

安徽省江南十校2024-2025学年高二上学期12月月考英语试卷

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一、阅读理解

Lexington High School

summer session (June 12-July 26)

Morning sessions:

Section A: 8:10-9:10 Section B: 9:20-10:20

Section C: 10:40-11:40 Section D: 11:50-12:50

Afternoon sports: 2:00-3:30

American Sign Language (ASL)

It is thrilling to introduce ASL to our Lexington community with the arrival of our instructor, Mr. Wilson. In this course, students will learn the essential signs of alphabet (字母表) fingerspelling and various categories of vocabulary including family signs, WH-Questions and directional signs. Additionally, students will gain insights into the distinctions between the hearing and the deaf communities.

Grades: 9-10 Section C Cost: \$260

Baseball Camp

The camp is designed to instruct campers in the fundamental skills of ball pitching, batting, catching, striking in a group setting. Campers will also have the opportunity to engage in competitive yet entertaining games that will improve skills and strategies.

It will be scheduled for four Sundays: June 23, July 7, July 14, and July 21.

Grades: 9-11 Section A Cost: \$160

English Skills for High School

This class is designed to enhance high school students' English proficiency with flexible instruction and different schedules. In this class, we will read Madeleine L'Engle's fantastic novel *A Wrinkle in Time*, we will craft our own imaginative narratives, and we will strengthen the core English skills that are crucial for high school students.

Grades: 10-12 Section B Cost: \$230 Book fee: \$20

Computer Skills Training

This course is an expansive exploration into the field of computer science, covering a variety of subjects including problem-solving, programming, physical computing, user-centered design and data analysis. Students will be motivated to create their own websites, apps, animations, games, and so on. Prior experience of block coding (编码) is suggested for students enrolling in this course.

Grades: 11-12 Section D Cost: \$240 Book fee: \$30

1. What will Mr. Wilson instruct students to do?
 - A.Create websites, apps and games.
 - B.Practice fundamental baseball skills.
 - C.Enhancing their core English skills.
 - D.Learn a language for the deaf.
2. Which of the following is appropriate for those with a passion for literature?
 - A.8:10-9:10.
 - B.9:20-10:20.
 - C.10:40-11:40.
 - D.11:50-12:50.
3. What is the total cost for a student to enroll in a computer science course?
 - A.\$160.
 - B.\$250.
 - C.\$260.
 - D.\$270.

I drove through our neighborhood with my husband, the place we'd called home for 26 years. The Sierra Nevada foothills, once thick with towering pines, were unrecognizable. The ground was covered with a thick blanket of ash.

We'd gotten an early-morning call telling us to move out immediately two weeks earlier. The wildfire tearing through Northern California had spread and was heading our way. We jumped in the car with our dogs and a few belongings. For days, we bounced from hotel to hotel, desperate for news. What finally came wasn't good. Our house had been right in the fire's path. Now we'd been given permission to return. My husband and I brought shovels (铁铲), work boots, masks and gloves. We would "rescue" anything we could.

We drove slowly through the ruins, where chimneys marked the spots where homes once stood. I wasn't prepared for what awaited us. Our house was nothing but

rubble (碎石). Most of our belongings, including my precious collection of inspirational books, were all gone.

I wiped away tears as we dug through the ash. We uncovered a cast-iron umbrella stand that used to stand beside our door, and a decorative dish our son had given me, blackened but whole, which reminded us of bits and pieces of our life. How will we survive this? It felt as if our lives had been wiped out.

We stopped digging in late afternoon. My husband loaded what we'd found in the car and said, "Let's go." I turned to get in the car. That was when I noticed something stuck to my boot. A piece of paper. I picked it up. Its edges were burnt, but the words were surprisingly clear, "If life seems difficult, I pause and reflect on the blessing sometimes hidden within every circumstance. With renewed faith and courage, I begin again."

The words must have come from one of my books, a passage I couldn't recall but now said everything I needed to hear. I framed that piece of paper and kept it on the nightstand in every hotel and motel we stayed in over the following months. It now sits in a place of honor in our new home, a reminder that we can begin again.

4. What can we learn from paragraph 2?

- A.The author's family left home hurriedly.
- B.The author's family lost everything in the fire.
- C.The wildfire first broke out close to the author's home.
- D.No warning about the wildfire was given two weeks earlier.

5. How might the author feel when she was digging through the ash?

- A.Guilty.
- B.Astonished.
- C.Hopeless.
- D.Grateful.

6. When was the text written?

- A.When the wildfire spread.
- B.When the author stayed in a hotel.
- C.While the author's house was being rebuilt.
- D.After the author's family settled down again.

7. What can be a suitable title for the text?

- A.A narrow escape.

B.Rising from the ash.

C.An attempt at a rescue.

D.A wildfire in North California.

Nestled in the waters off the coast of Tuscany, Italy, an unusual seafloor sculpture park is safeguarding its ocean environment.

Fisherman Antonio Verdi has been casting his nets in these waters since his youth along the Maremma coastline. It was in the 1980s that he began to notice the clear signs: the seabed was becoming barren, with exhausted fish stocks. Until recently, Antonio Verdi has found himself not only competing with the decline of ocean resources but also with threatening practices of illegal “bottom trawlers(拖网捕鱼的人)”, who randomly spoil a large quantity of ocean life as they fish, dragging a weighted net along the seafloor behind their boats.

Antonio Verdi’s style of artisanal fishing（手工捕鱼），in contrast, is friendly to nature as damaging the ecosystem could reduce fishermen’s income. He understood that the success of his fishing activity was linked to the good state of the environment. The underwater "House of Fish" sculpture park, which was started in 2015, was encouraged by this fisherman. "One of the most effective solutions is to physically prevent trawling through artificial reefs, so I started working on this project, trying to combine the protection of the seabed with something that could also give an added value to our environment, something as beautiful as a sculpture," he stated.

Sculptures or rocks can break weighted trawler nets. They can also function as artificial reefs, offering habitats for corals and other sea creatures. Due to the presence of the underwater sculptures, some species not seen in a long while such as groupers and lobsters have rejoined the waters. The sculpture park represents both an artistic expression and a defence against destructive seafloor trawling.

Presently, 39 massive stone sculptures are scattered across the seabed along an area of Tuscan coastline near the town of Talamone. In the near future, Antonio Verdi hopes to extend his protective efforts in coastal waters. "The sea is still under threat," he says, "and my mission to protect it continues."

8. What does the underlined word "barren" in paragraph 2 probably mean?

A.Unproductive.

B.Delicate.

C.Fruitful.

D.Nutritious.

9. How does Antonio Verdi's fishing differ from that of the illegal "bottom trawlers"?

A.He uses larger nets to catch more fish.

B.His method is less damaging to the ecosystem.

C.He focuses on catching specific high-value fish.

D.His fishing involves the use of underwater sculptures.

10. What impact has the sculpture park had on the local ocean life?

A.A shift in the types of fish caught by local fishermen.

B.A decrease in the number of fish due to the sculptures.

C.The return of species that had previously disappeared from the area.

D.The extinction of some species due to the increased human presence.

11. What is the relationship between human activities and the ocean environment according to this article?

A.The ocean is too vast to be affected by human activities.

B.Human activities have no significant impact on sea creatures.

C.The only way to protect sea creatures is to prohibit human activities.

D.Fishing should be in line with efforts to maintain a healthy ocean ecosystem.

Solar cells play an important role in the shift towards a greener future, with an increasing number of buildings and rooftops worldwide being fitted with solar panels. However, their large size can be a limitation. A team of researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has developed a technique to produce incredibly lightweight solar cells that can be placed on a variety of surfaces.

These solar cells are made from nanomaterials using a kind of electronic ink. Their thinness allows them to be applied to many different surfaces, such as being placed on the wings of drones (无人机) to prolong their battery life. These cells are thinner than human hair, yet they are capable of producing approximately 18 times more power per kilogram compared to traditional solar panels.

A problem that researchers are addressing before these solar cells can be mass-produced is how to protect the solar cells from oxygen and moisture (湿气). While traditional solar cells are protected by glass, adding such a layer would remove the major advantage of the new ultra-thin solar cells. Scientists are currently exploring alternative protective measures.

Australia is also witnessing notable progress in this field. During the "Charge Around Australia" project, scientists drove around the country in a Tesla that was powered only by solar panels on a three-month journey. These solar panels were stored in the vehicle's trunk and provided power if necessary.

12. What is the main advantage of the new solar cells developed by MIT scientists?

- A.They are diverse in form.
- B.They are more affordable to produce.
- C.They are protected by a layer of glass.
- D.They are flexible and generate more power.

13. What challenge do scientists face before these solar cells can be mass-produced?

- A.To extend the battery life.
- B.To make them absorb more energy.
- C.To guard them against oxygen and moisture.
- D.To get rid of size and geographical limitation.

14. What most probably makes glass improper as a protective layer?

- A.Its cost.
- B.Its weight.
- C.Its structure.
- D.Its breakability.

15. What can be inferred from the last paragraph?

- A.Solar panels have been widely used in vehicles around the world.
- B.Australia relied on a network of charging stations in the project.
- C.Significant innovation was made in solar technology in Australia.
- D.The Tesla was charged using traditional power outlets in the project.

二、七选五

16.

Valleys are one of the most common landforms on the Earth. They are formed through erosion (侵蚀) or the gradual wearing down of the land by wind and water. Their form depends on what is eroding it, the slope (坡度) of the land, the type of rock or soil and the amount of time the land has been eroded. There are three common types of valleys: V-shaped valleys, U-shaped valleys and flat floored valleys.

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A V-shaped valley, sometimes called a river valley, is a narrow valley with steeply(陡峭地) sloped sides that appear similar to the letter "V". They are formed by strong streams, which over time have cut down into the rock. These valleys form with streams in their "youthful" stage. ②_____ An example of a V-shaped valley is the Grand Canyon in the Southwestern United States.

A U-shaped valley is a valley with a profile(轮廓) similar to the letter "U". ③_____ They are formed by glacial(冰川的) erosion during the last glaciation. This is because ice sheets flowed down the pre-existing river or V-shaped valleys and caused the bottom of the "V" to level out into a "U" shape, resulting in a wider, deeper valley.

The third type of the valley is called a flat-floored valley. These valleys, like V-shaped valleys, are formed by streams. ④_____ Over time, the stream continues to erode the valley's soil, widening it further. With flood, the material that is eroded and carried in the stream is deposited which builds up the floodplain and the valley. During this process, the shape of the valley changes from a V or U shaped valley into one with a broad flat valley floor.

⑤_____ They are close to rivers which enable easier movement and also provide resources like water, good soils and food such as fish. The valleys themselves were also helpful as valley walls often blocked winds and other severe weather if the settlement patterns were positioned correctly. Valleys also provided a safe place for settlement and made invasions difficult.

- A. A valley is normally occupied by a river or stream.
- B. During this period, streams flow rapidly down steep slopes.
- C. The river begins to erode the bank of its channel instead of valley walls.
- D. The shape of valleys varies but they are typically steep-sided canyons or broad plains.
- E. This type of valley is characterized by steep sides that curve in at the base of the valley wall.
- F. The difference is that they are no longer in their youthful stage, and are instead in a mature stage.
- G. Valleys have played an important role in people's life since the beginning of human development.

三、完形填空 (15空)

I love riding a bike to work no matter the weather.

Biking's timeless joy 1 the kid in me. Unlike the monkey bars or swings I used to go on as a kid at the playground that now only cause me pain, biking still 2 me.

As an adult, biking to work has become a(n) 3 for the crowded public transportation blues. Rain, shine, snow or wind—I 4 the physical and mental challenge. And the sometimes cold and wet rides in the dark of Vancouver, Canada, are often 5 by sightings of squirrels, deer and raccoons(浣熊), reminding me that there is beauty to be found even in the darkest of days.

Biking has become a source of 6 for me. It's during these 7 that I face and think about life's challenges. Angry at my boss? Mad at my partner? By the time I've reached the 8, I've hopefully evolved from 9 to optimistic.

As a parent, I'm determined to 10 my joy of biking to my son. Our early adventures 11 him sitting in a bike trailer, telling me I was riding too slow and that the ride was too bumpy(颠簸的). "Daddy, you must be 12. Your legs aren't moving very fast."

Much like life, biking is a journey that requires you to face challenges head-on. It is not 13 a form of transportation; it's a(n) 14 to be part of the landscape, to take in the journey rather than just 15 to the destination.

17.

- A.brings out
- B.checks out
- C.takes out
- D.pulls out

18.

- A.wears
- B.excites
- C.bothers
- D.shelters

19.

- A.love
- B.cure
- C.choice
- D.barrier

20.

- A.encounter

- B.undergo
- C.welcome
- D.suffer

21.

- A.impressed
- B.surrounded
- C.disturbed
- D.brightened

22.

- A.calmness
- B.success
- C.anxiety
- D.opportunity

23.

- A.trials
- B.breaks
- C.routines
- D.rides

24.

- A.peak
- B.bottom
- C.limit
- D.destination

25.

- A.annoyed
- B.shocked
- C.frustrated
- D.embarrassed

26.

- A.carry on
- B.take on
- C.pass on
- D.insist on

27.

A.involved

B.occupied

C.spared

D.risked

28.

A.focused

B.stressed

C.frozen

D.tired

29.

A.apparently

B.simply

C.directly

D.extremely

30.

A.struggle

B.urge

C.invitation

D.must

31.

A.switch

B.rush

C.lead

D.drive

四、短文填空

32.

Shark's Fin and Sichuan Pepper (《鱼翅与花椒》) is a book on Chinese cuisine by British writer Fuchsia Dunlop, ①_____ has spent about 15 years exploring China and its diverse food culture. The book ②_____ (consist) of 16 chapters, each featuring a practical recipe. Dunlop explores Chinese food from the remote Gansu countryside ③_____ the historic city of Yangzhou. Rather than

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