are being forgotten, fear not: the team’s next project is to take a look at which remains are left by these less-deadly death sticks.

Sakamaki-Ching said, “Our findings can help physicians in checking patients exposed to THS and help develop policies improving indoor environments polluted by THS.”

28. Why were the participants in the study asked to take exercise?

A. To keep themselves energetic.

B. To speed up blood production.

C. To do away with THS by sweating.

D. To have their skin absorb more THS.

29. What can we learn from paragraph 3?

A. THS is likely to cause skin cancer.

B. Cigarette smokers suffer more from THS.

C. The tendency to lead to cancer worries smokers.

D. The damage caused by THS remains until the exposure stops.

30. What message does Prue Talbot want to convey in paragraph 4?

A. Public places should ban smoking entirely.

B. THS can be widely found in our daily life.

C. Non-smokers must keep off smokers for health.

D. Sharing is a bad habit and should be abandoned.

31. Which of the following is the best title for the text?

A. Ways to Prevent Skin Diseases Worsening

B. A Campaign to Be Proposed to Ban THS

C. THS Can Cause Skin Diseases

D. New Study Reveals the Potential Harm of Smoking

**D**

To nap or not to nap? Whether napping will work for you depends on a range of factors, such as lifestyle, sleep cycle length, culture, and, most importantly, the length of your snooze. If you like to nap, you are not alone. Napping is part of the culture in many countries: around 51 percent of people worldwide habitually enjoy 40 winks in the daytime.

**When it comes to napping. one size definitely doesn’t fit all**. If you are sleep deprived, a nap can be helpful or even essential for making it through the day. However, for those with other sleep issues, a nap may make it harder to fall asleep at night. For most of us, the timing and length of our nap will largely determine how beneficial it is to our sleep routine.

Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., most people experience an increase in sleepiness, triggered by a slight drop in core body temperature. A nap of 30 minutes or less around this time allows you to benefit from a burst of Stage I and 2 sleep, which is good for mental and physical alertness.

Napping for 30 minutes or less can reduce stress and lower the risk of cardiovascular problems like heart attacks and strokes. One study showed that napping three times a week for 30 minutes led to a 37 percent decreased risk of dying from heart disease.

A brief nap can be beneficial for those with excessive daytime sleepiness, including people suffering from sleep apnea(呼吸暂停) or narcolepsy, shift workers, and people with jet lag. Studies show that short naps can help improve or reset a disrupted circadian rhythm (昼夜节律).

Naps can interfere with insomnia(失眠) treatment, which involves restricting daytime sleep to increase the likelihood of sleeping solidly at night.

Be cautious about naps of more than 30 minutes. Waking from the deep-sleep stages results in sleep inertia, a super-dizzy state where brainwaves are slow and it takes longer to adjust to the awake state.

A recent study has found that napping for more than 60 minutes a day increased the risk of type 2 diabetes by 50 percent.

32. Whether a nap is needed is determined mainly by .

A. your living habit B. your sleep-wake circle

C. the society you’re in D. period of time in sleeping

33. What does the underlined sentence in paragraph 2 mean?

A. A nap benefits all the people.

B. Not all the people fit napping.

C. A nap works on one with sleep problems.

D. A nap works for you if you’re lacking sleep.

34. Which of the following statements is true?

A. Improper length of napping leads to sleep disorder.

B. A 30-minute napping results in longer time to keep awake.

C. Napping 60 minutes a day tends to trigger certain disease.

D. Napping less than 30 minutes ensures you refreshed after wake.

35. What is a suitable title for the text?

A. Napping: Harmful or Helpful? B. A Boost for Sleeping

C. The Timing of a Nap D. A New Trend of Napping

**第二节（共5小题；每小题2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。

Vacation often starts with a wonderful idea. 36 With a little bit of preparation and effort, travelers can overcome 90% of the difficulties they may face during a trip. Here are useful tips on how to plan a trip.

Picking the right destination according to the season is a key factor in planning a trip successfully. 37 Usually, the ideal season to visit beaches, mountains and forests is completely different Also take the cost factor into consideration. Going to a luxury destination during the shoulder season can result in some good discounts on hotels and flights.

Another key aspect of a good trip planning is to correctly estimate the number of days required. 38 Some travelers like to see new cities every day, whereas some prefer taking it slow. You’d better leave an empty day in travel plans in which there are more than 7 days so that things like terrible weather won’t mess up the whole arrangement.

39 Prices of flights and accommodations rise over time if you are planning for a vacation that falls during the peak season of that particular destination. So making a reservation a few months in advance will help you avoid additional costs.

Pack wisely and do necessary research. An extra shirt, sweater, or jumper can prove handy during trips where the weather is expected to be cold or rainy. As responsible tourists, travelers must know the destination they are visiting 40 Because it helps them avoid conflict or disrespect to the locals.

A. Early booking is recommended.

B. Learn about the dos and don’ts.

C. Make the most of every traveling day.

D. But not everyone has a reasonable vacation plan.

E. It often depends on the travel plans and purpose.

F. Check out the best time to visit the place you like.

G. Something unexpected, however, makes it end up being a trouble.

**第三部分 语言知识运用（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。

Sinking onto the sofa in my living room on a Friday evening, I was emotionally worn out from a busy workweek and eager to find a temporary 41 . Nearby, my 3-year-old son was playing with a toy train, so 42 in the play that he didn’t even notice me.

Then I made a surprising 43 . Though exhausted, I was flooded with a sense of deep satisfaction. I felt extremely 44 watching him swing his body to ride the train through imaginary hills and valleys. His loud choo-choo” sounded like a comforting tune. I dared not make the slightest sound or motion that would 45 this joyful moment.

Upon reflection, I 46 something: No amount of money or success could 47 this experience. Professional milestones such as earning a medical degree paled in comparison to the 48 I was feeling now. It will not contribute to my professional achievements. Nor will it 49 me any praise from colleagues. But it has 50 my life in a significant way. I did not have to work for it. All I had to do was 51 and be present, like my son who was focused on his train game and 52 showing me how to be in the here and now.

Our daily lives are hidden with countless 53 to find satisfaction. It may be the sound of birds on a sunny morning or 54 a few minutes of silence at the end of a busy day. The key is to 55 the moment and take it in.

41. A. reward B. duty C. satisfaction D. solution

42. A. talented B. absorbed C. restricted D. stressed

43. A. announcement B. victory C. decision D. discovery

44. A. delighted B. pressed C. frustrated D. astonished

45. A. disturb B. capture C. extend D. avoid

46. A. remembered B. realized C. repeated D. requested

47. A. describe B. enrich C. equal D. promote

48. A. kindness B. generosity C. energy D. joy

49. A. buy B. cost C. earn D. hand

50. A. attracted B. affected C. risked D. ruined

51. A. slow down B. calm down C. catch on D. move on

52. A. undoubtedly B. unknowingly C. unnecessarily D. unconditionally

53. A. presents B. arrangements C. opportunities D. instructions

54. A. filling B. breaking C. noticing D. enjoying

55. A. seize B. share C. define D. choose

**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。

The Beijing Central Axis(中轴线) has taken one more step ahead to become 56 UNESCO(联合国教科文组织) World Heritage Site, 57 will be part of China’s 2024 application project.

The Beijing Central Axis, seen as one of the most important 58 (represent) of Chinese civilization, refers to the core area of the ancient capital city that 59 (stretch) 7.8 kilometres from the Yongding Gate in the south 60 the Bell Tower and Drum Tower in the north. This area tells stories of emperors from the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368) to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) 61 records the lives of both popular figures and common people.

62 (vary) methods to advance the application have been used, including digital technologies. For instance, visitors can travel through time and space 63 (free), moving between the past and the present, and learn about 14 cultural heritage sites along the Central Axis by using a newly-launched mobile application.

When talking about the decision, Li Zhou, vice president of the Chinese Commission for the International Council on Monuments and Sites, told *Global Times* that members 64 (join) in the application work felt pressed for time, as there were still many preparations waiting 65 (complete).

**第四部分 写作（共两节，满分40分）**

**第一节（满分15分）**

假定你是校学生会主席李华，最近，你注意到校园中存在乱扔垃圾、浪费资源等现象。请你给校报英语专栏写一封倡议书，呼吁大家共建一个环保型校园。内容包括：

1．倡议的目的；

2．采取的措施；

3．你的希望。

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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| Dear fellow students,    Students’ Union |

**第二节（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 a beautiful sunny day when Martin went out into the backyard. It would have been a perfect day to play. But Martin wasn’t out there to play.

His mother had sent him out there so that he could practice the flute(长笛). When she had bought him the expensive flute, he had promised to practice at least thirty minutes every day. But it can be difficult to concentrate or something as unexciting as a flute when your room is full of cool stuff like a TV, video games and the Internet. So Martin’s mother sent him to the backyard to practice, where there would be no distractions(使人分心的事物).

Martin sat down on the grass and brought the flute to his lips. He began doing his fingering exercises with his eyes closed. You have to close your eyes when you want to concentrate on stuff. Anyway, he played for a good forty or fifty seconds before he heard a familiar sound: “Hey, Martin!”

He looked in the direction of the voice and saw the face of his friend, his next-door neighbor Kris, who was smiling at him from the fence which separated their yards.

“I just got a new movie!” he said. “Want to come over and check it out?”

Well, that was exactly what Martin wanted to do. He loved movies but he shook his head and said sorry. Kris seemed disappointed that Martin had said no. But he also understood that Martin had to practice a lot when he was learning a musical instrument. So he left and watched the film by himself.

Martin was alone with his flute. He closed his eyes and started his fingering exercises again. But he couldn’t concentrate. His father was a scientist. Martin had been to his lab many times. He couldn’t understand why his father could concentrate on his researches for so long a time. When he was thinking, his father came over.

**注意：**

1．续写词数应为150左右；

2．请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

Paragraph 1: *With a smile on his face, his father sat beside Martin, which made the young boy a little nervous.*

Paragraph 2: *Martin felt ashamed and then he nodded, saying he hoped to be a flute performer.*

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**高二年级英语学科参考答案**

**第一部分 听力（共两节，满分30分）**

1—5CAACB 6—10 BCCAC 11—15 BCACB 16—20 BCAAB

**第二部分 阅读（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）

21—23 BCC 24—27 DDAC 28—31 DABC 32—35 DBAA

第二节（共5小题：每小题2.5分，满分12.5分）

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**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）

41—45 CBDAA 46—50 BCDCB 51—55 ABCDA

第二节（共10小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分）

56. a 57. which 58. representatives 59. stretches

60. to 61. and 62.Various 63. freely

64. joining 65. to be completed

**第四部分 写作（共两节，满分40分）**

第一节（满分15分）

One possible version:

Dear fellow students,

Recently it’s common to see some uncivilized practices on campus such as littering and wasting resources. I, on behalf of the Student Union, would like to call on everyone to contribute to an eco-friendly campus.

Firstly, we should make recycling as easy as possible. A simple way to do this is bearing garbage classification in mind, throwing different kinds of waste into different dustbins.

Secondly, conserve water, electricity and paper. For example, turn off the tap and the lights when not in use, and reuse used paper on the back, thus reducing waste of resources.

Let’s make the campus a greener place! Only through joint efforts can we achieve this goal.

The Student Union

第二节（满分25分）

One possible version:

*With a smile on his face, his father sat beside Martin, which made the young boy a little nervous.* He was afraid that his father would blame him and thought he didn’t do well enough. But he mustered his courage to ask his father, “Dad, why can you focus your attention on your researches for that long?” Gently patting him on the shoulder, his father answered, “Easy. Interest. Dream. I hope to find a new world by researching. When I was young like you, I knew I would be a scientist. And I believe interest makes me concentrate. Would you like to be a good flute player?”

*Martin felt ashamed and then he nodded, saying he hoped to be a flute performer.* Yes, actually, it was he who was so interested in the flute that he asked his mother to buy one. Of course, he should devote himself to the flute to get himself improved. Concentrating on his interest and making efforts to realize his dream to become a good flute player undoubtedly are his top priorities. Thinking of this, he smiled and began to set his mind to his flute. So lost in the playing was he that he forgot about the time. Thirty minutes passed in a flash. At that time, Martin realized that while there are many things making people absent-minded, the love of our dreams can make a difference.

**听力原文**

Text 1

M: I went to the art gallery the day before yesterday, but it was closed. I wonder why?

W: Oh, it’s always closed on Saturday, but it stays open on Sunday.

Text 2

W: What did Michael do after graduating from university?

M: He considered advertising, accounting and even a lawyer before he settled on teaching. He’s been doing that ever since.

Text 3

W: Do you know Linda’s new address? She’s got some mail here, and I’d like to send it to her.

M: Well, we haven’t been in touch for quite a while. Sally should know it.

Text 4

W: Tell me what the problem is

M: When I turn it on, the picture is in color, but after one or two minutes, it’s in black and white.

Text 5

M: The film is very good. Shall we meet at 8:00 pm at the entrance of the cinema?

W: All right. But how can I get there?

M: When you get out of the station, turn left and then keep walking until you come to a church. The cinema is just opposite.

W: Yes, I know. See you then.

Text 6

M: Hey, can I ask you a favor? Could I get a ride to soccer practice? I have to be there at 3 o’clock.

W: I don’t think I can. I have a class at 3:15, but I was planning on going to the library after lunch to get some studying done. I won’t have any other time to prepare for my test tomorrow morning because I’m working from 5 o’clock until midnight tonight.

Text 7

W: Tom, will you eat your food properly? You’re just moving those peas around your plate.

M: I don’t like peas. Why do you always make them for me? You know I don’t like them.

W: You don’t like any vegetables. But you’ve got to eat some.

M: Why?

W: You know why. Now hurry up and eat.

M: Can I have some ice cream?

W: No. Not until you finish those peas.

Text 8

M: What are you making?

W: I’m working on a blueprint(蓝图) for a new addition to my house.

M: Cool, a new addition! What are you thinking about adding?

W: I want a bigger kitchen, and Don always wants to have a music room of his own Mostly, we want more space when the baby comes.

M: I didn’t know that Don was a musician.

W: Yes, he started with the guitar, but now he can play some different instruments.

M: Wow, a dentist and a musician. I never knew.

W: There’s a lot that you don’t know about him.

M: Well, I’m glad you all are happy.

W: Well, I have to get going to the grocery store now.

M: Yeah, it was nice to run into you.

W: See you around.

M: See you!

Text 9

M: So how was your adventure vacation?

W: It was wonderful! The beaches were great. And there was a rain forest and a mountain in the center of the island where you could go rock climbing.

M: Wow! Did you go climbing?

W: Well, we went to the bottom of the mountain, spent four hours going to the forest, but then I just felt too tired, so I had to stand at the bottom and watched the others.

M: I don’t blame you. So what else did you do?

W: I spent a lot of time on the beach. I tried diving. It was great! Oh, and I saw a dolphin when I was under water.

M: Wow! Did you go bungee jumping (蹦极跳)?

W: I wanted to, but I realized I was scared of heights, so I just gave up. Quite by chance, the engine was broken on the boat, so they had to call the sailing trip off.

M: That’s a shame. So what was the most exciting part of the trip?

W: Probably exploring the old caves. I’d never done it before, and I thought it was great.

Text 10

W: It is well-known that “prom”, a formal dance held at the end of high school or college, is an important date in every student’s life. “Prom” means to walk around, beautifully dressed, in order to attract attention. The idea is that you should see and be seen by others.

The “prom” is not just an American tradition though most people believe that it started in America. In Canada, the event is called a “formal”. In Britain and Australia, the old-fashioned word “dance” is more and more often being referred to as a “prom”, and for final school year students in all these countries, this event is the highlight of the school year, just as it is in the USA. Most countries have some forms of celebration when students finish high school. After all, it marks the end of life as a child, and the beginning of life as an adult.

“Prom” is expensive to organize and the tickets can cost the students a lot of money. The tradition is that students themselves have to raise the money to pay for it. In some American schools, student unions save for the event for the four years they spend in high school.