

一、阅读理解

文章大意：本文主要讲述了汽车使我们的生活更加方便，但也可能是一个问题。例如，矿物燃料汽车造成了空气污染。为了改善环境，许多国家正在开发电动汽车，其中，中国起着主导作用，创造了世界上最大的电动汽车市场。

1. 请认真阅读下面短文，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。

Cars make our lives much easier. But they can also be a problem, especially fossil fuel (化石燃料) cars. 1

To improve the environment, many countries are developing electric vehicles (EVs, 电动车). 2 China has created the world's largest EV market, according to the Wall Street Journal. In 2021, over 30 percent of the EVs sold worldwide were sold in China, more than twice as many as the number sold in the United States. 3 Chinese auto companies, including BYD and BAIC, have been among the top in the world in EV sales.

"Charging (充电) an electric car is cheaper than filling up a fossil fuel car with gas," said Wu Hao, who bought an electric car from BAIC this year. 4 It can be hard to find charging stations and the cars can't go far before needing to be recharged.

Some of these problems are being solved. 5 There are more than 2.6 million charging stations in total.

Developing EVs is one of many efforts China has made to protect the environment. "As China goes, so will the world's auto industry," the Wall Street Journal said.

- A. Chinese drivers are already big fans of EVs.
- B. There is always too much traffic on the road.
- C. However, there are still some problems.
- D. Among them, China is taking a leading role.
- E. People can not only go green but also save money.
- F. Now China has the world's largest EV charging network.
- G. They have become a major cause of air pollution.

2. 根据短文内容，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。

As we know, there are differences between Western culture and Chinese culture. 1 Let's look at the words about animals and plants. Most expressions in Chinese about the dog, for example, "a homeless dog", "a mad dog", "a running dog" and "a dog catching a mouse", have bad meanings. 2 In English, people use the dog to describe good actions. For example, "You are a lucky dog" means you are a lucky person. And "every dog has its day" means each person has good luck sometimes. To describe a person's serious illness, they say "sick as a dog". The word "dog-tired" means very tired. 3 But in western culture, "cat" is often used to describe a woman who is cruel.

4 People think the rose means love, peace, courage and friendship. And the rose is the national flower of England, America and many other countries.

5 We can learn about many differences in cultures by comparing how some words are used.

- A. However, Chinese love cats very much.
- B. Some words have different meanings.
- C. It's not necessary to learn about differences in cultures.
- D. We can see differences when we pay attention to the way words are used.
- E. But in western countries, dogs are thought to be honest and good friends of humans.
- F. The rose is regarded as a symbol of love in both China and some Western countries.
- G. The words about plants and animals are used in different ways in different cultures.

3. Have you ever had a wonderful idea and thought it would make a great invention, but didn't know what to do next? 1 They will help you make your dreams come true and become a famous inventor.

The first thing that you should do is to do some research on the Internet to see if anyone else has invented it. If not, you should search through the US Patent (专利) information to see if a patent was ever created for your type of invention. 2

The easiest thing to do is working with a company that can help you to make your dreams a reality. It can help you present your ideas and get your product to the right companies. One company that is very reputable (声誉好的) "Lambert and Lambert in Minnesota". 3 If they think your product is marketable (有销路的), they will help you to get it to the right company.

Call the company and make an appointment. You will want to bring in a model of your invention and a complete description of your ideas. 4 Then when you meet with them, you can present it and they will tell you how marketable it is. If they decide to help you, they will work to present it to different companies and help you to go to the next step.

Once your invention has been sold to a large company, get ready to get the benefits of becoming the next great inventor.

___5___ But the benefits are worth the wait.

- A. It may take a year or two.
- B. You will be the next inventor.
- C. Write down exactly about your invention.
- D. If there is no patent, go to the next step.
- E. You will find something new on the Internet.
- F. Here are some steps that you can take.
- G. They offer free advice for good ideas.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了五种如何变得外向的方法。

4. How to Be Outgoing

If you think you are too shy and want to be a little outgoing, try the following. You can make it.

___1___ There's no need to hide (隐瞒) it. When they get to know you are a shy kid, they'll understand you better. This also helps you feel more comfortable when you talk with others.

___2___ People think you are friendly and easy to talk to. Remember that other people have feelings too and most people will stay away from an angry-looking face.

___3___ If you find it hard to do, say something nice about people around you. Think about how great you feel when someone says something nice to you. Doesn't it make you want to keep talking to those people?

___4___ Think more about ways to enjoy the party or the game. Don't waste time worrying about your looks or if people like you.

___5___ Each time after you say "hi" or smile at someone for the first time, say to yourself "You did it!" Or it could be something bigger, like buying yourself an ice cream.

Keep trying and one day you won't be "shy" any more when you talk to others.

- A. Turn your attention (注意力) to somewhere else.
- B. Reward (奖励) yourself.
- C. Try to smile more.
- D. Don't laugh at others.
- E. Talk to others first.
- F. Tell people you are shy.
- G. Don't smile to others.

文章大意：本文讲述了大约50年前，当电视首次问世时，人们认为收音机不再有用，看电视比听收音机更真实、更有趣。然而，50年后的今天，收音机仍然很受欢迎。

5. About fifty years ago, when television first came out, people thought that radio was no longer useful. ___1___ It is much more real and interesting to watch television than to listen to the radio.

However, fifty years later radio is still very popular and it will be here for a long time. One reason is that we don't need to see pictures when we listen to the music on the radio. In fact, listening with your eyes closed is the best way to listen to a piece of music. ___2___ In other words, you can create your own images.

Moreover, while listening to the radio, you don't have to take your eyes off your work. ___3___ Or you can read a book and listen to the radio. Television, on the other hand, doesn't have this advantage.

___4___ You can take a radio anywhere and turn it on anytime you want. In a quiet place you can use headphones to listen to the news or music on the radio. In this way you won't disturb anybody. Also, a radio is much cheaper than a television. ___5___ Which is better, radio or television?

- A. Radio doesn't have pictures but sounds.
- B. Television has both sounds and pictures.
- C. A radio is much smaller than a television.
- D. You can put yourself in a sofa, eat snack and listen carefully.
- E. For less than \$20 you can buy a small radio and have fun with it.
- F. You can think yourself on a sandy beach or up high on a mountain.
- G. For example, you can listen to the radio and drive at the same time.

文章大意：本文是关于如何践行绿色生活方式的一些建议。

6. 阅读下面短文，从短文后所给的选项中选出能填入短文空白处的最佳选项，使短文通顺连贯，其中有两项是多余选项。

It is more important than ever to live a green lifestyle in today's world. Do you know how to live a green lifestyle? Here are some tips for you.

____1____ You can recycle paper and bottles and choose reusable products whenever possible. Take cloth bags instead of plastic bags when shopping.

Save water and energy. Don't spend a long time taking showers. Collect rainwater for plants or a garden. Also, you'd better buy LED or CFL bulbs (灯泡). ____2____

Play a role in your community. It's necessary to take an active part in clean-ups and support local renewable energy projects. ____3____ Protecting our environment is a community effort, and everyone has a role to play.

Keep the green life in mind. You need to be aware of how your action in daily life influences the environment. ____4____ And ask yourself how to do it to take better care of the environment.

Living a green lifestyle seems challenging. ____5____ By making changes in your everyday life, you can make the planet a better place.

- A. Reduce waste.
- B. Use technology.
- C. However, it's not impossible.
- D. You'd better take showers carefully.
- E. Don't break environmental laws and rules.
- F. Think carefully before you do every activity.
- G. They use less power and work for a longer time.

7. It seems to me that families used to eat more meals together. ____1____ There's often a TV nearby, or someone's talking on a cell phone or texting during dinner.

____2____ We'd wait for everyone to get home, and then we'd all sit down together. During dinnertime conversation, everyone had a chance to talk. Back then, I was a little quiet, so my dad would often ask me to talk about my day. ____3____

Speaking of taking turns, all of us kids used to take part in either preparing the meal or cleaning up. Sometimes my mom would let me help her in the kitchen. ____4____ We'd always have fresh food—no fast food or take out.

Now, I won't pretend (假装) our mealtimes were completely perfect. We used to fight all the time, and sometimes kick each other under the table. ____5____ Nobody knew exactly what "or else" meant, but we didn't want to risk finding out.

These days, it seems like families have little time together, especially at mealtimes. However, I wonder if those families know what they're missing.

- A. And it's the same now.
- B. That's how we learned to share and take turns.
- C. I'd wash and cut up vegetables, or things like that.
- D. My family always used to eat dinner together, no matter what.
- E. And nowadays it is quite different.
- F. Then our parents would step in, telling us to "get along or else!"
- G. Our parents are always angry with us.

8. Confidence is very important in daily life. It can help you to develop a healthy attitude. A study shows that the people who are more confident are much happier. They can have more chances to make themselves successful. ____1____

Speak aloud

When you are not confident, you can't do well what you want to do. ____2____ Try to speak aloud so that people can hear you clearly. The high voice can help you become more confident.

____3____

Physical exercise makes you tired but completely relaxed. When you are playing sports, you will be full of confidence.

Encourage yourself

Write down a list of things you did during the day to see how many things you have done well. ____4____ You helped your mother with the housework. You told a joke that made someone laugh. Give yourself praise for the good things you've done.

Get rid of(消除) fear

Fear comes along with failure(失败). But it's easy to overcome if you know that failure is a part of your life. 5 Try to start again and believe you can do better.

Pick up a hobby

If you like singing, sing as much as you can. In some ways, a hobby can make you outstanding. And it will make you happy and confident.

- A. There are some suggestions.
- B. Play sports
- C. Don't hide your head just because you said something stupid last time.
- D. You speak in a voice so low that other people can hardly hear you.
- E. Exercise is very interesting.
- F. You finished your homework.
- G. I want to be confident.

9. 根据短文内容, 从短文后所给的选项中, 选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项, 并将所选答案涂到答题卡的相应位置上。

Our earth is in trouble. Our drinking water is becoming dirtier, and the air is not as clean as before. People and factories are polluting the air, rivers, lakes and seas. You may think there is nothing you can do to help. That's not true. 1

Cars burn oil. 2 Some people believe that too much CO₂ is making the earth warmer than ever. 3 This can save some oil and produce less CO₂.

4 So turn off the air conditioner(空调) when you don't need to use it. Use lights that save energy. Use fewer things that cannot be used again. When you buy something, consider those made from things that can be used again first.

A lot of water is needed for a shower. So take shorter showers. 5

Every small action can make a big difference to our earth. Let's take action to protect it.

- A. This can cut the use of water.
- B. Air pollution is very serious.
- C. This will make a lot of CO₂ into the air.
- D. So try to walk, ride a bike or take a bus.
- E. Nobody can play a role in protecting the earth.
- F. There are many things you can do to save the earth.
- G. The biggest energy use at home is for keeping warm or cool.

10. New Names

When you get a pet, the first thing you might do is to give it name. The name should be one you'll remember. It might also describe the pet. For example, if you get a brown puppy, you might call her Honey.

When a new product is invented, people need to give it a name, too. 1 Sometimes people make up new words for a new invention. Sometimes they use older words and combine them in new ways.

Lots of electronic products are invented every year, so new computer words are invented all the time. 2 The word Internet was invented in the 1980s to describe the system that links computer networks around the world. Originally, it was called the internetwork.

The World Wide Web (the Web) is a huge collection of documents that you can access (存取) through the Internet. 3 Browser (浏览器) is a good name for this software application because you use it to browse, or look around, on the Web.

Two words were invented to describe Internet journals: blog and vlog. Blog is a form of web log. 4 Blogs contain words and sometimes pictures, while vlogs contain videos.

Another new computer word is e-mail, which is a shortened form of electronic mail. You get your e-mail in a mailbox. 5 Before e-mail, mailboxes were simply boxes where people put paper letters inside to be delivered by letter carriers.

The next time you see a new invention, look carefully at its name. Do you see any words or words parts you know? By looking for familiar words, you can often guess what an invention does.

- A. The Internet is an example.
- B. Vlog is a shortened form of video log.
- C. The name helps others remember it – and buy it.

- D. You use a Web browser to find texts and images.
 E. You can write an e-mail to the magazine.
 F. While mailbox isn't a new word, it's a new use of an older word.
 G. Dingding is the name of my cat.

二、阅读理解

文章大意：本文是一篇说明文，给我们如何创建一个情绪板，控制自己的情绪。

11. 阅读下面的短文，从所给的A~F六个选项中，选出正确的答案填空，使短文通顺，内容完整，其中选项中有一项是多余的。

A fun way to put yourself in a good mood(情绪) is by creating a mood board. What's that? 1 Susie Moore, a life coach, often guides people at mood-board-making classes. At the end of a class, each person has built a collection that puts him or her in an active mood.

To create your own mood board, you'll need a soft board or a cardboard. 2 Go through them, cutting out photos for your board. Use your feelings to choose what works best. Here, Shay Maunz uses Moore's tips to create a mood board and offers tips on how you can make your own.

3 Anything that makes you feel good, use it. I used photos of my favorite food watermelon, and my favorite animal, penguins.

You might use your mood board to set goals for things your'd like to achieve. I want to read at least 30 books this year.

4 Maybe it's your classroom, a playground, or a comfortable corner at home. You can put photos of that place on your mood board, or choose photos that remind you of it. I used this photo of West Virginia, where I grew up.

Not everything on your mood board has to serve a purpose or be connected to your life. Choose some photos just because you like them. 5

- A. This is also a good time to think about happy things.
 B. It's anything that encourages you or makes you happy.
 C. One step to start is with some of your favorite things.
 D. Every time I look at these photos, they make me smile.
 E. Think about a place that makes you feel safe and happy.
 F. You'll also need old magazines, greeting cards and photographs.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了《流浪地球2》的剧情和电影传达的精神。

12. 根据短文内容，从短文后的A~F选项中，选出5个适当的选项补全短文。



The Wandering Earth II came out on January 22, the first day of the Chinese New Year. The film tells the story of human beings building planetary machines on the surfaces of Earth and the moon to push Earth as the sun rapidly burns out. 1 They all mentioned that "the film is the top science fiction in Chinese film history".

2 In the face of disasters (灾难), instead of leaving our home planet, Chinese people try to bring Earth on their travels, for they have a deep love for the country where they have lived for long.

3 Unlike the characters who save the world in most Western superhero films, *The Wandering Earth II* focuses on a group of common people from different countries and backgrounds who make sacrifices (牺牲) to protect their home. A total of 300 characters from all countries bravely come together to save Earth. 4 He leaves his family to take part in the planet-saving project.

The movie also shows the spirit of unity (团结一致) that runs through the blood of Chinese people and can be shared with the rest of the world. 5 And it seems truer today as courage and unity can win over difficulties, both in science fiction and in reality.

- A. One is a Chinese astronaut Liu Peiqiang.
 B. What makes the movie unusual is its characters.
 C. It is what brings Chinese people everlasting hope.
 D. You must have been surprised by the technologies in it.
 E. Chinese people have a strong sense of home and country.
 F. The film surprised many people and received high praise.

文章大意：本文是一篇记叙文。文章讲述了10岁的Becky发明了光泽纸的过程，作者告诉我们有时候小孩子的发明会成为伟大的发明。

13. 阅读短文，从短文下面的六个句子中选择五个还原到短文中，使短文通顺完整、衔接自然。

Kids invention are not games. 1

Becky Schroeder was only 10 years old when she came up with the idea of the glossy paper (光泽纸). One day, Becky's mother went shopping in the store. 2. It was getting dark, and she couldn't see her notebook very well. She imagined how nice it would be to have a piece of glossy paper in the dark.

3. Though it wasn't easy for Becky to make the glossy paper, she decided to have a try. She remembered seeing "glow (发光) in the dark" toys. 4. Finally, she found that they all had special paint.

The next day she went to a store and returned home with the special paint. In her dark room, she worked on the paint and paper, 5.

The invention is a huge success. It's widely used by photographers for their dark rooms, by doctors to read patients' charts (病历表) at night and even NASA in the spaceship.

- A. But it was a little expensive
- B. Finally, she made the glossy paper
- C. She then started studying how they worked
- D. Sometimes kids' ideas end up as great inventions
- E. Becky did her homework, waiting for her mother in the car
- F. When most kids just stopped at imagining, Becky took a further step

14. How can you as a family member, caregiver, or educator help your child or teen read and write more outside school? There are some simple things you can do to help develop a lifelong love of reading and writing:

1 Let your child or teen see you be busy with everyday reading and writing abilities activities, like reading the newspaper or making a store list, and talk about what you do.

2 Holding a book together with your child before bed. Share books on tape with your teen or read aloud on car trips. 3 Leaving short notes on the refrigerator, a nighttime message on a pillow, or a letter expressing your pride in an achievement encourages reading and proves the power of words.

4 Read some of the books, magazines, or websites your child or teen is reading and then discuss them together. 5 You can even write group e-mails or letters to family and friends.

- A. Share a love of reading and writing together.
- B. Write a journal, scrapbook, or blog as a family, taking time to record daily events.
- C. Get caught reading and writing.
- D. Leave a note in reading.
- E. Read and write to your child or teen.
- F. And don't forget writing.

文章大意：本文是一篇说明文。作者阐述了每个人都有害羞的时候，详细地介绍了害羞的反应和特点，以及如何克服这种感觉的方法。

15. 根据短文内容，从短文后的选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有一项为多余选项。

How do you feel when you have to make a speech in front of your classmates? What about when you go to a birthday party? Do you get really shy? 1 You are not alone. Everyone has such feelings sometimes.

2 When people feel shy, they usually have red faces. They may talk in broken sentences. It's normal when you go to a new place or meet strangers. In fact, everybody gets a little shy at times.

3 They think that shy people are not only cleverer, but also better at working with others. 4 You see, being shy isn't all bad.

Some great people in history were shy, too. But remember not to let good chances go by just because of being shy! When you grow up year by year, you'll become brave enough to speak to anyone. 5 If you have to sing a song at a party, just do it! There's nothing to be afraid of!

Remember, though you're shy, you are still confident. Come on, our shy friends!

- A. But now, you need practice.
- B. If you feel shy, don't worry.
- C. Somebody wants to be shy at times.
- D. Some experts say shy people are great.
- E. Shyness means feeling nervous or afraid.
- F. They say that shy people think more and talk less.

16. The Chinese fan is more like an artwork than a tool for cooling. It includes the art of carving, painting, handwriting, etc. 1

A silk fan is also called a "round silk fan". 2 And it's decorated with paintings of beautiful women, flowers or birds. It's one of the earliest types of Chinese fan and popular with women of all ages.

3 It's made of the feathers (羽毛) of several different sorts of birds, such as peacocks and geese. The fan handle (柄) is usually wooden.

A folding fan is often made of paper. The fan handles and fan ribs (扇骨) are usually made of bamboo or wood. The material of the handles and the ribs is very important. 4 There are always beautiful paintings or handwriting on the fan.

Why do Chinese people love fans so much?

In ancient China, fans were a sign of beauty and knowledge. 5 Learned men would fan themselves to show their deep thoughts, too.

- A. It decides the value of the fan.
- B. This type of fan is often made of silk.
- C. Most Chinese people don't like fans at all.
- D. Here are some common types of Chinese fan.
- E. Ladies would use fans to show their kindness.
- F. The feather fan is a well-known type of Chinese fan.

文章大意：本文为一篇说明文。文章主要阐述了好的睡眠对我们很重要，并介绍了拥有好睡眠的方法。

17. 以下是一则短文，请阅读短文，并从下列六个句子中选择五个还原到原文中，使原文的意思完整、连贯。

Sleep is very important. Can you think of a time when you can't fall sleep? That feeling is really terrible. When you don't get enough sleep, you're not at your best. 1

Be active (活跃的) during the day.

You may see how much running around little kids do and how well they sleep. 2 It can help you relax. But don't play sports too close to bedtime.

Get into a good sleep habit.

3 It can help your body get into a habit. If you don't go to sleep in 20 minutes, leave your bedroom and do something to relax. 4

Watch what you eat and drink.

Eat a simple meal for dinner and stay away from hot food. 5 This can help you sleep better. Be sure not to have tea or coffee at night.

- A. So get at least 60 minutes of exercise a day.
- B. For example, you can do some reading or listen to music.
- C. So let's talk about how to have a good sleep.
- D. Say "Tonight, I will sleep well" during the day.
- E. Go to bed and get up at the same time every day.
- F. You can also drink milk before going to bed.

18. As time goes by, are you still the same person you were? Many of you would think you are. 1 You could be a completely different person when you get old. Psychologists(心理学家) at the UK's University of Edinburgh did the study on a group of Scottish people. 2

In 1950, a group of teachers gave over 1200 14-year-old students personality tests. 3 They were self-confidence, sense of responsibility, perseverance (耐心), strong wishes to win, creativity and moods(情绪).

In 2012, researchers successfully found 174 of those 1200 students and gave them a test similar to the one they had received before. 4 They were surprised to find great changes to all six personality traits of these people. 5 It was "as if the second test had been given to different people." the study reported.

In the past, personality was widely believed to be unchangeable. This new study may bring some fresh ideas to the world.

- A. They tested six basic personality traits.
- B. Then they compared the then-and-now test results.
- C. They wanted to know if people's personality was unchangeable.
- D. But according to a new study, your personality can change greatly.
- E. The younger and older self-seemed to be totally different for each person.
- F. The research found almost everyone's personality changed when they grew old.

文章大意：本文介绍了红杉的相关研究，并呼吁人们保护它们。

19. Sequoia (红杉) National Park, California, is the land of the giants. The giants are the sequoias, the largest species (物种) of trees on the planet.

___1___ The President is one of the largest trees in the world. It was recently studied by scientist Steve Sillett. ___2___ Because the tree was too large to get in one photo, Sillett's team of cameramen combined several photos of the tree into one complete shot. This project was done to educate people about these huge trees, and all of the life they support.

___3___ As the tree continues to grow, it competes with other plants for soil, light, water. The President has been growing for 3,200 years. Because of their size, sequoias can protect themselves well against threats (威胁) like wind and fire. ___4___

The National Park Service estimates (估计) that over 260 forest plants, animals, and insects depend on the sequoias, and over 150 of those life forms are rare or uncommon. Humans also depend on the sequoias to break down huge amounts of carbon dioxide, providing cleaner air for breathing.

___5___ In addition, he also encourages more tall tree researches throughout the world.

- A. They are too strong to be harmed.
- B. Even lightning usually fails to harm them.
- C. A few among them are so special that they have names.
- D. In 2012, Sillett and his team took pictures of the entire 75m tree.
- E. Sillett hopes his work will not only inspire the public to help protect these giants.
- F. One of the most interesting discoveries Sillett's team made is that sequoias never stop growing.

20. English has become a popular language all over the world. So which country, not including English-speaking countries, speaks English best? ___1___

Swedish language education company EF published their 2016 English Proficiency Index (熟练指数) this month. ___2___ The rankings are based on English reading and listening test results of 950,000 people from 72 countries and areas.

According to the index, the English proficiency in China is still low, ranking 39th.

Out of the whole country, people in Shanghai are the best English speakers. ___3___ Hong Kong and Beijing follow Shanghai as China's next best English-speaking cities.

"Shanghai and Beijing rank high because they are international cities," EF senior manager Christopher McCormick said. "However, across China, proficiency in English is different from east to west."

___4___ However, the teaching of English in some areas is not very good. For example, according to the news online, there are seven primary schools in Shetianqiao town in Hunan, but only one English teacher. Many students still learn English by just memorization. Sebastian Magnusson, an officer at the Swedish embassy (大使馆) in Beijing, gave some advice. Swedish people speak English well and Magnusson himself is also mastered in Chinese. He said in TV programs, movies and even computer games could be learning tools. "___5___ What matters most is to use what you've learned," Magnusson said.

- A. And where does China rank?
- B. Do not learn it from just textbooks.
- C. They speak better English than Italians and French.
- D. There are actually some great English learners in China.
- E. China has 400 million English learners, reported China Daily.
- F. The Netherlands ranked first, followed by Denmark and Sweden.

三、阅读理解

文章大意：本文主要通过举例，说明了鸟类数量变少的原因是由于环境受到破坏而造成鸟类喂食不足，从而警示人们保护环境，拯救鸟类。

21. Birds are amazing animals. They live in all parts of the planet, from hot deserts to the ice of Antarctica. They fly nonstop for days. They find food easily. One out of five birds migrates (迁徙). They find safe places to rest.

___1___ The bird population is going down. This is happening to birds in all parts of the planet, from hot places to cold places. Birds are losing places to live and make their nests. Their food supply is going down. ___2___ Some seabirds, like puffins, are disappearing. Chemicals in the environment are influencing bird populations. In Michigan, robins (知更鸟) are dying. The songs of some birds are changing. Some birds are having fewer babies. Some birds are losing their ability to find their way. ___3___ Why is this happening?

Insects, fish, and other animals take in chemicals from the environment. Birds eat insects and fish. Some birds eat dead animals. This is giving birds health problems. ___4___ Scientists like Christy Morrissey are trying to find out. Morrissey studies nature and harmful things in our environment. She wants to know how chemicals influence these birds. Birds' population usually grows at a fixed speed. When the bird population goes down, then

there is a problem. It means something is happening to the environment. ____5____ We need to listen to these messages about our own health and the health of the planet.

- A. Clearly, birds are in trouble.
- B. Some penguins are dying because of hunger.
- C. Then what are these chemicals doing to humans?
- D. According to Morrissey, birds are sending us messages.
- E. But, unfortunately, all of this is changing in recent years.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了元宵节这天人们的庆祝活动。

22. 阅读短文及其文后A—E选项，选出可以填入各题空白处的最佳选项。

The 15th day of the first lunar month is a special time. For some, it's a little sad because it's the final day of the Chinese New Year celebrations. ____1____

People celebrate the Lantern Festival with their family. ____2____ They have fun eating together, but they have more fun when it gets dark outside. At that time, people visit the Lantern Festival celebrations in their areas. There, they can check out the colorful lanterns and try to figure out some riddles. Also, children can join in the fun and carry their own lanterns. ____3____

People can enjoy many celebrations during the Lantern Festival. The event draws many foreigners and local people to the area.

____4____ They're made of oiled rice paper, so they're very light. To get them to fly, people heat the air inside with little candles. However, before they do that, they do something very important. People write their hopes, wishes, and dreams on the sky lanterns. ____5____ When everything is finally ready, everyone lets their glowing sky lanterns fly at the same time. It's a wonderful sight to see.

- A. Sky lanterns are like little hot-air balloons.
- B. The Lantern Festival is a bright time for everyone!
- C. They usually have dinner and then a special treat—tangyuan.
- D. They believe that the lanterns will carry their words to the gods.
- E. However, for most, it's quite joyful because it's the day of the Lantern Festival.

23. How green are you? Do you know how to be green?

We all need a healthy environment, but we produce waste every day and it does harm to our environment. Though we are young, we can still do something to help. ____1____ Here are some ideas for you.

Reduce (减少)

Reduce means "use less". Don't waste things. ____2____ Before we buy something new, think whether it is really necessary or maybe the old one will be just as good! When we do buy things, choose local products if possible, and try not to buy too many things from abroad.

Reuse

Reuse means "use again". ____3____ When we buy things, make sure that they last a long time. We should look after them so that they will last, and we should repair them if we can instead of throwing them away and buying new ones. ____4____ It's better to use a china cup and a lunch box because you can use them again.

Recycle

Recycle means "change things into something else". Though it takes energy to change something into something else, it's better than throwing things away or burning them. ____5____ We should also buy products made from recycled materials, such as recycled paper, to help save trees.

So please remember these three words: reduce, reuse and recycle.

- A. Use things for as long as possible.
- B. Don't use a paper cup or a paper bag.
- C. Find out what can be recycled in your neighbourhood and take part in recycling programs.
- D. This saves money and reduces pollution and waste going into the environment.
- E. In fact, even the simplest everyday activities can make a real difference to the environment.

24. 根据材料内容, 从下面五个选项中选出能填入文中空缺处的最佳选项, 使短文意思通顺、内容完整。

If your home is like most of others, you've probably got a recycling bin (回收箱) in your kitchen. Good for you. That's the first step to recycling. 1

First, what kinds of rubbish bins are in the other rooms of your house? What about in your bedroom? You've probably just got one rubbish bin where everything goes. But it's a good idea to place a special bin for recycling paper. Then when it goes full, you can pour out the paper into a larger recycling bin in the kitchen. 2

Before you throw an item (物品) into the recycling bin, stop and think if you can use that item again. Take plastic yoghurt bottles, for example. After eating what's in them, you can clean them and put them away for future use. 3

If you decide to put an item in the recycling bin, it's very important to follow this method. If it has food or drink in it, you must clean it before you put it in the recycling bin. You should place the item under the running water for a few seconds to clean it. 4 Then they can use their time to do more important work.

The last thing to remember is—don't give up! Recycling is a task of a lifetime and you mustn't just do recycling for a month and then return to your old habits. 5 Just make recycling your new habit, and encourage others to do the same if possible.

- A. You can do the same with glass bottles, too.
- B. You can also continue to find other ways to recycle.
- C. This saves time for the workers in the recycling center.
- D. You can also put a small recycling bin in the bathroom for any useless paper there.
- E. But there are other things that both parents and kids can do to make recycling work better.

25. Good Internet manners

Nowadays, we use the Internet to do many different things, such as looking for information, watching videos and chatting with friends. How should we behave on the Internet? 1

First of all, you should never forget your manners. Be polite to others. Don't post rude comments (评论) or say bad things about people. When you see a mistake in other's writings, do not laugh at them or correct them publicly. 2

Second, you should respect other people's time. 3 Some may enjoy reading such messages, but a lot of people feel annoyed because they need to spend time deleting those messages.

4 Some become impolite to others when they get online as they think that nobody will know. This is not true. With the development of technology, it is easy for others to find out about your bad behavior.

It is common for people to use improper language on the Internet. For example, people may use "u" to replace "you" when they are writing online. 5 However, if you are writing to your teachers or parents, you should use proper language. Here is the golden rule for going online: If you want other people to treat you well, you should treat them well first.

阅读短文, 把 A-E 五个句子填入空中空缺处, 使短文内容完整。

- A. You can send them a private message to tell them about the mistake.
- B. Third, you should behave as you would in real life.
- C. Don't send or forward silly messages to others.
- D. The following rules can help you show good manners online.
- E. This is OK if you are writing to your friends.

文章大意: 本文主要讲述了讲了全球捐赠日星期二, 详细地介绍了活动的内容和目的。

26. 阅读下面短文, 从短文后所给的五个选项中选出能填入短文空白处的最佳选项, 使短文通顺、连贯, 意思完整。

Most of us know Thanksgiving Day—a day for giving thanks. Now, we have a global day of Giving Tuesday.

1 It takes place each year after the famous shopping events "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday (网络星期一)". And it is celebrated on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

Giving Tuesday is considered as the "opening day of the giving season". 2

Giving Tuesday was founded in 2012 by New York's 92nd Street Y in partnership with the United Nations Foundation. 3 And it has

brought people together around the values of service and giving back. Giving Tuesday connects the world for one common purpose: to celebrate and encourage giving. 4

Anyone can take part in the celebration by doing small acts of kindness. You can give back by volunteering at your local food bank, donating clothes or blood. 5 For example, helping your mother with housework, cooking dinner, or even reading to your younger brother.

Now, go into action! Join the movement to give back. Be part of something BIG!

- A. Since then, it has been a cultural centre in New York City.
- B. It means it is a day where charities, companies and individuals (个人) join together to think about others and do good for others.
- C. But perhaps the best way to celebrate the day is by helping those nearest and dearest to you.
- D. It is a new movement for giving and volunteering.
- E. Nowadays the global movement has over 30, 000 organizations worldwide.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了家长向孩子们展示关爱的方法。

27. 阅读下面短文，从短文后所给的五个选项中选出能填入短文空白处的最佳选项，使短文通顺、连贯，意思完整。

Kids need love and attention from their parents. There are many ways parents can show affection (关爱) for their kids.

Give them your undivided attention.

One-on-one interaction is an easy way to show your affection. 1 Try to make it a priority (优先考虑的事). Find something special just the two of you can do. It can be as simple as watering the garden.

2

It's okay to let your children play by themselves, but you should really make an effort to join in the fun. Laugh and run around with your children at the park instead of sitting on the bench and watching. Children's play can be fun for adults too!

Let them make decisions.

3 They don't feel you respect them when you order them around. Offer simple choices for their clothing, food or activities. It lets them know you value their opinions.

Listen to them.

4 Answer them even when you are busy and let your kids know the time they can have your attention. Children are impatient and won't wait long!

5

Your kids grow up too fast and you may miss your chances. So hug and kiss them as often as you can. Your kids need this!

It's not hard to find ways to love your kids; you just need to make the effort. Kids who grow up feeling loved and secure have a great chance of a wonderful future.

- A. Don't ignore your children's questions.
- B. Take part in their activities.
- C. Kids need to feel they are in control of their lives.
- D. Show them physical affection.
- E. It can be difficult when you have more than one child at home.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了中学生新的行为规范。优秀生的判定不再是只看高分，还有了一些新的标准。

28. New rules and behavior standards for middle school students came out. Middle schools used a new way to decide who the most excellent students are. The best students won't only have good grades. They will also be kids who don't dye (染) their hair, smoke or drink. 1

Tell the truth. Have you ever copied others' work during an exam? Don't do it again. 2 If you played computer games for two hours in your room, don't tell your parents you were doing your homework.

Do more at school. 3 April is Bird-Loving Month in China. Is your school doing anything to celebrate? You should join! That way, you can learn more about animals and learn how to protect them. And when your classmates are in trouble, remember to give them a hand. You know a friend in need is a friend indeed.

4 Try to stay away from web pages that are bad for you. Find good websites and use them for homework.

Be open to new ideas. Have you ever thought that people could live on the moon? 5 Don't look down on new ideas. You should welcome them because new ideas can make life better.

阅读短文，把A—E五个句子填入文中空缺处，使短文内容完整。

- A. Good students love animals and care about others.
- B. Use the Internet carefully.
- C. Maybe you can discover a new planet someday.
- D. That's not what an honest student should do.
- E. The following are some of the new rules.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了河流是人类文明的摇篮以及中国在保护河流方面做出的努力。

29. 还原句子。根据短文内容，从短文后的五个选项中选出能够填入短文空白处的最佳选项，并将其代表字母涂（填）在答题卡（纸）的相应位置。

Rivers are the cradles（摇篮）of human civilizations（文明）. China has many rivers. 1 Each of them has a drainage area（流域面积）of more than 50 square kilometers.

2 Bringing water and rich soil and connecting all of China, they are the “mother rivers” of the Chinese civilization.

Chinese rivers can be peaceful yet wild, too. They make many areas “a land of fish and rice”, and sometimes bring floods（洪水）.

Chinese people have been trying to keep rivers healthy for thousands of years. 3 Local government leaders are responsible for solving the problem of river pollution. In August, the Ministry of Water Resources planned to treat 700, 000 hectares（公顷） of degraded（退化的） natural forest and almost 1.4 million hectares of desert land by 2025. 4

Through these actions, our rivers have seen many good changes in recent years. 5

- A. This will help restore（恢复） some dried-out rivers.
- B. Starting in 2017, China has used the river chief system（主管系统） to protect rivers.
- C. But we're still on our way to living more peacefully with rivers.
- D. A total of 45, 203 rivers run across the country.
- E. The most famous ones are the Yangtze and Yellow rivers.

30. Learn to Refuse

Believe it or not, I've always been a people pleaser. I often put others before myself because I want to make my friends happy. 1

“Can you help me with my English?” Grace asked me on the first day after she became my desk mate. “Of course,” I replied without hesitation（犹豫）. Grace has been working really hard on her studies and needed my help — although I didn't have much time left for her.

One day after school, while I was doing a huge amount of homework, Grace's phone call came. 2, but I still felt bad about saying no. When Grace ended the call, the clock said it was 00:15 am. But I still had homework left and I wanted to sleep. This was bad for a Junior 3 student who is going to take an important exam this June.

Finally I burst into tears. I felt so tired and realized that the stress had an effect on my health. I tried to get myself out. Studying is more important than other things, 3. It's now important for me to say no, no, no. “Can you do me a favor?” Grace asked last Monday. “Sorry I just have to review my biology notes,” I answered. “All right, it's up to you,” she said. I felt completely relaxed when I heard her reply. 4

To be honest, I have felt much happier since learning to refuse. I have more time to spend on my study at present. I still try my best to help others, 5.

- A. She complained a lot and it made me feel bored
- B. If anyone asks me for help, I always say, “yes!”
- C. Anyway, it's not so hard to say no at all
- D. but sometimes I say no because I know everyone has a limit
- E. so Grace has to come the second

四、阅读理解

文章大意：本文讲述了一部制作精良的电影提供了一个完整的世界值得观看的东西。一部制作精良的电影提供的东西比你看到的要多得多。

31. A well-made film offers a whole world of things to watch. First there are the story aspects: characters, dialogue and themes. Then there are the technical aspects: the camera work, cuttings and special effects. 1 A well-made film offers much more than you see in one way.

2 They can teach you things just as newspapers do, or television, or any other ways or communication. Sometimes they communicate important things to you like ideas or lifestyles or ways of looking at the world. Sometimes people realize this, and sometimes not. The more you can realize, the better you are.

Notice, for example, the way films sometimes affect fashion. 3

Boys in the 1950s could sometimes be seen wearing black leather jackets, walking here and there around the street corners and doing nothing seriously, just smoking cigarettes. They were coping Marlon Brando's style. His films taught them a certain way to behave.

Films can also teach politics(政治). In *Star Wars*, the heroes were, in fact, rather like the British in the early days of World War II. Their enemies, like the Nazis, had a big advantage in equipment and numbers of armies. The whole film, in fact, was re-run(再上演) of World War II, and taught values like faith and love of freedom. This is all to the good.

4

根据短文内容，从下列选项中选出能填入文中空白处的最佳选项。选项中有一项为多余选项。

- A. It's difficult to find out how many characters there are in a good film.
- B. Films are a way of communication.
- C. But the point is, did you notice it?
- D. And there are many other things, like the credits(演职员表), musical score and acting.
- E. A star dresses or wears her hair in a certain way, and gradually everyone is copying her style.

文章大意：本文主要讲述了Gladys Kalema保护野生动物的善行义举。

32. 阅读下面短文，从短文后的选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

When she was little, Gladys Kalema liked to play the piano. One day when she was at her piano, a monkey climbed up to join her. 1 It also planted the seeds of a dream in her mind. The girl wanted to work with animals when she grew up. This dream came true when Kalema was in her early twenties. She became a wildlife vet (兽医) in Africa.

2 Since then, Kalema has never stopped caring for wild animals. She does her best to save the mountain gorilla (山地猩猩). This animal is in great danger. But she doesn't just protect the individual (单个的) animals. She puts her focus on helping the local communities.

Many local people lived a poor life. Some of them made money by hunting wild animals. Kalema wanted to protect these animals from bullets (子弹). The key to doing so, she realized, was to improve the local people's quality of life. The woman provided these people with fast-growing crops. By growing the crops, the locals could feed themselves and make a living. They no longer needed to go hunting. Slowly, their attitude towards these wild animals began to change. 3

So we can save animals by saving people.

Last month, Kalema received the Champions of the Earth award for her work. It is the United Nations' highest environmental honour. 4 You can learn from Kalema and start by getting to the root of the problem.

- A. The environment is much destroyed, and animals lose their home.
- B. This became the most unforgettable moment of her childhood.
- C. Now, many of these hunters of wildlife have become protectors of it.
- D. Gladys Kalema not only likes playing the piano but also likes helping people.
- E. That was three decades (十年) ago.
- F. Do you want to help protect the wild animals in your area?

文章大意：本文是一篇说明文。文章讲述了解决旧集装箱问题的方法，一些被钢铁公司回收，一些被建成了学生公寓，现在有很多学生住在集装箱的公寓里。

33. A problem is only a problem until there is a solution (解决办法). We find solutions by thinking creatively. 1 In other words, we think outside the box. Sometimes, thinking outside the box solves not just one, but two problems.

Amsterdam is one of the most crowded cities in Europe. As a result, housing is very expensive, especially for students. 2 However, finding this type of apartments was almost impossible until recently.

While the colleges in Amsterdam were trying to solve the housing problem, thousands of shipping containers (集装箱) were lying quietly in ports around the world. These huge steel containers carry products from one country to another. The life of each container is about 10 years. 3 Yet they can't recycle all of them because there are so many.

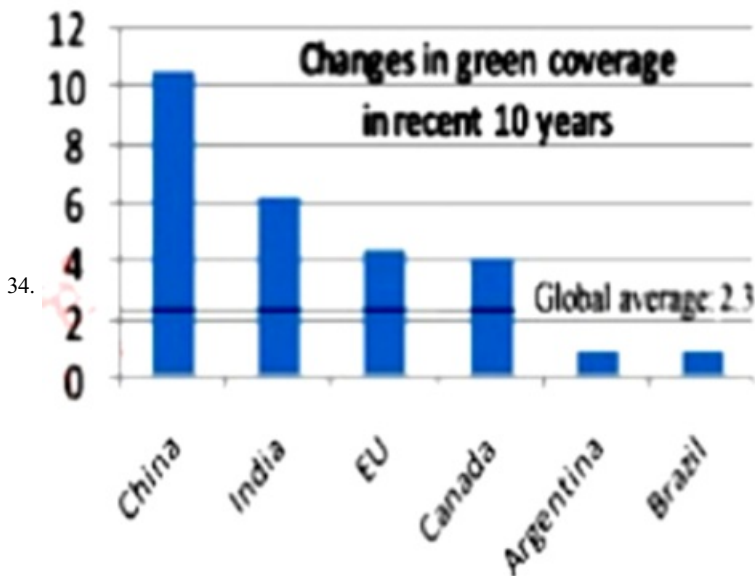
Back in Amsterdam, a company came up with an amazing idea. Why not reuse these shipping containers as student apartments? 4 They are all the same size and fit together perfectly. The steel is strong. Moreover, these containers are so widely available that they are quite cheap to buy. For all these reasons, they can be used to build apartments quickly and cheaply. Building began in 2005, and after only a few weeks, hundreds of

Amsterdam students had new homes.

When students first heard about this idea, they thought the containers apartments would be small, noisy and cold. However, they were surprised when they saw them. Each container apartment has a kitchen, a bedroom with a study area, and a bathroom. The apartments are warm and quiet. They even have a high-speed Internet connection. Living in a shipping container has become popular. Today, over 3,000 Amsterdam students live in the container village.

根据短文内容，从下列选项中选出能填入文中空白处的最佳选项。选项中有一项为多余选项。

- A. Students need low-cost apartments.
- B. The containers are great for building apartments.
- C. In fact, these apartments are not in good condition.
- D. Steel companies recycle some of the old containers.
- E. We use our imagination and come up with creative ideas.



Global warming is a big problem that we have to stop. One of the best things we do is to plant more trees. 1 According to a news report, China is doing a great job of “greening” the world.

A team of scientists at Boston University has been working with NASA to study Earth’s green vegetation (植被). They used a special NASA camera and found that global leaf area had increased by 5 percent since the early 2000s. And China was responsible for 25% of that gain, according to the study. 2

The growth mainly came from China’s forest protection programs, NASA said. For example, since 1962, China has been planting trees in Saihanba, Hebei Province. It was once a desert. 3

The Chinese public has also joined in these activities recently. Ant Forest, a feature in Alipay app, gives users points for doing eco-friendly things such as walking and going paperless in the office. 4 When the virtual trees are big enough, Ant Forest will plant real trees somewhere in the world. More than 55 million trees have been planted in this way.

根据短文内容，从下列选项中选出能填入文中空白处的最佳选项，选项中有一项为多余选项。

- A. That’s about one-quarter of the size of the entire Amazon rainforest.
- B. But now, China has turned the area into the country’s largest man-made forest.
- C. Trees can take in CO₂ in the air and stop global warming.
- D. However, people there can produce vegetables without any difficulty now.
- E. Users can then use these points to water and grow their own virtual (虚拟的) trees.

文章大意：本文是一篇议论文。文章论述了哭虽然不能使处境变得更好，但可以使人感觉更好。

35. What makes you cry? Being moved by a movie, seeing a loved one off, or being angry about something can all cause tears to roll down our faces. We all have the power to cry, but is that a good thing?

When you think about it, *shedding* (流泪) tears is a strange thing to do. But it seems to be normal when we get sad, upset or even when we’re

very happy. 1 However, the feeling is the same. Your eyes *tighten* (变紧) and before you know it, tears are streaming down your face. Some of us may *sniffle* (抽鼻子) a little while others may cry like a baby.

Some people suggest that it's women who cry more than men. It is true. A study in the UK found that women did cry more than men. 2 Or are they just uncomfortable about showing their true feelings?

One place where *emotions* (情绪) run high is in the workplace. Someone might be stressed. 3 A scientist, Joanna Cross, told the BBC, "Crying is often a build-up of failure and bad situations." She explained how someone might start crying when they were just asked to make a cup of tea, "Actually that's often a *backlog* (积压) of situations."

Though crying doesn't change situations for the better, it can actually make you feel better. 4 So perhaps more of us, especially men, should cry more often if it is necessary. It isn't a bad thing.

根据短文内容，从方框中选出四个选项填入文中空缺处，使短文内容通顺完整。

- A. Their work might be too much.
- B. It can clear the bad feelings you've had.
- C. The reasons why people cry are different from each other.
- D. Crying and laughing come from the same part of the brain.
- E. But does this mean men don't get as upset or sad as women?

36. Save the world's trees

"When it comes to the Earth, there is no time to waste." Says the Earth Day Network. And that is right. Protecting our environment is very important, and World Earth Day was created in 1970 to ask more people to protect our environment. On April 22, people around the world celebrate Earth Day.

Every year there is a special topic, and this year it is "Trees for the Earth," 1 They are planning to plant 7.8 billion trees within the next five years.

That's a big goal, and you might wonder why trees are so important. Because they can take in carbon dioxide (CO₂) and protect the air quality (质量). CO₂ is a chemical in our atmosphere, but humans make too much of it. 2

Well guess what! 3 Last year, there were 3 trillion trees in the world, about 139 billion in China. But according to China Daily, the world's total number has been almost cut in half since human civilization (文明) began. That's because 15 billion trees are cut down every year.

So we need to plant more to make up for (弥补) the ones we lost. One tree can take in 21.8 kilograms of CO₂ per year. 4 But don't forget that we can also help the environment by cutting down on how much energy (能源) or water we use every day. Every little things help.

- A. Planting new trees is important because people cut down a huge number of trees.
- B. Cutting down a lot of trees is not good for our living environment.
- C. And it's still one of the cheapest and best ways to get rid of CO₂.
- D. so Earth Day this year will be all about planting trees.
- E. There are fewer and fewer trees, so we should plant trees.
- F. Each person makes about 2.3 tons a year, which is bad for the environment.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了中国剪纸的历史、内容以及发展。

37. 阅读下面短文，根据短文内容，从短文后所给的六个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项，使短文意思完整、连贯。有两项为多余选项。

Chinese paper cutting is an art of cutting out pictures from paper with a pair of scissors. It has been around for over 1,500 years.

The most common pictures of paper cutting are flowers, animals and things about Chinese history. The paper cuttings are so vivid (生动的) that they look like real ones. 1 During the Spring Festival, people usually put the Chinese character "Fu" on windows, walls and doors for good luck and a happy new year.

2 Fang Jianguo has made paper cutting for over 30 years. "This art was invented for decoration (装饰) from the very beginning," said Fang. "Before doing it, you have to learn how to draw well. Without good drawing skills, you can't make good paper cuttings."

Paper cutting also has new development. Li Baofeng is a 55-year-old artist. "Traditional paper cuttings are often made with red paper. 3 So I want to make something new," said Li. She has made works in different colors.

Now paper cutting has changed from decoration to a kind of art. More and more people love paper cuttings. 4 The next time you see a

paper cutting, take a moment to enjoy it.

- A. It seems to be a little boring.
- B. Paper cutting is all made by hand.
- C. How long does it take to learn paper cutting?
- D. Some even buy them as gifts for their friends.
- E. Paper cutting sounds easy, but it can be hard to do well.
- F. Red paper cuttings can show happy feelings and good wishes.

38. A lot of people wonder how Chinese parents raise such successful kids. They are baffled (感到困惑) that these parents produce so many children with excellent talent and whether they too could raise such a child. 1 I think there are three big differences between the Chinese and Western parental mind-sets.

First, I've noticed that Western parents are quite worried about their children's self-esteem (自尊心). 2 Chinese parents don't. They find that they are strong, not frail (脆弱的), and as a result they behave very differently.

Second, 3. The reason for this is a little unclear, but maybe it's because of Chinese traditional customs (习俗) and the fact that the parents have done so much for their children.

Third, Chinese parents believe that they know what is best for their children. 4.

Don't get me wrong: It's not that Chinese parents don't care about their children. Just the opposite. They would give up anything for their children. It's just an entirely different parenting model (养育模式).

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- A. So they don't care about their children's thoughts.
- B. I've thought long and hard about it.
- C. In other words, Western parents care about their children's psyches (心灵).
- D. While Western children may have a high opinion of themselves
- E. Chinese parents believe that their kids should thank them for everything.

文章大意：本文主要介绍了在过去，包括医生在内的人都不知道病菌是如何传播的。于是在1619年，有医生发明了鸟形的面罩来阻止病菌传播。事实上，由跳蚤和啮齿动物传播的瘟疫并不是依靠面罩，而是依靠包裹医生全身的外套、手套、靴子和帽子来阻止的。

39. The Bird Mask



Today, doctors know a lot about how to stop germs (病菌) from spreading. They suggest people cover their mouths when they cough. Washing your hands often also helps.

However, people haven't always known about germs. For many years, even doctors didn't really understand how illnesses spread. 1 Some doctors even tried dressing like birds.

In 1619, the French doctor, Charles de Lorme, invented a special uniform. He hoped it could protect doctors who were treating plague (瘟疫) patients. The uniform had a long coat, gloves, boots (靴子) and a hat.

The doctors also carried sticks so they wouldn't have to touch the patients. The most special part of the uniform was the mask (面具).

2 It had a beak (鸟嘴) that was about 15 cm long. There were also two eyeholes covered in glass and two nostril (鼻孔) holes.

At that time, doctors believed the plague was spread by bad air. Any air that had a bad smell was dangerous. 3 They believed this could stop them from breathing the bad air and they wouldn't get sick because of the plague.

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