

高二学年第二模块考试英语试卷

第一部分：听力（共两小节，满分 20 分）

第一节（共 5 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 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。

- What does the man mean?
A. We'll be back late.
B. You should leave a message for Bill.
C. We'll be back soon so you don't need to leave a message for Bill.
- What can we learn from the conversation?
A. The man has not got his exam result.
B. The man's exam result is bad.
C. The man failed an exam.
- What can we know about the woman?
A. She has no time for watching TV today.
B. The TV plays aren't interesting today.
C. She has been watching TV for a long time today.
- How much should other people pay for the bed?
A. 500. B. 750. C. 1,000.
- What telephone number should you dial in the US if you are robbed in the street?
A. 911. B. 119. C. 110.

第二节（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 15 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，每小题将给出 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。

- What's wrong with the woman?
A. She is worried about the coming exams.
B. She failed the examinations.
C. She has got a headache.
- Which subject makes the woman worried?
A. Math. B. English. C. Chemistry.

听第 7 段材料，回答第 8 至 10 题。

- How does the man think of the rent?
A. Cheap. B. Reasonable. C. Expensive.
- Why is it a bit noisy there?
A. It is next to a factory.
B. It is next to a bus stop.
C. It is next to a school.
- Who will rent the flat?
A. Jean by herself. B. Jean and two other girls. C. The man and two girls.

听第 8 段材料，回答第 11 至 13 题。

- What is the relationship between the speakers?

A. Husband and wife.

B. Close friends.

C. Boss and secretary.

12. Which of the following is NOT right according to the conversation?

A. The man won't be free until evening.

B. The speakers are mainly talking about the planning for the next day.

C. The woman will go to meet Tony instead of the man, because she has lots of time to kill.

13. Where are the speakers going to have dinner?

A. At the man's house.

B. At the woman's house.

C. At a restaurant.

听第 9 段材料，回答第 14 至 17 题。

14. What does the man think of the position of "Discoveries"?

A. Excellent.

B. So-so.

C. Not very good.

15. What do you think "Discoveries" is?

A. It is the name of a book.

B. It is the name of a magazine.

C. It is the name of a newspaper.

16. What did the man write articles for?

A. Magazines.

B. Books.

C. Newspapers.

17. Why did the man spend ten days in prison?

A. He was caught stealing.

B. He reported on prisons.

C. He wrote adventure reports.

听第 10 段材料，回答第 18 至 20 题。

18. How long has the speaker been there?

A. About a week.

B. About a month.

C. About a year.

19. Where is the speaker studying now?

A. In America.

B. In France.

C. In Britain.

20. How many classmates does the speaker probably have?

A. 13.

B. 15.

C. 50.

第二部分 阅读理解（共两节，满分 40 分）

第一节（共 15 小题；每小题 2 分，满分 30 分）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的四个选项（A、B、C 和 D）中，选出最佳选项。

A

Bilingual Secretary Wanted

Our International Exchange Department requires one part-time bilingual secretary for our office. He/She must be native Mandarin with excellent English competence (better with Japanese). We ask for 8 hours a week (from Monday to Saturday), and working schedule is negotiable. However, English corners are arranged on Thursdays, and therefore we need you to be on site from 3pm to 5pm. Attractive salary and good benefits package, including chances to exchange to foreign countries, are offered to junior and senior year students with excellent secretarial skills, the ability to communicate, an outgoing personality and a strong sense of responsibility.

Please hand in applications with photo, and email to uniied@gmail.com, or call 400-800-100 during office hours to get further information.

International Exchange Department

Advanced Math Teaching Assistants in Need

The Mathematics Department is looking for two Advanced Math teaching assistants. The job is mainly to help freshmen students to deal with math assignments and projects, as well as prepare them for final exams in Week 16.

We hope those applying for the position could meet the following requirements. First, it's necessary for the applicants to be skilled at math. Second, he/she should have at least 2 As in math-related courses with GPA no less than 4.0. Third, the job asks for excellence in both professional skills and patience.

For those who are interested in the position, please send your résumé to unimd@gmail.com before September 15th.

Dr. Jessica Smith

Mathematics Department

Part-time Job Recruitment

Technology Support Department lacks several assistants to work at its help desk.

Contents: A customer service job—answering questions, helping people solve their computer problems, providing basic teaching to new users, etc.

Requirement: The Advanced Computer Test certificate; good interpersonal skills; enthusiasm.

Work hours:

from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.

early mornings (6 a.m.-9 a.m.): 2 persons; mornings (9 a.m.- 12 a.m.): 1 person

afternoons (12 p.m.- 6 p.m.): (full)

evenings (6 p.m. - 11 p.m.): (full)

late nights: (11 p.m.-2 a.m.): 2 persons; weekends: 3 persons

If you are interested, please come to Luking Library 2F (East Side) Room 213 and fill in the forms. An interview will be arranged afterwards. New position for the next semester will be released in December.

Mr. Luke Johnson

Technology Support Department

21. If you get the position as a secretary, you _____.
- A. have to assist in English corner
B. have a tight schedule during the week
C. have the chance to be an exchange student in foreign universities anytime during university
D. must be a native English speaker who can speak fluent Chinese
22. Why are there so many job vacancies in Technology Support Department?
- A. Because the interview is challenging.
B. Because applicants have to fill in complicated forms.
C. Because applicants have to work irregular hours.
D. Because you have to help other people all the time.
23. Which of the following statements is correct according to the advertisements?
- A. The advertisements can be found on the school website.
B. Call for further information of math teaching assistants before September 15th.
C. More job vacancies in the Mathematics Department will be available in December.
D. The International Exchange Department needs a communicative and responsible secretary.

We've all heard the stories of an actor's struggles before a career breakthrough: living a hard life, working part time, being a couch potato before getting that major role. Shelby, the star of "A Dog's Way Home," has a hard-luck tale that could top them all. Before her big break, she was living in a landfill, rooting through garbage for her next meal.

Shelby's big break came in April 2017, when animal-control officer Megan Buhler was driving in Cheatham County, Tennessee. Out on an unrelated call, Buhler spotted and approached what she recalled was a noticeably scared puppy emerging from the dump. "I knelt down and just said, 'Oh, come here, baby,'" said Buhler. "She was so scared, but she came right up to me, and I was able to put her in my truck." The pair headed to the county animal shelter, where the staff began calling the new resident Baby Girl.

Buhler and others didn't know that 3,200 kilometers away, Hollywood was looking for a dog to play Bella in a film written by Cathryn Michon. The find-a-Bella job went to freelance trainer Teresa Ann Miler. Her mission was to search shelters nationwide for a dog that could play Bella. One day, Miller spotted Baby Girl's adoption photo. "Honestly, it was a really good picture, and she was flat-out smiling," Miller said. Then she met Baby Girl, and assessed her on personality and the ability to respond to simple commands. After assessment, she adopted Baby Girl from the shelter, renamed her Shelby and took her to California for training. Miller and Shelby trained for just over three months before filming began. Then they were together each day on the set.

Most of the film's reviews have praised Shelby's performance. Variety made the comments "an amazing dog, perfect performance!"

Shelby has come a long way from the dump. But Buhler said she saw Shelby recently and needed only a second to compare the movie star with the dog she found from piles of trash. "She's exactly the same," Buhler said.

24. Why does the author mention an actor's struggle before a career breakthrough at the very beginning?

- A. To make a sharp contrast between an actor's struggle and a dog's struggle.
- B. To introduce a dog's similar but even more striking experiences.
- C. To attract reader's attention by giving dramatic examples.
- D. To clearly point out the main idea of the passage.

25. What finally helped Baby Girl get the big role in the film?

- A. Her adoption picture.
- B. Her flat-out smiling.
- C. Her personality and ability.
- D. Her miserable experiences.

26. By saying "She is exactly the same" in the last paragraph, Buhler probably means _____.

- A. the dog returned to the piles of trash where she found it
- B. it took quite a lot of trouble for the dog to change her own fate
- C. she's really excited to see the dog she helped live such a happy life
- D. the dramatic change of the dog's life hasn't changed her inner quality

27. What do you think may serve as the best title of the passage?

- A. The Success of "A Dog's Way Home".
- B. From a Landfill Puppy to a Movie Star.
- C. The Trainer and Her Star Dog.
- D. Shelby's Hard-luck Story.

C

China has long been tipped to be the next Silicon Valley, but now the finances and support are in place to make it happen.

There is a growing consensus (共识) that while Silicon Valley is not about to disappear any time soon, its next biggest rival is already on the verge of bursting onto the international scene — not in the US, nor in the EU, but in Asia. More specifically, China.

This is not just an observation based on the rise of companies like Alibaba, Baidu and Tencent. It is grounded

in a more widespread move to fund start-ups in Asia to the point where more money is being invested there than in Europe. Just five years ago, Europe and Asia are neck and neck in terms of investment.

In 2013, Europe made slightly more deals, 1550 compared to Asia's 1071, but the total value of investment was \$7bn. Just five years later, Asia is now four times the size of Europe with twice as many deals carried out. Between 2013 to 2018, the number of deals in Asia increased nearly fivefold, and their value leapt to \$81bn, compared to the \$21bn raised in Europe. The Asian figure also shows that the continent is closing the gap on the US which saw \$105bn worth of deals.

One of the main reasons that makes the country so attractive is not just the huge growth in investment and high education standards, but also local and national governmental support benefiting tech companies.

In fact, one of the conclusions of a recent Fortune tech conference was that China's tech companies will soon be beating American companies on their home turf(地盘). One of the reasons is that investors believe US immigration policy is making it more difficult for the best talent around the world to find work there. Plus, Chinese companies are now able to start paying salaries that can keep pace with those on offer in Silicon Valley.

Hence, when Ian Roger, Chief Digital Official at luxury group LVMH was asked where he thought the next Facebook or Google would come from, he suggested it would be a close call between Silicon Valley and China. The latter had the investment that is needed as well as a hard work culture of a six-day week. It also has a superb education system and a huge population.

As Silicon Valley appears to be heating up a little too hard for some people, China would appear to be warming up at just the right pace.

28. What does the expression *on the verge of* in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. on the top of B. on the list of C. on the condition of D. on the point of

29. Which of the following is NOT a reason why China attracts foreign investment in tech companies?

- A. High education standards. B. Huge growth in investment.
C. Support from the government. D. Higher salaries than those in Silicon Valley.

30. It can't be inferred from the passage that _____.

- A. the US immigration policy is strict but talent-friendly
B. Ian Roger believes the next Google might come from China
C. employees of Baidu might be accustomed to overwork
D. Chinese tech companies can provide highly competitive salaries now

31. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The total value of investment in Asia is four times that in Europe.
B. Finances, high education standards and support make it possible for China to become the next Silicon Valley.
C. Asia attracts worldwide best talents to tech companies.
D. American tech companies will soon be beaten by those in China.

D

People generally see themselves through achievements. In doing that, they end up caring more about their image than the reality of who they actually are. Rather than their performance at work, they end up defining themselves by external markers that they hope will earn them respect.

The problem with this is that it encourages both themselves and other people to judge their worth based on some relatively unimportant measure. For example, one day, their educational diploma may overshadow what they actually learned. Therefore, a better way to know a person, I think, is to ask a different set of questions: What motivates them? What makes them ache? What do they long for?

It's in this spirit that I want to publicly share my values. They are the compass(罗盘)that guides my life. The kindest and most sincere thing I can do is to see, recognize, and understand another person before I make

judgments. From there, I can learn to treat others appropriately, depending on the context, learning from my mistakes with time and experience. It's just a reminder that life is hard for all of us, while at the same time accepting that it's important we are all also held accountable for our actions.

I have learned that we are all deeply self-interested. I hope to be self-aware enough to check out of the power and status games. That means I'm not competing with anyone for a shiny object; I'd rather compete with myself. It's about becoming so uniquely different that it would be an insult for me to measure myself against someone else. I believe if I do the work to be internally free from the pull of the power and status games, then I can add value to others based on my unique knowledge and experience.

If this resonates with (与……共鸣) you, I invite you to join me on this journey in understanding and relating to this complex world. It's a wonderful mystery, and I think together we can better define it—not just personally, but also collectively.

32. According to the article, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. People generally judge others' worth by what they have achieved.
- B. The external markers are better ways to know a person.
- C. The author is someone who is keen on power games.
- D. Learning from mistakes is the first step of treating others kindly.

33. What does the underlined word "overshadow" probably mean?

- A. be relatively similar to
- B. cause something to be stronger than
- C. make something less important
- D. block off light from something

34. Which of the following might the author agree with?

- A. People should be self-aware enough and compete with themselves..
- B. Life is hard, so we shouldn't criticize others when they are not responsible.
- C. Everyone is unique, so showing off uniqueness is an insult to others.
- D. One should see and understand another person using a real compass.

35. What is the writer's purpose of writing the article?

- A. To promote harmonious living.
- B. To ask people not to judge others.
- C. To call on readers to learn his values.
- D. To share his values of understanding the world.

第二节 (共5小题; 每小题2分, 满分10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。

Reducing class size has traditionally been seen as an important way to improve a student's educational experience. Many often believe that smaller classes would permit teachers to give more personal attention to their students. ____36____.

But one recent study suggests there's not much research-based evidence to support this idea. The research was collected by a team from Denmark's Danish Center for Social Science Research. The study notes that one of the main problems with reducing class size is that it can have very high costs. ____37____. Financial limitations make it very difficult for many schools to reduce the number of students in the classroom.

The new study began by examining 127 studies on classroom size. Its goal was to examine the major research studies already completed on the subject. ____38____. In the end, the research centered on 10 main studies with possible sampling (采样) problems.

The researchers concluded that there's some evidence to suggest that reducing class size may lead to some improvement in a student's reading achievement. ____39____. They found just a 53-percent chance that a randomly selected test score from a student from a small class would be higher than the selected score of a student from a larger class. ____40____. This led the researchers to conclude that there would be no benefit at all to math students in a smaller class size.

- A. But they said the effect is very small
- B. For mathematics achievement, the result was 49 percent
- C. This can theoretically lead to improved academic results for students
- D. Many public opinion studies have shown teachers favor smaller class sizes
- E. The effects of larger class size can stay long after the students complete their education
- F. Increasing class size is one of the most common ways school systems control education spending
- G. They especially centered on those trying to measure if smaller class size led to greater academic success

第三部分：语言知识运用（共三节，满分 55 分）

第一节 完型填空（共 20 小题，每题 1.5 分，满分 30 分）

阅读下面短文，从短文后各题所给的四个选项 A、B、C 和 D 中，选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

How many licks (舔) does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop (棒棒糖)?

The first time I heard this in the Tootsie Pop advertisement, I was five years old. I immediately started ___41___ and counting. After about two hundred licks or so, I stopped. The ___42___ of the chewy center had proven to be too great, and I ___43___ my way through the hard shell (外壳) to the very center. Besides, I ___44___ knew it took three licks to get to the center—that's how many licks it took the owl (猫头鹰) in the advertisement to get to the center, so that, to me, it was the ___45___ answer.

In high school, I held to the Tootsie Pop ___46___. To me, the answer was still always three licks.

In my freshman year, I joined the Model United Nations ___47___ in my school. The Chair position had ___48___ the center of the Tootsie Pop and my ___49___ had become various other students. The first so-called "owl" was Eric who had luckily ___50___ the prestigious (有威望的) Chair position. So, I decided, ___51___ Eric reached the center in only one lick, that's how many licks it should take me. I went to the tryouts with a view to obtaining the position but ___52___.

At the end of my sophomore (高二) year, a new owl named Iris had ___53___ achieved the chair position after trying twice. I began working hard again. But then again, I did not make a ___54___ of it.

Now, slightly frustrated after ___55___ two setbacks, I found a new owl, Evan. It had taken him three licks to get to the "center". Three was all I could ___56___. It was widely known that senior year was the ___57___ year to become Chair. I thought about ___58___ the program, but on second thoughts, I decided to continue.

Eleven years later, I visited the official Tootsie Pop website to find the real answer to the question that had ___59___ me my entire high school life. I finally understood. However many licks it takes to get to the center of the Tootsie Pop depends on however many licks I ___60___ to take—not how many the other owls take.

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| 41. A. dreaming | B. admiring | C. licking | D. chewing |
| 42. A. appeal | B. appearance | C. power | D. discovery |
| 43. A. fought | B. followed | C. made | D. bit |
| 44. A. seldom | B. never | C. already | D. nearly |
| 45. A. brief | B. right | C. random | D. temporary |
| 46. A. advertisement | B. plan | C. philosophy | D. custom |
| 47. A. program | B. conference | C. title | D. activity |
| 48. A. become | B. changed | C. determined | D. explored |
| 49. A. shell | B. hope | C. owl | D. companion |
| 50. A. noticed | B. shifted | C. improved | D. landed |
| 51. A. unless | B. if | C. before | D. until |
| 52. A. failed | B. quit | C. survived | D. struggled |

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| 53. A. yet | B. even | C. still | D. also |
| 54. A. promise | B. success | C. point | D. joke |
| 55. A. interacting with | B. frightening away | C. going through | D. working out |
| 56. A. afford | B. buy | C. admit | D. expect |
| 57. A. middle | B. gap | C. last | D. initial |
| 58. A. winning | B. criticizing | C. quitting | D. arranging |
| 59. A. motivated | B. troubled | C. attracted | D. instructed |
| 60. A. learn | B. offer | C. refuse | D. choose |

第二节 单项选择 (共 15 小题, 每小题 1 分; 满分 15 分)

从下列各题中所给的四个选项 A、B、C 和 D 中, 选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

61. The whole nation responds to the call _____ everybody shall wear masks wherever they go.
A. which B. that C. when D. because
62. _____ with the severe situation, the expert suggested the market referred to _____ at once.
A. Facing; be shut down B. Faced; being shut down
C. To Face; being shut down D. Faced; be shut down
63. He felt a sense of relief _____ he got his medical examination report.
A. as long as B. so that C. the moment D. as if
64. The anti-epidemic fight is like a time-limited race _____ all medical care personnel make every effort to save people's lives.
A. that B. when C. which D. where
65. The new treatment means, if _____ to the NCP, will make all the difference for the general public.
A. applying B. to apply C. applied D. having applied
66. The online game platform is crowded with teenagers, few of _____ enthusiastic about study.
A. whom B. that C. who D. them
67. The president is committed to _____ the existing system of medical care.
A. reform B. reforming C. have reformed D. having reformed
68. We can't imagine what great trouble the medical care personnel had _____ with the COVID-19.
A. fought B. for fighting C. to fight D. fighting
69. Doctor Li Wenliang is reported to have been one of the first whistleblowers _____ the epidemic situation.
A. mentioning B. to mention C. mentioned D. mention
70. Maybe all Americans realize that _____ will be the next president will face masses of problems.
A. who B. whoever C. whomever D. no matter who
71. It was not in the length of days, but in the use we make of them _____ the value of life lies.
A. when B. where C. that D. how
72. It was almost five years later _____ he brought back some happy memories.
A. since B. when C. that D. before
73. It's said that our mental abilities begin to _____ from the age 27 after reaching the highest level at 22.
A. differ B. depress C. distribute D. decline
74. As for his advantages, he has 20 years' teaching experience to _____.
A. draw on B. draw back C. draw up D. draw in
75. Many things we benefit from now wouldn't be around _____ Albert Einstein.
A. aside from B. thanks to C. but for D. regardless of

第三节 单句语法填空 (共 10 小题, 每小题 1 分; 满分 10 分)

阅读下面句子，在空白处填入适当内容或括号内单词的正确形式。

76. When he finished his speech, all the people in the hall burst into _____. (cheer)
77. We were really scared because the old man's description is frighteningly true _____ life.
78. With the difficult problem _____ (settle), he threw himself in the sofa in relief.
79. A huge amount of environmental damage has been brought _____ by the destruction of the rain-forests.
80. Here came the order _____ we should finish all the work this week.
81. Tony is so _____ (gift) in basketball that he is very popular among the girls.
82. After years of hard-work, we were able to buy our first house, _____ (measure) 80 square meters.
83. _____ (convince) that I would try my best to help him, he became less worried.
84. He would have come to my rescue, but he _____ (be) too busy yesterday.
85. The reason _____ he is always making the same mistake is that he never follows others' advice.

第四部分：写作（共两节，满分 35 分）

第一节 单句改错（共 10 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 10 分）

下列每个句子中有一处语言错误。每处错误涉及一个单词的增加、删除或修改。

增加：在缺词处加一个漏字符号（∧），并在其下面写出该加的词。

删除：把多余的词用斜线（\）划掉。

修改：在错的词下划一横线，并在该词下面写出修改后的词。

注意：每处错误及其修改均仅限一词

86. The firefighters had worked for two hours before the fire was finally under the control.
87. Cycling is of great benefit on health and the environment.
88. It is not typically of Thomas to be so particular about what to wear.
89. Andy was going to enjoy a film that night, but ended up work all night at home.
90. Planned tours were mostly canceled for lack bookings.
91. Which is known to all, this epidemic will have a lasting influence on every aspect of our society.
92. If I concentrated more on studies during on-line courses, I wouldn't be so nervous now about this examination.
93. He is nothing but stupid. In fact, he is rather smart but only too lazy.
94. In a circle of modern buildings lie our traditional style campus—Harbin No. 3 Middle School.
95. Why he has no interest in study is because he has been addicted to computer games.

第二节 书面表达（满分 25 分）

假定你是李华，你的美国朋友 Peter 听说现在在中国人工智能已经进入人们的日常生活，包括旅游业。他来信询问你外出游玩时是否有这方面的体验，请你给他回信，内容包括：

1. 门票无现金（手机）支付。
2. 人脸识别进入景区。
3. 邀请他来体验。

注意：

1. 词数 100 左右；
2. 可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

参考词汇：face recognition (人脸识别); mobile payment (移动支付)

高二英语 2019-2020 学年度下学期期末考试答案

听力: 1~5 CACCA 6~10 ACACB 11~15 BCAAB 16~20 CABCA

阅读: 21-23 ACD 24-27 BCDB 28-31 DDAB 32-35 ACAD 36-40 CFGAB

完形: 41-45 CADCB 46-50 CAACD 51-55 BADBC 56-60 ACCBD

单选: 61-65 BDCDC 66-70 DBDBB 71-75 CCDAC

填空: 76. cheers 77. to 78. settled 79. about/ on 80. that 81. gifted

82. measuring 83. Convinced 84. was 85. why

改错: 86. 去掉 the 87. on-to 88. typically-typical 89. work-working 90. lack 后加 of

91. Which-As 92. concentrated 前加 had 93. nothing-anything 94. lie-lies

95. because-that 或者 Why 改成 That

范文:

Dear Peter,

I'm happy to hear from you. Just as you have learned, artificial intelligence is now widely used in China. Here I'd like to share with you what I experienced during the week-long National Day holiday.

When traveling, we were amazed at the changes and convenience brought by artificial intelligence. First of all, wherever and whenever we went, we could use the mobile payment. More interesting, we no longer had to get into tourist attractions with the ID card. We could do it through a face recognition app now, which really saved time so that we didn't have to wait in queue. What an amazing experience!

I do hope you can come to China and experience all of this when you have spare time. Looking forward to your coming.

Yours truly,

Li Hua

听力原文:

Text 1

W: Just a second. I want to leave a message for Bill.

M: Don't worry. We'll be back in less than an hour.

Text 2

W: Why, David, you look a bit worried. What's the matter?

M: I am expecting my exam result this morning, and it hasn't arrived yet.

Text 3

W: There are so many TV plays to watch that I just do not have enough time for all of them.

M: I think you should stop watching TV now. You have been watching it for six hours today.

Text 4

W: The bed looks so nice! How much did you pay for it?

M: The boss of the shop was an old friend of mine, so he gave me a discount. I paid 500 yuan, which was half the price of other people bought it for.

W: You are lucky.

Text 5

W: Li Ming, what should I do if I see somebody fighting in the street?

M: You can dial 110 to report to the police. What telephone number should you dial in that case in the US?

W: 911.

Text 6

M: Why don't we go dancing?

W: No. I'm really not in the mood.

M: Anything wrong?

W: We will have an examination this weekend but I haven't got ready for it.

M: Take it easy. You will get a good mark with your good English and good math.

W: I know, but chemistry is my great headache.

M: Well, just be relaxed.

Text 7

M: Jean, there's this fantastic flat I heard about going for almost nothing—50 pounds a week.

W: Well, thank goodness for that. Tell me something about it. What's the matter?

M: Well, it needs redecorating, but I'm sure your artist friend Nora could organize that side of things.

W: What else? Is it near a bus stop?

M: About five minutes' walk. It backs onto the school where Alice teaches, so it might be a bit noisy during the day.

W: How many bedrooms?

M: Three—so you can rent it with two other girls!

Text 8

W: So what's your schedule for tomorrow, Dave?

M: Well, first I have to do the accounts on the new computers. Then I'm meeting Tony.

W: I thought you had already finished that.

M: Yeah, but we have to check the final reports.

W: So you won't have any time left?

M: Not until in the evening, I am afraid. Do you have anything particular tomorrow evening?

W: Not really. I think I have a lot of time to kill.

M: Well, then, won't you come over to my place to have dinner with me?

W: With pleasure.

M: Let me do the cooking this time.

W: In that case, I will do some shopping tomorrow.

Text 9

W: "Discoveries" is looking for a reporter to travel all around the world and write adventure articles.

M: Oh, it's a good job, I think.

W: So you are interested in working for "Discoveries"?

M: That's right. I've never written a magazine article, but I am sure I can. I've written a lot of articles for a newspaper.

W: Oh? What newspaper have you written for?

M: Well, so far I've sold articles to the *Chicago Star* and a few other newspapers.

W: Have you ever written an adventure article?

M: No, I haven't. But I have done some adventurous things to get information for my newspaper articles.

W: Tell me one of them.

M: Well, once I wanted to report on prisons, so I went to a store and stole something. Of course the police came, and I spent ten days in prison. It was horrible. When I got out, I wrote two articles about my experiences there. When the public read the articles, they got upset and complained. Since then the prisons have been improved.

Text 10

M: Dear everyone, can I really be so far away and still feel at home? It has been less than a month since I started at the Frances King School and I already feel that I belong to London. Like many of the students here, I am living with a local family, which certainly helps me to practice my English away from class. The school believes that learning should continue outside classes and those students should have the chance to experience British culture.

Last week we all went to see a musical and this weekend we are going to visit Stratford for the day. We have also been promised a weekend in Paris next spring! Of course, I'm working hard as well as having fun. With class sizes of less than fifteen there is no chance of being able to avoid the teachers. As well as learning English we are also taught how to study by ourselves. That should make it easier when I get to university. For such a friendly place, the Frances King School is very large. Students come from all over the world to learn here, from Europe and South America as well as China. We'll all find it a great place to learn.