

杭州 2024 学年第二学期高三年级第一次月考

英语试卷（答案在最后）

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 和 D 四个选项中，选出最佳答案。

A

University of Southern California (USC) Online Pre-College Program

Application requirements

Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Applicants who submit a completed application can expect an admission decision within 5-7 business days.

- * Include basic contact information from you and your parent(s) or guardian.
- * Tell us why you want to take the course and a little about yourself through a short-answer essay.
- * Share a piece of writing, video or social media content that tells something about yourself. (optional)
- * Submit the \$35 application fee.
- * Students must be at least 14 years old or older.

Program start date and application deadlines

Courses offered	Program dates	Application deadline	Tuition due in full Tuition	Tuition
Management	Oct. 17-Nov. 18. 2023	Oct. 4. 2023	Oct. 10. 2023	\$1.990
Media & Society	Nov. 19-Dec. 20, 2023	Nov. 6, 2023	Nov. 12. 2023	\$1.990

Cancellation and refunds

Application fees and enrollment deposits are non-refundable. All course cancellation requests must be made in writing to precollegeonline@usc.edu. Any tuition paid to the university will be refunded, not including fees and deposits, if requested by the application deadline for the related course.

The university will not refund tuition for students who are removed from the program due to breaking our rules such as the Letter of Understanding for Online Participation and our Student Code of Conduct.

1. Which of the following is not a must for applicants?

- A. Making a ten-minute video.
- B. Submitting a short-answer essay.
- C. Reaching 14 years old.
- D. Paying 35 dollars for registration.

2. When is the last day of submitting your application if you're into Media & Society?

- A. October 17. B. October 4. C. October 10. D. November 6.

3. Which of the fees below can be refunded?

- A. The application fees upon submission.
- B. Tuition return request submitted by mail.
- C. The enrollment deposits for Media & Society.
- D. Tuition refund requested before application due date.

【答案】 1. A 2. D 3. D

【解析】

【导语】本文是一篇应用文。文章介绍了南加州大学在线大学预科项目的相关信息。

【1 题详解】

细节理解题。根据 **Application requirements** 部分中 “*Share a piece of writing, video or social media content that tells something about yourself. (optional) (分享一篇能介绍你自己的文章、视频或社交媒体内容。(可选))” 可知，制作十分钟视频是可选项目，不是申请人必须提交的。故选 A 项。

【2 题详解】

细节理解题。根据表格中 Media & Society 对应的“Application deadline (申请截止日期)”为“Nov. 6, 2023 (2023 年 11 月 6 日)”可知，如果你对 Media & Society 课程感兴趣，提交申请的最后一天是 11 月 6 日。故选 D 项。

【3 题详解】

细节理解题。根据 **Cancellation and refunds** 部分中 “Any tuition paid to the university will be refunded, not including fees and deposits, if requested by the application deadline for the related course.(如果在相关课程的申请截止日期之前提出申请，所有已支付给大学的学费将被退还，不包括费用和押金)” 可知，在申请截止日期前申请退还学费是可以的。故选 D 项。

B

It is halfway through October. The sun arrives early and I stare out my window, feeling shame for invading the privacy of the homeless woman who has settled across the street. I am not sure when she first appeared, maybe a month ago. Each morning I watch as she gets out from the narrow space between the two large buildings across

from mine.

She wears the same dirty, badly torn dress every day. I can see she fights to pull herself up into a standing position. She fails on the first two or three tries, but determination always wins out. She remains leaning against the wall for several long minutes, appearing to gather the necessary strength needed to pick up her possessions — all packed into five plastic bags. With tears in my eyes, I watch as she places her feet pointing outward to avoid falling. Her steps are measured and cautious as she slowly makes her way to the corner and disappears.

When I first noticed this woman, I went across the street and offered her 20 dollars, but she turned her back to me and pretended not to see me. The expression on her face was one of shame, causing me to feel guilty for invading her privacy. The next night I bought a hotdog and a Coke, and left them in the spot when she was not there. Feeling like a spy, I watched as she ate the hotdog like a starving cat that had not eaten for days.

I too often find myself complaining about life, but when I look out my window and see the old woman, I feel the need to apologize for my foolish pride in not realizing how fortunate I really am.

There are many poor people in my town. I have become familiar with many of their faces, and then suddenly they disappear. I know that one day the old woman will be gone and I will have no idea where she is. I fear that day.

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- A. Life is tough for the homeless woman.
- B. Poverty causes the woman's poor health.
- C. The woman doesn't care about her appearance.
- D. Possessions mean much to the woman.

5. Why did the woman refuse the author's 20 dollars?

- A. The money didn't help much.
- B. She didn't like the author.
- C. Accepting money was guilty.
- D. She felt her dignity was hurt.

6. What lesson does the author learn from the homeless woman?

- A. Complaints can sometimes make life worse.
- B. He should appreciate his present life more.
- C. More is to be done to make life meaningful.
- D. We should all apologize for ignoring the poor.

7. Which of the following words best describes the author of the text?

- A. Optimistic.
- B. Sympathetic.
- C. Determined.
- D. Easy-going.

【答案】4. A 5. D 6. B 7. B

【解析】

【导语】本文是一篇夹叙夹议文。作者通过描述窗外一位无家可归老妇人的艰难生活，反思自己对生活的不满，意识到自己的幸运，并表达了对老妇人未来命运的担忧。

【4 题详解】

主旨大意题。根据第二段 “She wears the same dirty, badly torn dress every day. I can see she fights to pull herself up into a standing position. She fails on the first two or three tries, but determination always wins out. She remains leaning against the wall for several long minutes, appearing to gather the necessary strength needed to pick up her possessions — all packed into five plastic bags. With tears in my eyes, I watch as she places her feet pointing outward to avoid falling. Her steps are measured and cautious as she slowly makes her way to the corner and disappears.(她每天都穿着同一件又脏又破的衣服。我能看到她挣扎着站起来。前两三次她都失败了，但决心最终战胜了一切。她靠在墙上好几分钟，似乎在积蓄捡起她所有财物——都装在五个塑料袋里——所需的力气。我含着泪看着她把脚向外撇以避免摔倒。她迈着缓慢而谨慎的步伐，慢慢走到街角，然后消失了)”可知，这段描述了老妇人每天起床、起身、拿东西、走路等一系列艰难的动作，体现出她生活的艰难。故选 A 项。

【5 题详解】

推理判断题。根据第三段中 “When I first noticed this woman, I went across the street and offered her 20 dollars, but she turned her back to me and pretended not to see me. The expression on her face was one of shame, causing me to feel guilty for invading her privacy.(当我第一次注意到这个女人时，我穿过街道给了她 20 美元，但她背对着我，假装没看见我。她脸上的表情充满了羞愧，这让我为侵犯了她的隐私而感到内疚)”可知，老妇人假装没有看到作者递过去的钱，且脸上充满了羞愧。由此推知，她觉得接受金钱的帮助让自己的尊严受到了伤害。故选 D 项。

【6 题详解】

推理判断题。根据第四段中 “I too often find myself complaining about life, but when I look out my window and see the old woman, I feel the need to apologize for my foolish pride in not realizing how fortunate I really am.(我经常发现自己在抱怨生活，但当我望向窗外看到那位老妇人时，我觉得有必要为自己愚蠢的骄傲而道歉，因为我没有意识到自己实际上是多么幸运)”可知，作者通过与老人对比发现自己实际上是多么幸运。由此推知，作者学会了应该更加珍惜自己现在的生活。故选 B 项。

【7 题详解】

推理判断题。根据文中作者给老妇人钱、买食物，看到老妇人艰难生活还流泪等行为，如第二段中 “With

tears in my eyes, I watch as she places her feet pointing outward to avoid falling.(我含着泪看着她把脚向外撇以避免摔倒)”、第三段中 “When I first noticed this woman, I went across the street and offered her 20 dollars(当我第一次注意到这个女人时，我穿过街道给了她 20 美元)” 和 “The next night I bought a hotdog and a Coke, and left them in the spot when she was not there.(第二天晚上，我买了一个热狗和一杯可乐，趁她不在的时候放在了那个地方。)” 可以看出作者富有同情心。故选 B 项。

C

The Age of Information is mushrooming, perhaps even **bulging**. If you tried to download all the data available today, you'd need more than 180 million years. But you are wrong to assume all this information would stimulate a boost of innovation to match the output of data.

Innovations, big or small, start with a new idea which occurs as a moment of insight — the result of a novel connection in our brains made between existing and new information. Studies show insights involve quiet signals deep in the brain. Anything that helps us notice quiet signals, such as taking breaks between meetings, or avoiding distractions like social media, can increase the chance of insights. However, it's becoming more challenging to find those quiet signals with the increasing use of technology.

Besides, we also want to increase the quality of them — to be able to sort through big new ideas and find the ones that have real value. Launched in 2015, the Eureka Scale (尤里卡量表) allows us to assess the strength of our insight experiences on a five-point scale, which is marked by intense emotions, motivation, memory advantage, aftershocks, and following ideas. The Scale combines these five variables into a single value and allows us to define the importance of a new idea. The level-5 insight, involving the richest emotion, motivation, and lasting impact, holds the greatest significance.

The Eureka Scale has broad applications for measuring and improving individual and organizational performance, and can be used to measure the impact of different work environments and learning approaches on participants' growth.

In order for organizations to benefit from an age of insight, it's not enough to try to access more data or increase the number of insights we generate. Instead, it's about making space for the biggest ideas to emerge from all the information. Using the shared language of the Eureka Scale as a way to measure how important ideas are will enable better decision-making toward practical and competitive outcomes. And if we're to enter a new age of insight, we must design our environments to allow for the best insight possible to surface.

8. What does the underlined word “**bulging**” in Paragraph 1 probably mean?

- A. Stabilizing. B. Exploding. C. Shifting. D. Collapsing.

9. According to the passage, how can the possibility of insights be increased?

- A. By engaging in ongoing social media interactions.
- B. By relying on technology to receive regular notices.
- C. By stepping away from computers between meetings.
- D. By participating in additional training and coaching sessions.

10. What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The Eureka Scale controls the influence of our insights.
- B. Possessing minimal emotional responses is a level-5 insight.
- C. Both the quantity and quality of insights are essential to innovation.
- D. A breakthrough has been made in innovation due to a wealth of information.

11. What is the author's attitude towards the current environment for innovations?

- A. Uncertain.
- B. Optimistic.
- C. Unconcerned.
- D. Dissatisfied.

【答案】 8. B 9. C 10. C 11. D

【解析】

【导语】本文是一篇说明文。文章指出信息时代数据海量增长，但创新不仅要关注数据量，还需提高洞察力的质量，介绍了尤里卡量表的作用及应用。

【8 题详解】

词句猜测题。根据划线词所在句 “The Age of Information is mushrooming, perhaps even bulging. If you tried to download all the data available today, you'd need more than 180 million years.(信息时代正在迅速发展，甚至可能 bulging。如果你试图下载如今所有可用 数据，你需要超过 1.8 亿年)” 中 “mushrooming(迅速发展)” 和介绍的下载所有数据需要极长的时间可推断，信息时代的数据是在大量增加、呈现爆炸式增长的态势。由此推知，划线词 “bulging” 和 “mushrooming” 意思相近，也是表达数据的快速膨胀、激增，与 B 项 “Exploding(突增；激增)” 意思相近。故选 B 项。

【9 题详解】

细节理解题。根据第二段中 “Studies show insights involve quiet signals deep in the brain. Anything that helps us notice quiet signals, such as taking breaks between meetings, or avoiding distractions like social media, can increase the chance of insights.(研究表明，洞察力涉及大脑深处的安静信号。任何有助于我们注意到微弱信号的事情，比如在会议间隙休息，或者避免像社交媒体这样的干扰，都能增加产生洞察力的机会)” 可知，洞

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