

*注： 6月全国大学英语四级考试共有两套听力。

听力第一套

Section A

News Report One

A message in a bottle sent out to sea by a New Hampshire man more than five decades ago was found 1500 miles away and he 's been returned to his daughter. The long lost message was discovered by Clint Buffington of Utah while he was vacationing. Buffington says he found a soda bottle half-buried in the sand that looked like it had been there since the beginning of time.

a reward of \$150 from Richard and Tina Pierce, owners of the beach Comber motel.

The motel was owned by the Paula Pierce in 1960. Her father had written the notes as a joke and had thrown it into the Atlantic Ocean.

Buffington flew to New Hampshire to deliver that message to Pola Pierce. She held up to her father's promise giving Buffington that

reward. But the biggest reward is the message in a bottle finding its way back home.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. What is the news report mainly about?
2. Why did Paula Pierce give Clint Buffington the reward?

News Report Two

Millions of bees have died in South Carolina during aerial insect spraying operations that were carried out to combat the Zika virus. The insects spraying over the weekend left more than 2 million bees dead on the spot in Dorchester county South Carolina, where four travel-related cases of Zika disease have been confirmed in the area. Most of the deaths came from Flower Town Bee farm, a company in Somerville that sells bees and honey products. Juanita Stanley who owns the company said the farm looks like it's been destroyed. The farm lost about 2.5 million bees. Dorchester county officials apologized for the accidental mass killing of bees. Dorchester County is aware that some beekeepers in the area that was sprayed on Sunday lost their bee

colonies. County manager Jason Ward said in a statement.

“I'm not

pleased that so many bees were killed.”

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. Why was spraying operations carried out in Dorchester County?

4. What does the news reports say about Flower Town Bee farm?

News Report Three

The world's largest aircraft has taken to the skies for the first time. The Airlander 10 spent nearly 2 hours in the air having taken off from Coddington airfield in Bedfordshire. During its flight it reached 3000 feet and performed a series of gentle turns all over a safe area. The aircraft is massive as long as a football field and as tall as 6 double decker buses and capable of flying for up to 5 days. It was first developed for the US government as a long range spy aircraft, but was abandoned following budget cutbacks. The aircraft cost 25 million pounds and can carry heavier loads than huge jet planes while also producing less noise and omitting less pollution. The makers believe it's the future of aircraft and one day we'll be using them to go places. But

there's still a long way to go. The Airlander will need to have 200 hours flying time before being allowed to fly by the aviation administration if it passes though we can hope we'll all get some extra legroom.

Questions 5 and 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5. What do we learn about the first flight of the Airlander 10?

6. What caused the US government to abandon the Airlander 10 as a spy aircraft?

7. What is the advantage of the Airlander 10 over huge jet planes?

Section B

Conversation One

M: Do you feel like going out tonight ?

W: Yeah , why not , we haven ' t been out for ages, what ' s on?

M: Well, there ' s a film about climate change. Does it sound good to you?

W: No, not really, it doesn't really appeal to me. What's it about? Just climate change?

M: I think it's about how climate change affects everyday life. I wonder how they make it entertaining.

W: Well, it sounds really awful, it's an important subject I agree. But I am not in the mood for anything depressing. What else is on?

M: There's a Spanish dance festival.

W: Oh, I love dance. That sounds really interesting.

M: Apparently, it's absolutely brilliant. Let's see what it says in the paper. A leads an exciting production of the great Spanish love story

Kamen.

W: Ok, then. What time is it on?

M: At 7:30.

W: Well, that's no good. We haven't got enough time to get there. Is there anything else?

There's a comedy special on.

W: Where ' s it on?

M: It ' s at the city theater. It ' s a charity comedy night with lots of different acts. It looks pretty good. The critic in the local the paper says it ' s the funniest thing he ' s ever seen. It says here Roger Whitehead is an amazing host to a night of fun performances.

W: Em.. I am not keen on him. He is not very funny.

M: Are you sure your fancy going out tonight? You are not very enthusiastic.

W: Perhaps you are right. Okay, let ' s go to see the dance. But tomorrow, not tonight.

M: Great, I ' ll book the tickets online.

Questions 8 and 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

8. What does the women think of the climate change?

9. Why do the speakers give up going to the Spanish dance festival tonight?

10. What does the critic say about the comedy performed at the city theater?

11. What does the woman decide to do tomorrow?

Conversation Two

W: Good morning Mr. Lee, May I have a minutes of your time?

M: Sure Katherine, what can I do for you?

W: I' m quiet anxious about transferring over to our college, I ' m afraid I won ' t fit in.

M: don't worry Katherine, it ' s completely normal for you to be nervous about transferring schools, this happens to many transfer students.

W: Yes, I know, but I ' m younger than most students in my year and that worries me a lot.

M: Well, you may be the only younger one in your year, but you know, we have a lot of after-school activities you can join in, and so, this way, you will be able to meet new friends of different age groups.

W: That ' s nice, I love games and hobby groups.

M: I'm sure you do, so will be just fine, don't worry so much and try to make the most of what we have on offer here, also, remember that you can come to me anytime of the day if you need help.

W: Thanks so much, I definitely feel better now, as a matter of fact, I've already contacted one of the girls who will be living in the same house with me, and she seemed really nice. I guess living on campus, I'll have a chance to have a close circle of friends, since we'll be living together.

M: All students are very friendly with new arrivals. Let me check who would be living with you in your flat. Okay. There are Hannah, Kelly, and Bree. Bree is also a new student here, like you, I'm sure you two'll have more to share with each other.

Questions 12 and 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

12. Why does Katherine feel anxious?

13. What does Mr. Lee encourage Katherine to do?

14. What does Mr. Lee promised to do for Katherine?

15. What do we learn about Katherine's schoolmate Bree?

Section C

Passage One

Have you ever felt like you would do just about anything to satisfy your hunger? A new study in mice may help to explain why hunger can feel like such a powerful motivating force. In the study, researchers found that hunger outweighed other physical drives, including fear, thirst and social needs.

To determine which feeling won out, the researchers did a series of experiments. In one experiment, the mice were both hungry and thirsty. When given the choice of either eating food or drinking water, the mice went for the food, the researchers found. However, when the mice were well-fed but thirsty, they opted to drink, according to the study. In the second experiment meant to pit the mice's hunger against their fear, and other places that smelled safer (in other words, not like an animal that could eat them) but also had food. It turned out that, when the mice were hungry, they ventured into the unsafe areas for food. But when the mice were well-fed, they stayed in areas of the cage that were

the company of other mice, according to the study. When the mice were hungry, they opted to leave the company of other mice to go get food.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

16. What is the researchers' purpose in carrying out the serious experiment with mice?

17. In what circumstances, do mice venture into unsafe areas?

18. What is said about mice at the end of the passage?

Passage Two

The United States has one of the best highway systems in the world.

Interstate highways connect just about every large and mid-sized city in

the country. Did you ever wonder why such a complete system of

excellent roads exists? For an answer, you would have to go back to

the early 1920s. In those years, just after World War I, the military

wanted to build an American highway system for national defense. Such

a system could, if necessary, move troops quickly from one area to

bombed. So-called roads of national importance were designated, but they were mostly small country roads. In 1944, Congress passed a bill to upgrade the system, but did not fund the plan right away. In the 1950s, the plan began to become a reality. Over \$25 billion was appropriated by congress, and construction began on about 40,000 miles of new roads. The idea was to connect the new system to existing expressways and freeways. And though the system was built mostly to make car travel easier, defense was not forgotten. For instance, highway overpasses had to be high enough to allow trailers carrying military missiles to pass under them. By 1974, this system was mostly completed. A few additional roads would come later. Quick and easy travel between all parts of the country was now possible.

Questions 19 and 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

19. What does the speaker say about the American highway system?

20. What was the original purpose of building a highway system?

21. When was the interstate highway system mostly completed?

Texting while driving was listed as a major cause of road deaths among young Americans back in . A recent study said that 40% of American teens claim to have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger. This sounds like a widespread disease but it's one that technology may now help cure. T.J. Evarts, a 20-year-old inventor, has come up with a novel solution that could easily put texting drivers on notice. It's called Smart Wheel, and it's designed to fit over the steering wheel of most standard vehicles to track whether or not the driver has two hands on the wheel at all times. Evarts' invention warns the drivers with the light and the sound when they hold the wheel with one hand only, but as soon as they place the other hand back on the wheel the light turns back to green and the sound stops. It also watches for what's called "close by hands", where both hands are close together near the top of the wheel so the driver can type with both thumbs and drive at the same time. All the data Smart Wheel collects is also sent to a connected app. So any parents who install Smart Wheel can keep track of the teens' driving habits. If they try to remove or damage the cover, that's reported as well.

22. What is a major cause of road deaths among young Americans?

23. What is Smart Wheel?

24. What happens if the driver has one hand on the wheel?

25. How do parents keep track of their teens' driving habits?

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Section A

1. B) Scared.

2. D) It was covered with large scales.

3. A) A Study of the fast-food service.

4. C) Increased variety of products.

' s approval of private space missions.

6. A) Deliver scientific equipment to the moon.

7. B) It is promising.

Section B

8. D) Lying in the sun on a Thai beach.

9. A) She visited a Thai orphanage

10. D) His phone is running out of power.

11. C) He collects things from different countries.

12. D) Trying out a new gym in town.

13. C) A discount for a half-year membership.

14. D) The operation of fitness equipment.

15. C) She knows the basics of weight-lifting.

Section C

16. B) They often apply for a number of positions.

18. D) Apply for more promising positions.

19. B) If not forced to go to school, kids would be out in the streets.

20. D) Design activities they now enjoy doing on holidays.

21. D) Take kids out of school to learn at first hand

22. C) It is seen almost anywhere and on any occasion.

23 D) It offers people a chance to socialize.

24 A) Their state of mind improved.

25 B) It is life.

Section A

26. E) constructed

27. O) undertaken

28. F) consulted

29. C) collection

30. N) scale

31. I) eventually

32. K) necessarily

33. L) production

34. A) cheaper

35. J) height

Section B

36. K) A 20-year-old junior at Georgia Southern University told

BuzzFeed News that she normally ...

37. D) “When we talk about the access code we see it as the new face

of the textbook monopoly(垄断), a new way to lock students around this system, ” ...

38. M) Harper, a poultry (家禽) science major, is taking chemistry

again this year and had to buy a new access code to hand in her

homework ...

39. G) The access codes may be another financial headache for

students, but for textbook businesses, they ' re the future ...

40. B) The codes —which typically range in price from \$ 80 to \$ 155 per course —give students online access to systems developed by education companies like McGraw Hill and Pearson ...

41. L) Benjamin Wolverton, a 19-year-old student at the University of South Carolina, told BuzzFeed News that ...

42. H) A Pearson spokesperson told BuzzFeed News that “digital materials are less expensive and a good investment ” that offer new features, ...

43. F) She decided to wait for her next work-study paycheck, which was typically \$150-\$200, to pay for the code ...

44. J) David Hunt, an associate professor in sociology at Augusta University, which has rolled out digital textbooks across its math and psychology departments, ...

45. C) But critics say the digital access codes represent the same profit-seeking ethos(观念) of the textbook business, and are even harder for students to opt out of ...

Section C

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