

全卷共 10 页,满分 150 分,考试时间 120 分钟。

考生注意:

1.答题前,请务必将自己的姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔分别填写在试题卷和答题纸规定的位置上。

2.答题时,请按照答题纸上“注意事项”的要求,在答题纸相应的位置上规范作答,在本试题卷上的作答一律无效。

选择题部分

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纸上。

第一节(共 5 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 7.5 分)

听下面 5 段录音。每段录音后有一个小题,从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听完每段录音后,你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段录音播放两遍。

1. How many badminton classes were there last term?

- A. Five. B. Seven. C. Nine.

2. What will the woman perform next?

- A. Radical Optimism. B. These Walls. C. Training Season.

3. How does the woman sound?

- A. Worried. B. Hopeful. C. Puzzled.

4. What does the woman think has put off the project?

- A. New staff training. B. The business trip. C. The lost papers.

5. What are the speakers mainly talking about?

- A. Lack of workers. B. Robot technology. C. Difficult tasks.

第二节(共 15 小题;每小题 1.5 分,满分 22.5 分)

听下面 5 段录音。每段录音后有几个小题,从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听每段录音前,你将有时间阅读各个小题,每小题 5 秒钟;听完后,每小题都有 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段录音播放两遍。

听第 6 段录音,回答第 6、7 题。

6. Where will the man watch sharks?

- A. On the beach. B. In a floating house. C. At an undersea hotel.

7. When is the man going to the beach?

- A. On July 6th. B. On July 7th. C. On July 8th.

听第7段录音，回答第8至10题。

8. Why does the woman phone up the man?

- A. To ask for help. B. To give an invitation. C. To apply for sick leave.

9. What was the man's original plan for this afternoon?

- A. Taking a history class. B. Picking up Mike. C. Visiting Mrs. Wilson.

10. What is the probable relationship between the two speakers?

- A. Neighbors. B. Classmates. C. Colleagues.

听第 8 段录音，回答第 11 至 13 题。

11. What do we know about A New Dawn?

- A. It's an adventure story. B. It has the earliest showing. C. It features amazing special effects.

12. Which movie will the speakers see this Saturday?

- A. Busboys. B. Avatar: Fire and Ash. C. The Super Mario Galaxy.

13. What will the speakers do after seeing the movie?

- A. Go home.
- B. Have dinner.
- C. Go shopping.

听第9段录音，回答第14至17题。

14. Where will the posters be put up?

- A. In the art building. B. In the school library. C. In the main teaching building.

15. What will students from Class Two do on the school's Space Day?

- A. Shoot short videos. B. Show model rockets. C. Share stories of astronauts.

16. What does the woman say about Class Three's activity?

- A. It is a short talk about science.
- B. It focuses on sharing space knowledge.
- C. It will be done under their teacher's guidance.

17. Who is probably the man?

- A. A student. B. A headmaster. C. A scientist.

听第 10 段录音，回答第 18 至 20 题。

18. What inspired Mrs. Simpson to take action to help people in need?

- A. A touching scene. B. A community group. C. A voluntary experience.

19. How old was Mrs. Simpson when she set up a company?

- A.35.
- B.45.
- C.65.

20. What is the purpose of the talk?

- A. To introduce a person. B. To share an experience. C. To call for help for the disabled.

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

In 2026, the British Library will explore the enchanting world of literature. Below are details of the events, each offering a unique journey into storytelling for different ages and interests.

Story Explorers |19 February-29 August 2026

📍 *Leeds Central Library, Calverley Street, Leeds*

Take a dreamlike trip to the far reaches of outer space, the depths of the jungle and the bottom of the ocean floor in a free experience co-produced by the British Library and Leeds Libraries. This exhibition will explore storytelling's role in cultures and communities through family-friendly interactive activities for children aged 2-9 and their families. There will be fascinating objects,surprising sounds and exciting art besides books.

Fairy Tales |27 March-23 August 2026

📍 *British Library, 96 Euston Road, London*

Fairy Tales will explore the timeless world of fairy tales through interactive activities, digging into the key elements that have made traditional stories so popular, including magical creatures,mysterious woods, splendid palaces, and the classic‘happily ever after’ ending. Visitors can rediscover fairy-tale heroes, tricksters and imaginary creatures through manuscripts (手稿),illustrations, pop-up books and costumes.

Agatha Christie |30 October 2026-20 June 2027

📍 *British Library, 96 Euston Road, London*

Agatha Christie, the best-selling novelist of all time, takes centre stage in this exhibition,which looks at her influence on crime writing, her stage adaptations, and the lasting impact of her books as they are revisited and reworked for a global audience. Visitors will be able to gain insight into her writing process, through notebooks, personal letters, manuscripts, and listen to her own recordings.

21. What do Story Explorers and Fairy Tales exhibitions have in common?
- A. Event dates.

B. Exhibition location.

C. Free admission.

D. Interactive activities.
22. What can visitors do in Agatha Christie exhibition?
- A. Rework her books.

B. Listen to her recorded lecture.

C. Watch her stage plays.

D. Learn about her writing process.
23. Where is this text probably taken from?
- A. A story book.

B. A what's-on guide.

C. A library journal.

D. A literature textbook.

B

When a player on the other team makes a terrible mistake on a big play, most sports fans feel joy. But not every sports fan.

During an NFL playoff game one Sunday, the Baltimore Ravens were trailing the Buffalo Bills 27-25. With a minute and a half left, Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson threw the ball to tight end Mark Andrews at the goal line. A successful catch would tie the game. Andrews caught it and then dropped it. He seemed to slip on the snowy field. The Ravens lost. Their season was over.

While some Bills fans celebrated, others felt pity for Mark Andrews. He has type 1 diabetes(糖尿病), a condition that requires him to prick his finger 30 times a game to check his blood sugar. Two lifelong Bills fans, Ryan Patota and Nicholas Howard, decided to start a charitable drive to raise money for Breakthrough T1D, a diabetes research charity that Andrews supports.

“We just want to spread love; that's really what we want to do.” said Patota. “Honestly, you hate the other team. You want your team to win. But we want to say, ‘Hey, this is more than a game.’” Their effort raised over \$146,000—— far beyond their original goal of \$5,000. Initially, donations were mostly from Bills fans, but as word spread, fans of the Ravens and other NFL teams joined in.

“I'm absolutely gutted by what happened on Sunday —— for my teammates, my coaches and Ravens fans,” Andrews said on social media a few days after the game. “But despite the negativity, I've seen heartfelt love and encouragement, including from those who have generously donated to Breakthrough T1D.”

Patota says he remains a loyal Bills fan. “But going forward,” he adds, “we’ re definitely going to have a soft spot for the Ravens.”

24. What happened to Mark Andrews during the playoff game?

- A. He got injured on the field.
- B. He threw a game-losing pass.
- C. He suffered a diabetes attack.
- D. He dropped a game-tying catch.

25. Why did Ryan Patota and Nicholas Howard start a charitable drive?

- A. To win more fans for the Bills.
- B. To gain money by funding research.
- C. To collect donations for the Ravens.
- D. To spread love by supporting Andrews.

26. The underlined word “gutted” in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to _____ .

- A. cheerful
- B. heartbroken
- C. shocked
- D. touched

27. What message does the text convey?

- A. Love takes no sides.
- B. Games bring the best out of fans.
- C. Kindness costs nothing.
- D. Friendship outshines competition.

C

The men who broke into Joseph Haydn's tomb hoped that his talent would be written on his skull (头骨). But

an examination of this Austrian composer's brain may have been more informative. Musical talent does not, as once believed, leave marks on the skull. It does, however, seem to benefit the brain.

Making music is a mental workout. The brain must manage sound and vision, as well as fine movement control, focus and imagination at the same time. Several studies have found that, in some regions, professional musicians have more grey matter ——— the neural tissue involved in thinking, movement and memory ——— than non-musicians.

Though not yet proven, existing research indicates several benefits. Studies suggest musicians may have better thinking skills, such as planning and problem-solving, sharper memory, and even lower pain sensitivity. Those taking up music lessons before seven gain an advantage in brain development, which promotes their foreign language learning and thinking ability. As for the elderly, long-term musical learning lessens the loss of verbal working memory and grey matter volume.

The instrument you play could make a difference. A study of 1,100 older Britons in 2024 found that pianists and brass players tended, on average, to have better working memory. Woodwind players had better planning and problem-solving skills. Singers are good at language reasoning. Show-offs who played several instruments enjoyed no extra brain benefit.

In addition, the brain's pleasure and reward centers light up when you play an instrument. Performing in a band, orchestra or choir eases stress and encourages social bonding. Simply listening may also be worth a try. In 2025 an observational study of 10,000 healthy over-70s found that regular listeners to music had a 39% lower risk of loss of thinking ability.

The good news is that you don't have to be a musical genius (天才) to feel the benefits of regular practice. Studies have found that constant training leads to brain reorganisation in non-professionals as well as professionals. But if you are a second Haydn, consider hiring a guard at your tombstone.

28. Why is Joseph Haydn mentioned in the beginning?

- A. To honor a famous musical genius.
- B. To introduce the topic of musical talent.
- C. To lead into the music-brain relationship.
- D. To identify marks of talent on the skull.

29. How does the author mainly illustrate the benefits of music?

- A. By listing data.
- B. By giving examples.
- C. By referring to studies.
- D. By making comparison.

30. What can we learn about playing instruments?

- A. Playing woodwind could improve problem-solving skills.
- B. Performing in a band can sharpen language reasoning skills.
- C. Playing several instruments would bring more brain benefits.
- D. Learning an instrument would prevent old people from ageing.

31. What can be inferred from the last paragraph?

- A. Musical geniuses need guards for their tombs.
- B. Regular music practice reshapes players' brains.
- C. Music professionals should train on a regular basis.
- D. Musical geniuses benefit most from regular training.

D

For nearly 40 years, Uranus (天王星) and its five largest moons have been regarded as nothing more than frozen and lifeless. This long-held view originated in 1986, when the spacecraft Voyager 2 had the misfortune of flying past Uranus just as a solar storm hit, creating a misleading impression of its true nature. Far from what was previously assumed, a new analysis suggests that these worlds could hold hidden oceans, and perhaps even the conditions necessary for life.

This news has pushed forward NASA's \$4 billion plan to return to Uranus with a mission launch by 2032, aiming to arrive there by 2050. The space exploration often feels like stepping into science fiction. As NASA scientist Geoffrey A. Landis imagined in his 1999 short story *Into the Blue Abyss*, humanity's drive to seek life in unexpected places shows the tension between hope and uncertainty. The story mirrors our real-world missions to the extent that both reflect the wonder and the challenges of searching for life beyond Earth.

While reality may lack the drama of fiction, studying Uranus holds significant value for understanding similar faraway worlds. In the past 30 years, over 5,500 exoplanets—— planets outside our solar system—— have been discovered. Some are described as“Earth-like”, but none meet the exact conditions of a rocky planet in a star's habitable zone, where water remains liquid instead of boiling away or freezing. By studying Uranus up close, we may unlock clues about whether these distant worlds could truly support life.

There are uncertainties and challenges in space missions. But consider the importance: if Uranus or its moons contain hidden seas, they would join a growing list of“ocean worlds” in the solar system. Are we alone, or are the building blocks of life more common than we ever thought? Exploring the Uranian system brings humanity one step closer to answering this deepest question.

32. How is the topic introduced in paragraph 1?

- A. By stating the true nature of Uranus.
- B. By describing an unfortunate space mission.
- C. By challenging a long-held misunderstanding.
- D. By presenting a common phenomenon in space.

33. What does the author try to illustrate by mentioning Landis' story?

- A. The uncertainty about life beyond Earth.
- B. The drive of humanity to seek life in space.
- C. The mix of wonder and risk in space exploration.
- D. The reflection of real-world missions in science fiction.

34. What's the value of studying Uranus according to the text?

- A. Discovering habitable exoplanets.
- B. Preparing for NASA's future missions.
- C. Understanding the wonder of life.
- D. Answering questions about the solar system.

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

- A. The Search for Life Beyond Earth
- B. Why Uranus Is Worth a Second Look
- C. The Challenges of Exploring Uranus
- D. Why Missions to Ocean Worlds Matter

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能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

“Aim for the moon and even if you miss, you will land among the stars.” This saying is meant to inspire people to pursue perfection because even if we fail, we will still be in a better place than where we started. Yet some people now prefer to take the easier path and achieve the bare minimum (最低限度). _____ 36 _____ I lean towards embracing mediocrity(接受平庸) over pursuing perfection.

First, embracing mediocrity allows people to take things slow and make gradual progress. For example, teachers don't expect students to become experts at a particular concept immediately; they focus on accepting mediocrity first. _____ 37 _____

_____ 38 _____ Research has shown that perfectionists tend to suffer from depression and social anxiety because they keep finding fault with themselves. For those who embrace mediocrity, they don't have to constantly compare themselves, which prevents the health problems that come along with doing so.

Furthermore, embracing mediocrity frees up time and energy for meaningful activities. According to Malcolm Caldwell, it takes at least 10,000 hours to achieve expertise in a given skill. _____ 39 _____ Because less time is spent doing so and one can enjoy other areas of life, like going on a trip with friends instead of spending an unreasonably long time perfecting a skill.

Therefore, embracing mediocrity is not about giving up, but about setting realistic goals and finding satisfaction. _____ 40 _____ Let us stop pursuing the unachievable and focus instead on goals we can realistically achieve.

- A. Aiming high is not always the wisest choice.
- B. However, this is unnecessary if one embraces mediocrity.
- C. Embracing mediocrity can also lead to better mental health.
- D. Then how to keep a balance between mediocrity and perfection?
- E. Besides, the pursuit of perfection often comes at the cost of health.
- F. Coupled with sufficient practice, the students will eventually master the basics.
- G. This begs the question: should we “aim for the moon” or aim for what is achievable?

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 四个选项中选出最佳选项。

Growing up beside a national forest, I never had to look far to see nature in its glory. To me, birds and animals were kindred spirits(志同道合者); we _____ 41 _____ the same breath. I often wondered if they felt _____ 42 _____ to me as I did to them.

One spring day, Mom and I were picnicking in the yard when she _____ 43 _____ a bird building a nest in the tree. Interested, we paid close attention to her _____ 44 _____ daily. Soon eggs appeared, then babies. The mother fed her young worms until they were _____ 45 _____. She seemed to have gotten used to our _____ 46 _____.

Then one morning, a tap came on the window. It was the bird! She flew back and forth,tapping fiercely.
47 something was wrong.

We hurried outside. To my 48, a snake slid up the trunk toward the nest. Mom quickly grabbed a stick and 49 the snake with one swing(挥动). It slid away. The bird flew back to her nest and 50 down with her young.

For a long moment, we sat quietly, 51 at what we'd experienced.“All spring we' ve watched her,” Mom said.“Is it possible she's been watching us too?”

“How else would she know where to go for 52?” I replied.“She trusted we were friends, not enemies.”

That morning taught me our connection with creatures went 53 ways. We had been her guardians, and perhaps she had also been 54 us —— reminding us that love 55 all boundaries(边界).

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| 41. A. held | B. shared | C. took | D. exchanged |
| 42. A. familiar | B. equal | C. adapted | D. connected |
| 43. A. figured | B. pictured | C. spotted | D. remembered |
| 44. A. progress | B. growth | C. response | D. routine |
| 45. A. tired | B. bored | C. full | D. free |
| 46. A. patience | B. presence | C. difference | D. influence |
| 47. A. Strangely | B. Surprisingly | C. Obviously | D. Particularly |
| 48. A. sadness | B. horror | C. regret | D. despair |
| 49. A. pushed over | B. took away | C. picked up | D. knocked down |
| 50. A. settled | B. slowed | C. laid | D. dropped |
| 51. A. puzzled | B. excited | C. amazed | D. disappointed |
| 52. A.comfort | B. advice | C.company | D. help |
| 53. A. many | B. both | C. some | D. other |
| 54. A. following | B. watching | C. protecting | D. guiding |
| 55. A. crosses | B. marks | C. moves | D. forms |

非选择题部分

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 Shangsi Festival, an age-old Chinese celebration, falls on the third day of the third lunar month. With 56 history of over 2,000 years, it combines water purification(净化), poetic gatherings, and nature 57 (appreciate).

The festival 58 (date) back to the Zhou Dynasty, when ancient Chinese believed river washing could clean body and soul. This practice, 59 (know) as fuxi, developed into a public celebration by the Han Dynasty. One legend relates Shangsi to Nüwa, the goddess, who shaped animals before creating humans on the third day, 60 (make) it“Human Day”.

The most graceful Shangsi custom was“floating wine cups”. Guests seated along streams would get a cup and either compose a poem ____ 61 ____ drink more if inspiration failed. This tradition reached its height at the Lanting Gathering, ____ 62 ____ calligrapher Wang Xizhi penned the legendary Preface to the Poems Composed at the Orchid Pavilion.

Though the festival faded after the Song Dynasty, it still thrives(繁荣) ____ 63 ____ (remarkable) among ethnic groups like the Zhuang and Li. In recent years, cities have revived Shangsi activities ____ 64 ____ (reconnect) modern Chinese with their cultural roots. Shangsi is more than a relic; it shows China's harmony ____ 65 ____ nature. It invites us to wash away the old and celebrate life’ s flow —— one cup of wine, one flower, and one verse at a time.

第四部分写作(共三节， 满分 40 分)

第一节(共 10 小题； 每小题 1 分， 满分 10 分)

根据下列句子及所给的首字母， 在答题纸上按题号写出各单词的正确形式(每空限填一词)

- 66. Before taking photos inside the museum, you must ask for p_____ first.
- 67. This job offers f_____ working hours, so I can take care of my little daughter during the day.
- 68. As the teacher neared, Fran leaned over and w_____ something in her deskmate’s ear.
- 69. Lisa hardly ever exercises, so the doctor advised her to work out r_____ to stay healthy.
- 70. The Double Ninth Festival is a traditional time for Chinese to show r_____ and care for seniors.
- 71. When the manager went on a business trip, he left his assistant in c_____ of the project.
- 72. Jacky was so a_____ in watching live streams on his phone that he missed his bus.
- 73. The Million Pound Bank Note by Mark Twain was first p_____ in 1893 and later adapted into a film.
- 74. Here's my phone number. Please don't h_____ to call if you ever need any help.
- 75. Listen! Cheerful birds are g_____ the new day with sweet songs.

第二节(满分 15 分)

你发现同学们的课桌上摆放着各种小物件， 就此现象请你向校英文报投稿， 内容包括：

- 1.描述现象；
- 2.你的看法。

注意：

- 1.写作词数应为 80 个左右；
- 2.请按如下格式在答题纸的相应位置作答。

A Look at What Your Desk Says

第三节(满分 15 分)

阅读下面材料，根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写一段，使之构成一篇完整的短文。

Wesley Thomson was a new postman who simply couldn't get an address right. Letters for Oak Avenue landed at Oak Court, parcels (包裹) for flat seven arrived at flat three. Every day found him breathlessly rushing down the street in his red Royal Mail jacket, leaving confused residents behind him.

Each mistake landed on his shoulders like a small, heavy stone. Strangely, his mistakes began to bring the once quiet, disconnected neighbourhood together. A young couple expecting their first baby received an elderly pair's pension (养老金) notice. When they returned it, the old couple invited them in for tea and biscuits. A retired old lady found a rain-soaked parcel of baby clothes meant for her pregnant neighbour. She dried them, added a hand-knitted sweater, and a friendship started.“That postman is a walking disaster,” residents laughed heartily,“but a rather lovely one.”

Not everyone was pleased, though. Someone made a formal complaint about the frequent misdeliveries. Soon a Royal Mail manager arrived to check Wesley's performance. The neighbours gathered in the community center, worried for the man who had accidentally become the heart of their community. They spoke in his favour but Wesley knew that kindness alone wouldn't save his job.

That night, he sat alone in his tiny flat, a new map spread across the table. Oak Avenue, Oak Court, Oak Crescent —— the names became blurry(模糊的) before his tired eyes. He had tried memorising them like a schoolboy. Nothing worked. He buried his face in his tired, shaky hands, a wave of helplessness washing over him. The silent map, the ticking clock, the weight of the day——all of them seemed to be waiting for him to fail. He needed a solution, something simple,something the whole street could help with. As he looked out the window at the lights of the neighbourhood, an idea began to form.

注意：

- 1.续写词数应为 80 个左右；
- 2.请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

The next morning, Wesley took the new map and started walking from door to door.