

德阳市高中 2020届“二诊”考试

英语试卷

注意事项:

1. 本试卷分第 I 卷(选择题)和第 II 卷(非选择题)两部分,全卷 150 分,考试时间 120 分钟。
2. 答题前,考生务必将自己的姓名、准考证号填写在答题卡上指定的位置。
3. 全部答案在答题卡上完成,答在本试卷上无效。考试结束后,将答题卡交回。

第 I 卷(选择题 共 100 分)

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。

1. What is the man doing?
A. Reading a story. B. Watching a new film. C. Writing a detective story.
2. What is the man's suggestion?
A. Buying a new refrigerator.
B. Putting the refrigerator far away.
C. Having the refrigerator fixed.
3. What does the man hope to do?
A. Attend a meeting. B. Watch a basketball match. C. Rest for a couple of hours.
4. What kind of music does the woman like best?
A. Folk music. B. Pop music. C. Classical music.
5. How does the woman feel?
A. Excited. B. Indifferent. C. Disappointed.

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 和第 7 两个小题。

6. What did Tom do last night?

- A. He listened to the radio. B. He did his homework. C. He played the piano.

7. What's the possible relationship between the speakers?

- A. Sister and brother. B. Mother and son. C. Teacher and student.

听下面一段对话,回答第 8 和第 9 两个小题。

8. What does Shelly do?

- A. A driver. B. A director. C. A reporter.

9. What will the man do first?

- A. Have his car fixed. B. Prepare something to eat. C. Meet some singers.

听下面一段对话,回答第 10 至第 12 三个小题。

10. What are the speakers probably doing now?

- A. Having a meal. B. Shopping. C. Preparing food.

11. What is the man's favorite food?

- A. Carrots. B. Chocolate cakes. C. Fruits.

12. What does the woman want the man to do?

- A. Try the dessert. B. Bake some cakes. C. Balance his diet.

听下面一段对话,回答第 13 至第 16 四个小题。

13. What will John get?

- A. A bike. B. A toy car. C. A football.

14. Who is probably learning Chinese?

- A. John. B. Jane. C. Jack.

15. When will the woman buy the gifts?

- A. On Friday. B. On Saturday. C. On Sunday.

16. Why will the man take the kids to the McDonald's?

- A. To have lunch. B. To keep a secret. C. To make them quiet.

听下面一段独白,回答第 17 至第 20 四个小题。

17. Who is Beck Alter?

- A. An art teacher. B. A student leader. C. The owner of Penny.

18. When will Penny be tested?

- A. When she is 30 days old. B. When she is 49 days old. C. When she is 79 days old.

19. In which classes will the students write diaries for Penny's website?

- A. English and art.
B. English and geography.
C. Speech and communication.

20. What will the students in life skills class do for Penny?

- A. Take care of Penny.
B. Train Penny's personality.
C. Help run the Internet page.

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,并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

A

A great way to protect yourself from getting infected by COVID-19 is to get a high quality face mask that can better filtrate(过滤) some viruses, bacteria, and other air pollutants.

Unfortunately, it has been getting harder in some places to even purchase a disposable(一次性的) face mask due to all the recent demand. Sometimes you need to visit several stores before finding ones that are available.

The good news is . . . thanks to the internet a better quality mask is still available for everyone.

Oxybreath Pro Still Available Online and Has Been Selling Fast

Oxybreath Pro is the most popular face mask right now. It provides an excellent level of air filtration, it is comfortable and best of all it is easy to wash and reusable!

Easy to Wash and Reusable

It has been made easy to wash and to last a long time. You won't need to worry about running out of those cheap disposable masks because this one is way better quality and reusable!

How Does It Provide Better Protection?

Oxybreath Pro is made up of quality materials including multiple layers of activated carbon filters and a newly designed breathing valve that provides an extraordinary level of protection from inhaling anything bad.

How Much Is Oxybreath Pro?

It's only ¥379(was ¥759) but with our discount link you'll get 50% off. Delivery takes only a few days if you order today. Just order it with our link to the **official website**.

Conclusion: Is it worth it?

Absolutely 100% YES!!! It is good to have in case of emergency and because it is reusable it will last long. This face mask is worth every penny. Get one for yourself and for your family.

How Do You Get Oxybreath Pro?

Now that you are aware of this amazing product, here is how to get it:

Order Oxybreath Pro from the **official website**.

Click To Check Availability.

21. Which of the following are the advantages of Oxybreath Pro?

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| a. It is harder. | b. It is cheaper. |
| c. It is washable. | d. It lasts longer. |
| e. It is disposable. | f. It filtrates better. |

A. abc. B. bcd. C. cdf. D. def.

22. How much does one Oxybreath Pro cost if you order from the **official website**?

- A. ¥89 B. ¥189 C. ¥379 D. ¥759

23. What's the purpose of this passage?

- A. To call on us to fight COVID-19.
- B. To describe a product called Oxybreath Pro.
- C. To tell us how to protect us from COVID-19.
- D. To advertise a product called Oxybreath Pro.

B

Erika hated onions. Green, yellow, white or red, she thought they were the most disgusting vegetable in the supermarket. Erika's father, on the other hand, lived for onions. He put them on everything—salads and sandwiches, toast and eggs. He liked them raw, fried or roasted to a crisp. But there was no way of cooking onions that made him happier than the one he sang about every week: caramelized(焦糖化). It never failed to spoil Erika's weekend.

One Friday, she couldn't stand it anymore. When the first notes of "Green Onions" sounded, Erika stood her ground.

"D-a-d, quit it!"

"You don't like my song?"

"No! I hate your song. But not nearly as much as I hate your onions."

"You hate caramelized onions?" he asked. "But, why?"

Erika could have ranted(碎碎念) for an hour, but she was too angry to talk. All she could say was, "Because they're gross!"

"Have you ever tried them?"

"Well...no."

"Then how do you know they're gross?"

"Because they're brown and goeey, and they smell like old socks."

"I'll make you a deal. You try a cheeseburger with these onions on it, and if they're as bad as you say they are, I'll eat anything you want."

"Anything? Like a jar of paint?"

"It has to be food."

"Deal. Call me when they're ready."

"Ah, ah," said Dad, handing Erika a knife. "You've got to help me make them, too."

"What?!"

"If you watch it happen, I think you won't be so freaked out."

"Fine. How do we start?"

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24. What can we know from the text?

- A. Erika's father was keen on onions.
- B. Erika did like the colors of onions.
- C. Erika's father sang "Green Onions" every day.
- D. Erika thought that onions were the worst vegetable in the world.

25. How did Erika's father like his onions to be cooked?

- A. Raw. B. Fried. C. Roasted. D. Caramelized.
26. What does the underlined part “**quit it**” mean in the passage?
A. Make it. B. Stop it. C. Get it. D. Forget it.
27. What life philosophy is the story trying to convey?
A. Knowledge is power. B. You are what you eat.
C. One swallow doesn't make a summer. D. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

C

Earlier today, a volcano erupted on New Zealand's White Island for the first time in nearly two decades. Early reports indicate that the event has already claimed at least five lives, and emergency recovery efforts are still underway.

Unlike some volcanic events at known hot spots, the volcano provided little hint that it was ready for an eruption, making it difficult for officials to warn visitors that the destructive event was about to occur.

As CNN reports a group of 23 visitors was near the volcano shortly before it erupted. The five individuals who have been confirmed dead were from that group, while everyone else suffered a variety of injuries.

The visitors that were on the island were members of a tourist group from a cruise ship known as Ovation of the Seas. The vessel is operated by Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. At the moment, it's not believed that there is anyone else on the island.

“Based on the information we have, we do not believe there are any survivors on the island,” a police statement explains. “Police is working urgently to confirm the exact number of those who have died, further to the five confirmed deceased already.”

Tourists who said they were on the island just shortly before the eruption shared videos of the volcano spitting dust and debris on social media. As can be seen in the brief video here, the entire island appears as though it's been swallowed up by the volcanic smoke and dust.

Additional video shot from a different location appears to show tourists stuck on the island, near the shore, away from the site of the eruption.

Boats from other tour groups picked up others who were attempting to flee, but the confused nature of the rescue efforts has left some still unaccounted for. Rescue crews are continuing their efforts as we speak.

28. Based on the passage, which of the following is NOT true about the volcano?
A. It has been sleeping for about twenty years.
B. Officials failed to warn visitors of its eruption.
C. It is a must-go attraction for tourists to the island.
D. Its eruption produced large amounts of smoke and dust.
29. According to the police statement in the passage, what conclusion can we draw?
A. All survivors have been rescued from the island.
B. Tourists should stay away from the erupting volcano.

- C. There can't be more deaths except for the five confirmed ones.
D. Royal Caribbean Cruise Line is responsible for the loss of lives.
30. What can be inferred from the passage?
A. This volcano is not an active one.
B. The exact number of deaths remains unknown.
C. New Zealand's White Island is not a hot scenic spot.
D. The other 18 tourists of the group are still stuck on the island.
31. Where is this passage most likely to appear?
A. In a newspaper. B. On the Internet. C. In a magazine. D. On TV.

D

Hearing loss is unavoidable, but listening to loud music when you're younger can make it worse. To reduce your risk of hearing loss via loud music, learn why and how **it** can cause hearing loss, and just how loud is too loud.

Hearing loss occurs in four ways: conductive hearing loss, sensorineural hearing loss, mixed hearing loss and auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder. Noise-induced(噪音诱发的) hearing loss is a type of sensorineural hearing loss.

Sensorineural hearing loss occurs when your inner ear becomes damaged. In the case of noise-induced hearing loss, most of the damage affects the cells of tiny sensory hairs in your inner ear. When those cells get damaged or die, the electrical signal that your auditory nerve sends to your brain changes.

Noise-induced hearing loss can be acute or severe, and it can be temporary or permanent. You might be familiar with acute temporary noise-induced hearing loss, even if you didn't realize what was happening at the time.

Acute temporary noise-induced hearing loss can occur from attending a loud concert or sporting event, going to a gun range without earmuffs or being near an explosion. It can make noises sound "stuffy" or far away, especially when talking on the phone or in a crowded room. Repeated exposure to those loud situations can eventually lead to permanent hearing loss.

Noise levels from earbuds and headphones can get as loud as 139 decibels, according to the journal *Noise & Health*, far greater than the recommended range of everyday sound exposure, which is 60 to 85 decibels. And the average level of noise from headphones, with the volume turned all the way up, is 94 to 110 decibels. For context, 60 decibels is about the volume of an average conversation, and 130 decibels is about the noise level of a rock concert. 85 decibels is considered the maximum volume at which you can listen to sound for eight hours without damaging your hearing. So if you were to listen to music from your headphones for eight hours a day, listening at a volume louder than 85 decibels can cause permanent damage to your ears.

Unfortunately, the relationship between decibels and time isn't linear. For every three decibels, safe exposure time gets cut in half, according to the CDC. At 88 decibels, you can only safely listen for four hours; at 91 decibels, just two hours.

- D. Search through some names in the book.
- E. Long names can be tricky and confusing.
- F. You may name him/her Smoky or Stormy.
- G. Maybe name your pet Lincoln after the penny.

第三部分:英语知识运用(共两节,满分45分)

第一节 完形填空(共20小题;每小题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,并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

There are times when we feel as if our bad circumstances will never change. When we meet troubles or problems in our lives, we are 41 for a sign that tells us everything will be 42 and get better.

When in this mindset(心态), I think back to a 43 I once heard about a family having dinner at a Chinese restaurant. At the end of the meal, everyone 44 their fortune cookie and read their messages out loud. 45, the youngest child did not, she went to get another fortune cookie. This 46 several times before the mom 47 her and asked, "What are you doing?" The 48 child responded, "I am looking for a cookie with the 49 fortune for me." The mom said, "There is only one thing you need to 50 and it's not in a fortune cookie. That is where there is a will there's a way."

When 51 are not going our way, we may 52 the "right fortune." We seek the hope for our 53 so that it will be better than the present. Once the Israelis were expelled(驱逐) in a foreign country against their 54. At that time, everything was 55 for them, but they didn't lose hope; instead, they 56 to their new environment positively. Years later they returned to their homeland as they had 57.

In life we need to 58 action and hope and believe that 59 is impossible to a willing mind. It does 60 that good things do come out of bad and difficult situations.

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| 41. A. ready | B. grateful | C. responsible | D. desperate |
| 42. A. settled | B. hidden | C. defeated | D. gone |
| 43. A. message | B. story | C. problem | D. case |
| 44. A. ate | B. tasted | C. touched | D. opened |
| 45. A. Anyhow | B. However | C. Otherwise | D. Therefore |
| 46. A. changed | B. ran | C. happened | D. showed |
| 47. A. protected | B. kept | C. stopped | D. forbade |
| 48. A. little | B. foolish | C. anxious | D. shy |
| 49. A. good | B. bad | C. wrong | D. right |
| 50. A. doubt | B. guess | C. know | D. hope |
| 51. A. memories | B. things | C. questions | D. chances |
| 52. A. search for | B. make up | C. take out | D. wrestle with |
| 53. A. family | B. work | C. business | D. future |

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| 54. A. spirit | B. heart | C. will | D. mind |
| 55. A. easy | B. difficult | C. common | D. special |
| 56. A. adjusted | B. turned | C. stuck | D. agreed |
| 57. A. left | B. expected | C. talked | D. remembered |
| 58. A. fetch | B. catch | C. bring | D. take |
| 59. A. something | B. everything | C. nothing | D. anything |
| 60. A. prove | B. tell | C. consider | D. understand |

第 II 卷(非选择题 共 50 分)

注意事项:

用 0.5 毫米黑色笔迹的签字笔将答案写在答题卡上。写在本试卷上无效。

第三部分:英语知识运用(共两节,满分 45 分)

第二节(共 10 小题;每小题 1.5 分,满分 15 分)

阅读下面材料,在空白处填入适当的内容(1 个单词)或括号内单词的正确形式。将答案填写在答题卡上的相应位置。

Qi Wenxue, 61 (bear) in the 1990s, is a community worker in Zibo City, east China's Shandong Province. On January 31, while 62 duty as a novel coronavirus pneumonia(COVID-19) prevention and control officer in a local community, Qi made time 63 (marry) his fiancée Ren Meina with a simple wedding ceremony.

Qi used the break between duty 64 (shift) to drive his bride to the wedding venue, his house, and then went back to work immediately after a simple ceremony.

In the days before and after 65 wedding, Qi served as a contact person for people 66 had come back from Wuhan, the center of the epidemic, during the home quarantine period.

So far, for nearly half a month, the newly-married bridegroom 67 (be) busy with epidemic prevention and control work, without taking one day off.

However, Qi had no regrets or complaints about giving up romantic evenings with his wife or dinners with relatives and friends so that he could devote 68 (he) to community work. He said that 69 (be) able to protect the community residents and make a contribution to epidemic control work would make his new married life more 70 (mean).

第四部分:写 作(共两节,满分 35 分)

第一节 短文改错(共 10 小题,每小题 1 分,满分 10 分)

假定英语课上老师要求同桌之间交换修改作文,请你修改你同桌写的以下作文。文中共有 10 处语言错误,每句中最多有两处。错误仅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(\)划掉。

修改:在错的词下画一横线,并在该词下面写出修改后的词。

注意:1. 每处错误及其修改均仅限一词;

2. 只允许修改 10 处,多者(从第 11 处起)不计分。

Last Friday will live in my memory forever. It was the first time that I performed Latin dance with a classmate on stage.

After I changed into my suit, I stood quietly, waited for our turn. Once on stage, I am afraid of looking at the audience. Then the music began, but we started to dance. Absorbed on what I was doing, I began to feel good. Finally, it was over. We did a good job.

Through this experience, I realized I was not only putting on a show for another, but also learned why to deal with a challenge. Now when I face a new situation, I am not as nervously as I was before. I know by practising it I can achieve everything.

第二节 书面表达(满分 25 分)

假如你是李华,你的英国朋友 Jim 给你来信,想了解今年疫情爆发中的寒假你是怎样度过的。请你用英语给他回信,内容包括:

1. 正常的寒假方式;
2. 今年的特别方式及原因;
3. 你的感想。

注意:1. 词数 100 左右;

2. 可适当增加细节,以使行文连贯;

3. 开头和结尾已给出,不计入总词数。

4. 参考词汇: 疫情 epidemic n. 居家隔离 home quarantine n.

封锁 lock down vt.

Dear Jim,

I am very glad to have received your letter, in which _____

Yours,

Li Hua

德阳市高中 2017 级“二诊”试题

英语参考答案与评分标准

第一部分 听力(共两节,满分 30 分)

1- 5 ACACC 6-10 BCCBA 11-15 BCCBC 16-20 BABBA

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)

21-25 CBDAD 26-30 BDCAB 31-35 BDABA

第二节(共 5 小题;每小题 2 分,满分 10 分)

36-40 CFDGB

第三部分 英语知识运用(共两节,满分 45 分)

第一节 完形填空(共 20 小题,每小题 1.5 分,共 30 分)

41-45 DABDB 46-50 CCADC 51-55 BADCB 56-60 ABDCA

第二节(共 10 小题;每小题 1.5 分,满分 15 分)

61. born 62. on 63. to marry 64. shifts 65. the
66. who 67. has been 68. himself 69. being 70. meaningful

第四部分 写作(共两节,满分 35 分)

第一节 短文改错(共 10 小题;每小题 1 分,满分 10 分)

Last Friday will live in my memory forever. It was the first time that I ∧ (had) performed Latin dance with a classmate on stage.

After I changed into my suit, I stood quietly, waited (waiting) for our turn. Once on stage, I am (was) afraid of looking at the audience. Then the music began, but (and) we started to dance. Absorbed on (in) what I was doing, I began to feel good (better). Finally, it was over. We did a good job.

Through this experience, I realized I was not only putting on a show for another (others), but also learned why (how) to deal with a challenge. Now when I face a new situation, I am not as nervously (nervous) as I was before. I know by practising it I can achieve everything.

第二节 书面表达(满分 25 分)

Dear Jim,

I am very glad to have received your letter, in which you want to know how I spent my winter vacation this year. Here is all about it.

As you know, our winter vacation is normally a great time for the Spring Festival, during which time, we will visit friends and relatives besides finishing our homework. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, we had an extended and special vacation this year. To fight the epidemic, some cities and even some villages were locked down. We were asked to observe home quarantine to avoid being infected. I stayed at home all day long, sleeping, watching TV, checking news on the phone, WeChatting and doing some physical exercise. Later on, we had our online class on Dingtalk to keep up with our studying tasks.

Thanks to the timely measures taken by the government, the epidemic is now gone and we are happily back at school. This vacation is sure to stay in our mind all our lives.

With best regards!

Yours,
Li Hua

一、评分原则

1. 本题总分为 25 分,按 5 个档次给分。
2. 评分时,先根据文章的内容和语言初步确定其所属档次,然后以该档次的要求来衡量、确定或调整档次给分。
3. 词数少于 80 或多于 120 的,从总分中减去 2 分。
4. 评分时,应注意的主要内容为:内容要点、应用词汇和语法结构的数量和准确性及上下文的连贯性。
5. 拼写与标点符号是语言准确性的一个方面,评分时,应视其对交际的影响程度予以考虑。英、美拼写及词汇用法均可接受。
6. 如书写较差,以致影响交际,将分数降低一个档次。

二、内容要点

1. 正常的寒假方式;
2. 今年的特别方式及原因;
3. 你的感想。

三、各档次的给分范围和要求:

五档(很好):(21—25 分)

完全完成了试题规定的任务。

—覆盖所有内容要点。

—应用了较多的词法结构和词汇。

—语法结构或词汇方面有些许错误,但为尽力使用复杂结构或较高级词汇所致;具备较强的语言运用能力。

—有效地使用了语句间的连接成分,使全文结构紧凑。

完全达到了预期的写作目的。

四档(好):(16—20分)

完全完成了试题规定的任务。

—虽漏掉1、2个次重点,但覆盖所有主要内容。

—应用的语法结构和词汇能满足任务的要求。

—语法结构或词汇方面应用基本准确,些许错误主要是因尝试较复杂语法结构或词汇所致。

—应用简单的语句间的连接成分,使全文结构紧凑。

达到了预期的写作目的。

三档(适当):(11—15分)

基本完成了试题规定的任务。

—虽漏掉一些内容,但覆盖所有主要内容。应用的语法结构和词汇能满足任务的要求。

—应用简单的语句间的连接成分,使全文内容连贯。

整体而言,基本达到了预期的写作目的。

二档(较差):(6—10分)

未恰当完成试题规定的任务。

—漏掉或未描述清楚一些主要内容,写了一些无关内容。

—语法结构单调、词汇项目有限。

—有一些语法结构或词汇方面的错误,影响了对写作内容的理解。

—较少使用语句间的连接成分,内容缺少连贯性。

信息未能清楚地传达给读者。

一档(差):(1—5分)

—明显遗漏主要内容,写了一些无关内容,原因可能使未理解试题要求。

—语法结构单调、词汇项目有限。

—较多语法结构或词汇方面地错误,影响了对写作内容的理解。

—缺乏语句间的连接成分,内容不连贯。

信息未能传达给读者。

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未能传达给读者任何信息:内容太少,无法评判;写的内容均与所要求内容无关或所写内容无法看清。

附听力材料

Text 1

W: Oh, I see you're in the middle of that new detective story. Is it any good?

M: I can't put it down.

Text 2

M: I'm no expert. But that noise in your refrigerator doesn't sound good. Maybe you should call and have it checked out.

W: You are right. And I suppose I've put it off long enough.

Text 3

W: Take the medicine and I'm sure you'll get well again in a couple of hours.

M: I hope so. Or I won't be able to take part in the meeting about tomorrow's basketball match.

Text 4

M: I enjoyed all kinds of music. What music do you like?

W: Folk music had appealed to me very much before I came to have a passion for pop music, but now I think nothing can compare with classical music.

Text 5

M: Honey, I'm home.

W: Did you remember to buy the tickets?

M: Well, I remembered, but they were sold out.

W: Oh no. I was really looking forward to the play.

Text 6

W: Tom, have you finished your homework yet?

M: Of course. I didn't go to bed until I finished it last night. My sister was listening to a radio program and my brother was practicing playing the piano. It was really noisy.

W: Well done. You are very hard-working and I hope you can stick to that.

M: Thank you. By the way, Mrs. Brom, can you spare some time now? |

W: Of course. What's up?

M: I hope you can help me with some math problems.

W: No problem. This way please.

Text 7

M: Shelly, you are late again!

W: Oh, I'm sorry! My car broke down halfway, so I had to walk a long way to the bus station. What's worse, the traffic is terrible during the rush hours.

M: Alright. Let's go on. Today we will interview some singers who are performing in the coming charity show. Later we will interview the director of the show. After the interview, we'll have to write an article for tomorrow morning's paper.

W: OK.

M: By the way, we'd better take some food. Our schedule is tight and we will have no time to eat outside.

W: No problem.

Text 8

M: The carrots taste awful and salty. How do you like them?

W: I like them very much. They are delicious.

M: Well, you can have all my carrots. I saw you buy some chocolate cakes. I am done with the main course. It's about time for some dessert.

W: Oh, you want my chocolate cakes?

M: No, no, I'm just thinking of some dessert. And I have had enough carrots.

W: Robert, carrots contain much vitamin C. It is good for you.

M: I know, but chocolate cakes are even better.

W: Oh, stop it! You know you need vegetables. You will end up fat if you don't watch your diet now.

M: Well, actually, I don't mind eating carrots. But chocolate cakes are much better. You know I was born with a sweet tooth.

Text 9

W: Mike, Christmas is coming soon. What presents shall we buy for the children?

M: What about a bike for John? He's been asking for one for a long time.

W: But I don't think he's old enough to ride a bike to school. Let's buy him a football instead, all right?

M: OK. What shall we buy for Jane?

W: Well, she likes music very much. Shall we buy her a guitar?

M: I think an iPad will be better. It can help her learn Chinese.

W: Then let's buy one for her. Now, what about little Jack?

M: Well, he's still a young baby. I think a toy car is best for him.

W: I couldn't agree more. When shall we go and buy the presents?

M: Well, it's Saturday. Let's go shopping tomorrow afternoon after we see the film.

W: OK. But we mustn't let the children know about the presents before Christmas.

M: I'm sure they won't know. I'll take them to the McDonald's while you are doing the shopping.

Text 10

Hello, everyone. I'm the art teacher Beck Alter. I am going to announce a piece of exciting news to you! That is... we decide to raise a dog named Penny in our school! And Penny is a black dog and only 30 days old. Today Penny will make her first appearance. Penny will work on a project called Raising a Guide Dog by Students. As we know, a guide dog is a dog especially trained to guide a blind person. When Penny grows up to 49 days old, she will be tested for intelligence and personality. If she can pass the test, she will become a guide dog for the blind. Everyone is welcome to join in this project. And each class has different duties as follows.

Some students will help run a special Internet page all about Penny on the website. In speech and communication class, students will write the questions and conduct the interviews on Penny's website. Students in English class will write the diary information that appears on Penny's page and respond to all the e-mails addressed to Penny! The geography class will help them to do the same work. In life skills class, students with behavior problems or learning disabilities will look after pet Penny. And it will teach the students about the responsibilities of caring for a dog and improve their behavior, too. And in art class, Penny needs to do nothing and spends much of her day in a very comfortable place. But she isn't ignored! Students pet her and scratch her ears.