The World (October 16th-31st, 2024)

1. **News Report 1 *The Wall Street Journal* (October 18, 2024 A8)**

1)Text Completion

**IMF: Soft Landing Seen, But Tepid Growth**

 Inflation rates are falling and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (globe) economy is on track for a soft landing, but the outlook for growth is tepid and rising trade barriers are a headwind, the head of the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday. In a speech ahead of the fund’s annual meetings in Washington, D.C., next week, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said governments should act quickly \_\_\_\_\_\_ (halt) a sharp rise in their debts, and work together to resolve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (grow) trade tensions. Figures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (release) by the European Union’s statistics agency on Thursday showed the annual rate of inflation fell to 1.7% in September, below the European Central Bank’s 2% target for the first time since June 2021. In the U.K., inflation also fell to 1.7%, \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. prices rose by 2.4%.

**BANGLADESH: Court Seeks Arrest Of Former Premier**

 A special court in Bangladesh issued arrest warrants on Thursday for former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 45 others, including her close aides, on charges of crimes \_\_\_\_\_\_ humanity during a student-led uprising in July and August that forced her to flee the country, \_\_\_ prosecutor said. Prosecutor B.M. Sultan Mahmud said the Dhaka-based International Crimes Tribunal under Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, the country’s interim leader, issued the warrants in response to two petitions by the prosecution. There was no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (react) from Hasina’s Bangladesh Awami League party. Hasina \_\_\_\_ (flee) to India on Aug. 5 after weeks of protests over government job quotas in \_\_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of people died. Prosecutors said Hasina, her close aides and security agencies were responsible for killing the protesters and others.

2)Reading Comprehension

Which of the following statements is correct according to the text?

A. The global economy is recovering swiftly according to the IMF head.

B. Inflation rate in the U.K. was below the 2% target for the first time in three years.

C. Former Bangladesh Prime Minister were arrested for her crimes against humanity.

D. Protesters were killed during the student-led uprising in July and August in Bangladesh.

3)Translation

这台戏只得到了零落的掌声。\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

总统拿起电话，给一个助手发话。

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1. **News Report 2 *BBC Science Focus*（October, 2024 P25)**
2. Text Completion

Finding tiny flowers in the middle of the desert is hard but its far \_\_\_\_\_\_ (easy) if you can search from above. Desert ecosystems are generally delicate and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (access) and off-road vehicles can damage the fragile habitats. That’s \_\_\_\_\_ scientists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, turned to para-motorists (paragliders powered by motors) to help in their conservation efforts in the deserts of Peru.

 Scientists from Kew have been studying plants in parts of the desert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) as lomases [oases fed not by rain, but by fog) for almost a century. There \_\_\_\_ (be) over 1,700 plant species in the lomases, but they remain incredibly hard to map - some only flower once a decade and the areas are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (extreme) vulnerable to climate change and human activity. with Peruvian scientists from Huarango Nature, RBG Kew helped train paramotorists to identify, collect, geo-reference and preserve plants for taxonomic study.

 “Our study shows that through \_\_\_\_ exciting collaboration, today’s extreme sports enthusiasts can work alongside scientists to help monitor ecosystems \_\_\_\_\_ gather crucial environmental data, protect species and aid conservation efforts,” said Oliver Whaley., Honorary Research Associate at RBG Kew.

 The collaboration has led the Peruvian Government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (protect) a 63km² (15,689 acre) area of desert on the coast of Peru and designate \_\_\_ a conservation reserve.

2)Translation

老人是我们社会中特别容易受到伤害的成员。

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这是一次带来极其有益的成果的合作。

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1. **News Report 3 *Unprocess Your Diet* ( October 9, 2024 P39)**
2. Text Completion

Sugar \_\_\_\_\_\_ (occur) naturally in small quantities in foods like fruits, vegetables and milk, along with other useful nutrients. Our bodies break down this sugar \_\_\_\_ energy and food with natural sugar doesn’t seem to do much damage. It’s when we consume diets full “free” of sugars and take in more than we can use \_\_\_\_ we begin to see the negative health effects. Free sugars are sugars \_\_\_\_\_\_ (add) to food to enhance their taste or extend their shelf life, as well as those found in syrups, honey and fruit juice - in short, sugars that have been in any way refined or freed from the cells of the organism they were created in.

 Foods that naturally contain unrefined sugars, also provide important vitamins and minerals, but added sugar offers nothing \_\_\_ extra energy. It’s currently recommended that added sugar should make up no more than five per cent of an adult’s daily calorie intake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is approximately around 30 grams a day, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rough) equivalent to seven sugar cubes. However, studies show the average adult in the UK consumes double that amount every day. The guidelines for children between the \_\_\_\_\_ (age) of four and six suggest they should consume no more than 19 grams of added sugar a day, which is equivalent to five sugar cubes.

 Many people believe that brown sugars, syrups and nectars are \_\_\_\_\_\_ (good) for the body than white sugar, but experts suggest there’s no such thing \_\_\_ “good” or “bad” when it comes to added sugar. Some forms of sugar or natural sweetener may be less processed or contain small quantities of vitamins and minerals, but ultimately they still have the potential to cause the same amount of harm.

2)Translation

她在那家新公司做同样的工作，但薪水更高。

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糟糕的饮食终将导致疾病。

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1. **News Report 4** ***The Times* (October 16, 2024 P14)**

1)Text Completion

 Tobacco leaves traces in smokers’bones for the rest of their lives and for centuries after their deaths, archaeologists have found, providing a way to reveal the smoking habits of skeletons\_\_\_ the first time.

 The research from the University of Leicester, based on human remains buried in Britain between the 12th and19th centuries, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (show) the long-lasting impact of tobacco on a smoker’s bones and helps to illustrate the link between smoking and bone-related conditions, such as \_\_\_\_ increased risk of fractures.

 The University of Leicester team examined the cortical bone — the dense tissue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ makes up the outer layer of bones and provides strength — in human skeletons. They examined 323 sets of remains, some of them from known tobacco users \_\_\_\_\_ others with unknown smoking statuses.

 The researchers used mass spectroscopy to analyse the molecular make-up of the bones, and found 45 molecular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feature) that differed between the bones of smokers and non smokers. The study, published in the journal Science Advances, concluded:“Tobacco consumption leaves a metabolic record in human bone distinctive enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (identify) its use in individuals of unknown tobacco consumption.”

 The study noted that the physical harm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cause) by smoking is well documented but that its impact has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (main) been seen in soft tissue and organs in the increased risks of lung, bladder, and throat cancers as well as stroke and coronary artery disease.

 It added that smoking had also been linked with bone-related conditions such as low bone density, an increased risk of fractures and periodontitis, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (note): “Archaeological human skeletal remains … have the potential to provide direct evidence that can be used to study past pathological and health conditions, including diseases associated with tobacco use.”

2)Translation

我们在茂密的植被中开出一条通路。

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雄鸟的头上有明显的白色斑纹。

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1. **BBC News 10/21/2024**

1)Text Completion

There have been multiple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital Beirut, where the Israeli military has targeted branches of a bank it accuses of helping to finance Hezbollah. Those living near the bank’s offices have been told to leave and streets were soon filled with people seeking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There’s been similar strikes in Hezbollah’s strongholds in the south and east of Lebanon. Our correspondent Jonathan Head is in Beirut.

“The warnings issued to people in Lebanon by the Israeli military were unusually blunt and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We will strike several targets in the coming hours, it read, and additional targets through the night. People in 25 locations were warned to leave. Shortly after that, loud explosions were heard in southern Beirut one after the other. The main focus of these attacks appears to be the Hezbollah bank called Al-Qard al-Hassan, which Israel accuses of funneling Iranian money to the group to fund buying and storing weapons and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of its members.”

The UN peacekeeping mission in southern Lebanon says an Israeli bulldozer has destroyed a watchtower and the perimeter fence of one of its positions. It’s the latest in a series of incidents that have followed Israel’s call for UNIFIL troops to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Blue helmets in another southern village have not received any food or water \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 3 weeks.

The Moldovan president says an unprecedented assault on democracy is to \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the poor showing of her camp in Sunday’s presidential election and referendum on ties with Europe. Maia Sandu topped the poll, but by a much lower margin than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will face a second round next month. There have been multiple allegations that Russia has tried to buy votes and of mounting a campaign of disinformation. Ms. Sandu also said criminal gangs had undermined the democratic process.

“Criminal groups working together with foreign forces hostile to our national interests have attacked our country with tens of millions of Euros, lies and propaganda, using their most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means to keep our citizens and our nation trapped in uncertainty and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

2)Translation

巨大的管道把水沿山坡输送下山。

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她公然对抗她的父母。

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