岳阳市2022年高二教学质量监测

英　语

时量：120分钟；满分：150分。

注意事项：

1．本试卷分为四部分，共12页。

2．答题前，考生务必将自己的姓名，准考证号与校名填写在答题卡的相应位置。

3．全部答案在答题卡上完成，答在本试卷上无效。

第一部分：听力（共两小节，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。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．How will the woman contact the man next？

A．By e-mail． B．With a phone call． C．By text message．

2．Who is the woman probably talking with?

A．A coach. B．A doctor. C．A manager.

3．Where does the conversation most probably take place?

A．At home. B．At a canteen. C．At a drug store.

4．Which sport did the woman do best in this year's competition?

A．Bicycle race. B．Pingpong. C．Badminton.

5．What does the man probably think of the party?

A．It's interesting. B．It's crowded. C．It's dull.

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。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 is the man’s flight leaving?

A．Next Friday. B．Next Saturday. C．Next Sunday

7．How much will the man have to pay for all tickets?

A．$ 580. B．S1,160. C．$1,740.

听第7段材料，回答第8至10题。

8．What can people enjoy in Richmond?

A．Local foods. B．Local artworks. C．Local shopping centers.

9．How far away is Sun Valley from Richmond?

A．5 minutes’ walk. B．10 minutes’ walk. C．15 minutes’ bike ride.

10．Where do the speakers decide to sleep?

A．In a tent. B．In a hotel. C．In a villager’s house.

听第8段材料，回答第11至13题。

11．What kind of restaurant does the man recommend?

A．Greek. B．Bulgarian. C．Turkish.

12．What is the salad made of in the restaurant?

A．Vegetables and cheese.

B．Vegetables and olive oil.

C．Meat and cheese.

13．What does the woman like for dessert?

A．Sweets. B．Cakes. C．Cheese.

听第9段材料，回答第14至16题。

14．What does Carol do when she volunteers?

A．She performs for children. B．She picks up trash. C．She serves dinner.

15．How often does Carol volunteer?

A．Once a week. B．Twice a week. C．Three times a week.

16．What does Jim worry about if he joins Carol?

A．Knowing little about the story.

B．Choosing a boring book.

C．Reading for hours.

听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17．Where can people find public bookshelves in Germany?

A．On street corners. B．In the cinema. C．In the church.

18．For whom is the project set up?

A．The old. B．The children. C．Everyone.

19．Who take care of the public bookshelves?

A．Local librarians. B．The police. C．Local volunteers.

20．Where are they going to put up future bookshelves next?

A．In rich neighborhoods. B．In poor neighborhoods. C．In local supermarkets.

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)

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中选出最佳选项。

A

A study by the Institute for Employment Studies found that older learners reported higher life enjoyment and greater confidence. The following apps will help you to learn something new.

1. Quizlet

Whether you're brushing up on a language, gardening knowledge and cooking techniques, or getting to grips with your favourite literature classics, the online learning platform, Quizlet, gives you access to over 300 million different study sets on almost any subject you can imagine—for free.

Whether you are learning a skill yourself or helping your child or grandchild revise their school work, Quizlet is a great study platform for mastering any subject.

2. Babbel

As well as being a great skill to show off on holiday, learning a new language can have profound effects on the way you approach problem-solving and might even give you a leg-up in your career.

With classes designed to be 10-15 minutes long, Babbel encourages learning in short, yet achievable, bursts. So this summer, whether you’re on the beach soaking up some sun, or simply relaxing at home, why not give language learning a try?

3. Blinkist

Blinkist is the perfect app to assist you this summer, providing the key highlights from non-fiction books in both audio and text form.

Whether you want to start a new business, improve your management skills, or achieve a better work/life balance, micro-learning app Blinkist takes key ideas from non-fiction texts and transform them into easy-to-consume 15-minute digests.

4. Remente

Stress is something that most of us face on a daily basis—be it at work or at home—and continual worry and stress can be harmful to our health.

Today, there are tools that can help you, like the mental health app Remente. Whether the aim is to improve mental wellbeing, stress or personal or professional relationships, Remente guides a user through every step in order to make their goals a reality.

1. In which app can almost everything be learned?
2. Quizlet. B. Babbel. C. Blinkist. D. Remente.
3. What can you find in Blinkist?

A．Science fiction in audio forms. B．Short stories by famous authors.

C．The best part of a news article. D．A complete version of a best-seller.

1. If you’re stressed with your new business, you can choose \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Babbel & Quizlet B. Remente & Quizlet
3. Blinkist & Babbel D. Blinkist & Remente

B

Getting to Antarctica is not easy. The few who are lucky enough to visit this most mysterious continent do so by ships. To reach Antarctica, ships must pass through a notoriously violent area of ocean called the Drake Passage, considered to be the roughest stretch of sea on the planet.

Walls of water thirty, sometimes forty feet high continually crashed about our ship for two solid days. We would hold on to a rope inside the ship while being violently tipped to one extreme side, then to the other, and then back again. My daughter Claire and I were as mentally prepared as we could be.

About two and a half days after entering the Drake Passage, the waters calmed. Soon, we noticed small black spots on nearby pieces of floating ice. Emperor penguins! Then, we began the two-mile hike over the ice to the penguin colony. Within several hundred yards, little clusters of emperors, perhaps ten or so at a time, greeted us, sliding on their bellies and making their wonderful noises, sort of a nasally squeal.

One day two adult emperors with their three chicks in tow approached Claire, who was resting on the ice. They left the chicks with her, as if she were the babysitter. Twenty minutes later they returned to collect the chicks. And I will never forget the penguin that, when I jokingly asked which way back to the helicopters, pointed a wing in the correct direction.Every night aboard our safe and warm ship, we thought about what it takes to survive in Antarctica, an incredibly harsh place.

But each day on the ice, we also thought about the Drake passage, that monstrous body of water we had to endure to get where we were. Over the course of our visit, we came to respect the power of that sea. We still talk about the penguins, as I’m sure we always will. But we talk about the Drake too. Both experiences were unforgettable, and one would not have been possible without the other.

1. What does the word *notoriously* mean in paragraph 1 ?

A. Frequently traveled. B. Hard to locate.

C. Recognized negatively. D. Aimlessly sailed.

25. Which of the following best describe the voyage in the Drake passage?

A. Boring. B.Comfortable. C. Smooth. D. Difficult.

26. What does the author mostly focuses on penguins when describing them?

A. Dependence on one another.

B. Collecting their baby chicks in time.

C. Friendly and entertaining behavior.

D. Ability to survive in their environment.

1. What did the author most likely gain from his experience?

A. An increased respect for the power of nature.

B. An understanding of how animals survive in cold climates.

C. An awareness of the types of activities his daughter enjoys.

D. An interest in other journeys that involve physical challenges.

C

Black history museums and historic sites are thriving or growing forcefully across the South. They're riding a wave of interest in African-American history that's made a stunning success of the 2-year-old National Museum of African American History and Culture in the nation's capital.

Attendance at some large museums is decreasing. Twelve of the 20 biggest U.S. museums saw flat or lower attendance from 2016 to 2017. In comparison, various activities involving black history stand out.

In Church Creek, Maryland, for example, a 1-year-old, 17-acre state-national park memorializes the place where Harriet Tubman was born and enslaved. Tubman escaped slavery and later helped many others escape, too. The park was expected to draw 75,000 visitors its first year. However, it attracted 100,000.

History professionals cite several factors for the phenomenon. The Black Lives Matter movement, conflicts over Confederate monuments, protests by NFL players and last year's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, also have made a difference. These activities have caused more Americans to consider how race affects them.

When the national museum opened, "We thought that might have the impact of gaining the public spotlight. Just the opposite," said Moore, president of Charleston, South Carolina's International African American Museum. It has jump-started more presentations of black history. "There are art museums everywhere, and there are history museums everywhere. I see it as really healthy that there will be African-American museums everywhere."

# States also are spending money to promote civil rights tourism. 14 Southern state tourism agencies in January launched a website detailing stops on what they are calling the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission last year created a "Green Book" mobile app. It includes 300 historic African-American sites in South Carolina.

"Cultural tourism, or heritage tourism, is one of the fastest growing markets in the country," said Jannie Harriot. She is the vice chairperson of the South Carolina commission."(But) nothing that we do is limited to black people. Sometimes I think white people are more interested in our history than we are."

1. Why does the author mention the example state-national park in paragraph 3?
2. To reflect the development of the park.
3. To introduce the life of Tubman.
4. To present the attraction of large museums.
5. To show the increased interest in black history.
6. What is the Moore’s attitude to the open of national museum?学科网 zxxk.com
7. Favorable. B. Indifferent. C. Doubtful. D. Unclear.学科网 zxxk.com
8. What can we learn about civil rights tourism?
9. An increased amount of money has mainly helped to preserve historic sites.
10. Actions have been taken only by black people to promote civil rights tourism.
11. Efforts have been made to increase tourism and attention to historic sites.
12. Commission has done nothing to arouse the interest of black people in history.
13. Which of the following is a suitable title for the passage?学科网 zxxk.com
14. Activities Involving Black History Standing Out.
15. Reasons for the Increased Interest in Black History.
16. The Increased Awareness of Preserving Black History.
17. Black History Tourism and Museums Attracting Attention.

D

There are many interconnected links between Earth and space exploration. The Earth and Space Foundation(基金会), was founded for the purposes of developing such links by field research and direct practical action.

Projects that have been supported by the Foundation include environmental projects using technologies of space exploration: satellite communications, GPS, remote sensing, advanced materials and power sources. For example, the people of Guatemala are faced with the loss of the forests on which their livelihood depends. Rather than opposing economic progress and trying to save the forests on their own strengths, one new approach is to improve the value of the forests. The Foundation has previously given a fund to a group of explorers that used remote sensing to plan eco-tourism routes in the forests of Guatemala, thus bringing income to the local populations through tourism. This novel approach is now making the protection of the forests a reasonable economic decision.

The Foundation funds many archaeological(考古学的) field projects, which reflect the contributions of the early civilization to astronomy(天文学) and space sciences. The Foundation helped fund a large archaeology project by the Society for Syrian Archaeology at the University of California, Los Angeles. It worked with the Syrian government and used GPS and satellite imagery to locate banks of earth, or ‘tels’, containing treasures and relics of ancient civilizations. These collections are being used to build a better picture of the nature of the civilizations that gave birth to astronomy.

Field research also applies the Earth’s environmental and biological resources to the human exploration and settlement of space. This may include the use of remote environments on Earth, as well as physiological and psychological studies in harsh environments. In one research project, the Foundation gave financial support to an international caving expedition to study the psychology of explorers in caves in Mexico for a period of time. The results of the tests were used by the NASA Johnson Space Center to improve US astronaut selection standard. Besides, a Mars-like programme has been launched in one area in the the Arctic, whose environment is similar to the Mars’, to test communications and exploration technologies in preparation for the human exploration of Mars.

1. What do we know about the novel approach in the Guatemala project?

A. It opposed the development of economy.

B. It reduced the impact of tourists on the forests.

C. It showed that preserving the forests can be profitable.

D. It gave the Foundation greater control over the forests.

1. Why were GPS and satellite imagery used in the Syrian project ?

A. To explore land that is hard to reach.

B. To find ancient items buried under the earth.

C. To limit the impact of archaeological activity

D. To rebuild the picture of all the civilizations.

34.  What can we infer from the last paragraph?

A. The space environment is as tough as the environment on Earth.

B. It is unlikely to test the technologies needed to explore Mars on Earth.

C. The length of time in caves certainly leads to the best astronaut selection standard.

D. Space-like environments on Earth may help us understand how to operate in the space.

**35.**  What is the writer’s purpose in the passage?

A. To encourage people to explore the space.

B. To introduce the function of the Foundation.

C. To persuade people to study the caves.

D. To show the importance of space exploration.

第二节 (共5小题；每小题2.5分，满分12.5分)

阅读下面短文，从短文后的选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

Active listening is a way of communicating that can increase understanding between a speaker and a listener. Its goal is to have an open sharing of ideas and feelings. It shows respect and consideration for the person speaking.

Active listening is very useful for family members. Family members often develop bad listening habits. They react to each other based on what they expect the other person to say rather than on what is actually said. 36

37 Miscommunication or lack of understanding between co-workers can lead to hurt feelings, which in turn can make it difficult for people to work together. Active listening can solve such issues and create greater understanding and team spirit among co-workers.

For example, someone is unexpectedly rude to their co-worker, or seems inconsiderate of their needs. The co-worker might feel hurt, or they might become angry and begin to dislike that person. Active listening can help resolve such problems. 38 Meanwhile the co-worker is given a chance to explain and maybe even apologize.

It could be that the rude co-worker was going through a difficult time at home or on the job and was unaware of how bad his or her behavior was. By listening respectfully, another person might learn more about that co-worker's situation. 39 In this way, situations that could turn into major conflicts instead lead to greater understanding.

Sometimes people do not communicate with those they are close to because they fear the other person's reaction. Rather than saying, for example, "It really hurts my feelings when you behave like that way" ,the partner might say nothing at all in order to avoid a fight. 40 If the partners actively listen to each other, though, they can fully explain how they feel, and this can help avoid any hurt feelings.

1. Active listening can also be useful in the workplace.
2. Active listening provides a way to break this pattern.
3. However, the hurt feelings remain and can build up over time.
4. So the family can be expected to be harmonious.
5. You can be sure that co-worker’s problems must all be solved.
6. It allows a person to say how they feel about their co-worker's behavior.
7. And he also gains that co-worker's appreciation for their willingness to listen.

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)

阅读下面短文，从每题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

The definition of community has evolved (升华) for me from childhood to the young adult I am now. My mom was born in America but both her parents were from the Bahamas. It was their 41 to take care of the elderly and the sick. And my mom has 42 me to be caring to those around us because we're all a part of the "community" , an 43 of family.

When I was 9 years old, my family moved to Cape Coral, Florida. Both mom and dad worked full-time, so they registered me to 44 in an after-school program at the Youth Center. Youth counselors (辅导员) would help me with my homework and play games with me and this was where my 45 took root. Community service started with me 46 at the Youth Center.

Then 47 struck at home. My grandmother had to have heart surgery and needed hospital treatment. This experience brought me to 48 at Cape Coral Hospital. I asked if I could learn from the 49 how to give my grandma her medicine and it started here.

I loved being at Cape Coral Hospital. I would bring paperwork to other doctors, bring food to the patients, and make sure the patients were 50 . I would help direct visitors to see patients. I would always tell what would 51 the patients up because I had built a relationship with them and their loved ones. I grew to feel the hospital was a part of my 52 .

After volunteering at the Youth Center and at the Hospital, I've learned that people become sort of an extended family when you 53 them. Now I am more 54 of those close to me, neighbors and even 55 who share my resources.

41．A．rule B．culture C．civilization D．guidance

42．A．convinced B．assessed C．taught D．blessed

43．A．extension B．entry C．exposure D．outline

44．A．resign B．assign C．take D．participate

45．A．core B．interest C．principle D．plan

46．A．giving away B．giving up C．giving back D．giving in

47．A．burden B．ruin C．illness D．panic

48．A．work B．volunteer C．cooperate D．play

49．A．crew B．dentist C．operator D．nurse

50．A．attended B．preserved C．saved D．occupied

51．A．mix B．line C．join D．cheer

52．A．school B．community C．ward D．room

53．A．depend on B．come across C．care about D．calm down

54．A．considerate B．aware C．afraid D．fond

55．A．friends B．strangers C．patients D．parents

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 Clay Figure Zhang is a famous folk art in Tianjin. The Clay Figure Zhang

56 (develop) during the Daoguang Period of the Qing Dynasty 57 (be) the most famous and has a history of 180 years.

The Clay Figure Zhang was created by Zhang Mingshan, 58 folk artist of Tianjin. He had been living his life by 59 (make) clay figures with his father since childhood because of the 60 (poor) of his family. Clever and imaginative, Zhang often observed people from all walks of life in the market and various roles in the theatre, 61 then secretly kneaded（捏制）clay figures in his sleeves. His unique art earned 62 (he) worldwide reputation and household love from the common people who kindly nicknamed him Clay Figure Zhang. The images of Clay Figure Zhang vary from palace maids in costume, historic figures, religious figures, and modern figures 63 local customs. The painted sculptures are not only similar in shape, but also lifelike with their vivid forms. 64 (usual) it is displayed indoors, due to the small size. That is 65 it is also called shelf sculptures.

第四部分　写作(共两节， 满分40分)

第一节 (满分15分)

假设你是李华，你校下学期将开设中国传统艺术选修课，请用英文给本校交换生Mike写一封邮件来介绍相关信息，内容包括：

1.开课目的。

2.内容及安排。

3.选课建议。

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。

Dear Mike，

How’s everything going? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Yours,

Li Hua

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。

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。

I was sitting next to Missy in my ninth-grade world history class when Mrs. Bartlett announced a new project. In groups, we were to create a newspaper around the culture we were studying.

On a piece of paper, we wrote the names of three friends we wanted in our group. After collecting all the requests, Mrs. B. informed us that she would take into consideration the names we chose and would let us know the results the next day. I had no doubt I would get the group of my choice. Missy was one of my friends. I knew we had chosen each other.

The next day, I anxiously expected the class. After the bell rang, Missy and I stopped talking as Mrs. B called for our attention. She started to call out names. When she reached group three, Missy’s name was called. “So I’m in group three,”I thought. The second, third and fourth members of the group were called. My name was not included. There had to be some mistake!

Then I heard it. The last group: “Mauro, Juliette, Rachel, Karina.” I could feel the tears well in my eyes. How could I face being in that group—the boy who barely spoke English, the one girl who was always covered by skirts that went down to her ankles, and the other girl who wore weird (怪异的) clothes. Oh, how badly I wanted to be with my friends.

I fought back tears as I walked up to Mrs. B. She looked at me and knew what I was there for. I was determined to convince her I should be in the “good” group. “Why?” I started.

She gently placed a hand on my shoulder. “I know what you want, Karina,” she said, “but your group needs you. I need you to help them get a passing grade on this task. Only you can help them.”

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。

I was amazed after hearing what she said. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Finally the result of assignment came out. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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英语参考答案

**第一部分 听力（共两节，每小题1.5分，满分30分）**

第一节（共5题：每小题1.5分，满分7.5分）

1．C 2．A 3．C 4．B 5．C

第二节(共15小题；每小题1.5分，满分22.5分)

6．A 7．C 8．B 9．B 10．A

11．B 12．A 13．B 14．A 15．C

16．A 17．A 18．C 19．C 20．B

**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）

21-23：ACD 24-27：CDCA

28-31：DACD 32-35：CBDB

第二节（共5小题，每小题2.5分，满分12.5分）

36-40 BAFGC

**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）**

41-45BCADB 46-50 CCBDA 51-55 DBCAB

**第二节（共10个小题，每小题1.5分，满分15分）**

56.developed 57. is 58.a 59. making 60.poverty 61.and

62.him 63.to 64.Usually 65.why

**第四部分 写作（共两节，满分40分）**

**第一节 （满分15分）**

*One possible version*

Dear Mike,

How ’s everything going? Word came that our school is going to introduce new selective  course regarding traditional Chinese art next term. I am writing to provide relevant information for you.

First, with the aim of helping the students have a better understanding of the Chinese culture

and feeling the beauty of the  Chinese art, three courses are scheduled to be set up, which are Chinese chess, calligraphy  and Chinese painting respectively. Additionally, it’s worth mentioning that they are arranged from 7 to 9 on Friday evening each week. Among all the courses, it is Chinese  painting that I recommend most. Because you can get a a genuine taste of the fabulous and marvelous Chinese art.

Hope my suggestions can be accepted and I am looking forward to your coming and joining

us next term.

Yours,

 Li Hua

**第二节 （满分25分）**

One possible version

I was amazed after hearing what she said. She had seen something in me I hadn't seen. “Will you help them?” she asked. I stood straighter. “Yes,” I replied. I couldn't believe it came out of my mouth, but it did. I bravely walked to my group and sat down. Different newspaper columns were assigned according to interests. We did research. Halfway through the week, I felt myself enjoying the company of these three partners. I grew sincerely interested in learning something about them.

Finally the result of assignment came out. To our surprise, we got the first prize. After that semester ended, I always received a friendly hello from my group. And I was always happy to see them. I don’t recall what the newspaper’s headline was or even the culture we wrote about, but I did learn something that week. I was given a chance to see other people in a new light. They weren't misfits, just people that no one cared enough about to try to understand except Mrs. Bartlett. She gave us an A on that assignment. We should have handed it right back, for she was the one who truly deserved it.

听力材料

【Text 1】

M: Thanks for calling customer service. I have to take another call, so please e-mail us.

W: Sorry, it's urgent. I don't have time to wait for e-mail responses. Can I send you a Text message?

M: OK, that also works for us. We'll respond immediately.

【Text 2】

W: I’m really tired. I don’t think I can do 15 minutes’ weightlifting.

M: Stick with it. I promise you will improve your body shape if you can hang on. I have instructed many people and they have made it!

W: OK, I’ll keep going.

【Text 3】

M: Excuse me, I’m looking for something for a stomachache.

W: I see, sir. How long have you had this problem? M: For a few days. W: You could try this medicine. It may help. But I think you should see a doctor.

【Text 4】

W: Did you go to the sports competition this year?

M: Yes. I saw you came first in Pingpong. But your best sports are bicycle race and badminton, aren’t they?

W: Yes, but I was fifth in both of them. I had never expected that.

【Text 5】

M: How do you like the party?

W: Oh,I am having so much fun. I hope it will last longer.

M: Actually, I was coming over to tell you I am going to leave now. I don’t know anybody here but you.

W: Oh. I am sorry. I should have introduced you to more people here.

【Text 6】

W: May I help you?

M: Yes. I’d like to book three seats to Calgary Canada on a flight leaving sometime before next Sunday.

W: Economy class?

M: Yes.

W: One-way or round trip?

M: One-way.

W: There aren’t any direct flights, sir. You will have to change in Vancouver.

M: That’s all right.

W: There is a Canadian Airlines Flight 30 leaving Beijing next Friday at 10:00 am. It has three seats available.

M: Will that be all right?

M: That’s fine.

W: Your name, please?

M: B-a-s-i-l, Basil. How much is the ticket?

W: $580 for one.

【Text 7】

M: Let’s plan a trip for the summer break.

W: All right. I heard there are some little villages with beautiful scenery and interesting shops.

M: Oh no. We don’t have that much money to do some shopping.

W: You’re right. Anyway, I’d like to have a look. I just heard there are some really nice arts in the villages. The best place to find a good variety of local artworks such as paintings and handmade jewelry is Richmond. The only trouble is that there aren’t any places to eat. Luckily, there are some great restaurants and cafés in Rosemount 15 minutes by bike away from it. And Sun Valley, which is a ten-minute walk from Richmond is also famous for its local foods.

M: Great! Are there any youth hotels around there?

W: Yes, there’s one in Richmond.But what about sleeping in a tent? We haven’t done that for ages and we don’t have much money to stay in a hotel.

M: Sounds fun.

【Text 8】

W: It’s Michael’s twenty-fifth birthday next week. I’d like to invite him to a restaurant he hasn’t been to yet. Could you recommend anywhere?

M: Actually, yes. There is a great Bulgarian restaurant near where I live.

W: Bulgarian? I don’t think I’ve ever tried Bulgarian food.

M: Well, it’s really good. It’s a bit like Greek food — lots of vegetables, olive oil, very good cheese. There is also a fantastic salad, which is made of fresh vegetables with a very special kind of cheese.

W: That sounds lovely, but Michael likes meat as well.

M: Oh, they do serve meat too, very good roast meat and fish and for dessert they’ve got cakes that are a bit like Turkish ones.

W: I like Turkish ones!

M: But that’s sweet and rich in fat. I can feel myself putting on weight already.

【Text 9】

W: Sorry, Jim. I won't be able to make it to the dinner tomorrow night. I'll be busy volunteering at the library during that time.

M: That's interesting, Carol. Most people I know volunteer by collecting garbage or something. What do you do at the library when you volunteer? Are they short on employees who put away books?

W: Nothing like that. I just read the children's books and act out some of the stories for them. It's very fun and it doesn't take long, maybe one or two hours.

M: How often do you do that?

W: I do it on Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. You should come help me with it one time.

M: That sounds like fun. Can I pick the stories I want to read? I hate to try and act out a story I never read.

W: You can read any book as long as it's on the library's list.

【Text 10】

When you walk on the streets of Germany, you feel you are surrounded by books. In Germany, public bookshelves are lined across the nation on street corners, city squares and in supermarkets. In the free-for-all libraries, people can take whatever they want to read, and leave behind anything they want to leave for others. There’s no need to register, no due date, and you can take or give as many as you want. This project is aimed at everyone who likes to read — without regard to age or education. It is open to everyone. Each shelf holds around 200 books and it takes about six weeks for a complete turnover, with all the old titles replaced by new ones. The public bookshelves are usually cared for by local volunteer groups. Germans think they should make it easy for everyone to enjoy reading in this reading culture on the street — from old readers to kids. While most of the shelves have so far been put in rich neighborhoods, they are planning to put up future shelves in poor neighborhoods, where people often don’t have easy access to literature.