



Part I Reading Comprehension (60 marks, 60 minutes)

Section A Passage Reading (每小题 2 分, 共 50 分)

Format I

Directions: There are 4 passages in this part. Each passage is followed by five questions. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C, and D. You should decide on the best choice and blacken the corresponding letter on The Answer Sheet. (40 marks)

Passage One

I was raised on a farm during the boom years after World War II. I was the third eldest in a family of six boys—no girls. We were all expected to help out around the farm with whatever needed to be done. My mom was no exception as she worked at any job necessary, while raising us six boys.

In my thirteenth year, an event occurred that in hindsight would dramatically alter how I viewed my mom.



It was a hot summer day. My dad, two of my elder brothers and I were busy in the field baling (打包) hay for our horses and cows for the winter. Mom remained at home looking after my three youngsters brothers. She was also there, however, to help offload the full hay rack as quickly as possible to help keep everything running smoothly.

About 8 p.m., we headed home after a hard day's work. Mom busily prepared a big supper for all of us at the house. After supper, we boys all took turns having a bath—the annual 4-H day at the Swan River Fair was the following day and three of my brothers and I were all exhausted and ready to get to bed.

About 1 a.m., I awoke to use the bathroom. As I staggered through the kitchen on my way there, I was bewildered to see that the lights were still on. To my utter amazement, there was Mom

with her back to me busily ironing. On the table were four neat piles of clothes, including marching uniforms for the parade.

It was several years more before I fully realized the significance of what I had witnessed that night. Mom had demonstrated



more clearly than any words could have what the love of a mother means.

1. What were the boys supposed to do on the farm?

- A. To do the dishes.
- B. To prepare dinner.
- C. To look after the cattle.
- D. To help with farm work

2. How many people are there in the author's family?

- A. 3 B.4
- C. 6 D. 8

3. When did the author go to the bathroom?

- A. At 1 a. m.
- B. At 10 a. m



C. At 8 a. m.

D. At 10 p. m

4. Mom ironed clothes for the four boys late in the middle of the night because .

A. the clothes were dirty after a day' s work

B. the clothes were spilt over by the supper soup

C. the four boys were wearing them for the parade

D. the boys were too exhausted to do it themselves

5. What is the theme of this passage?

A. The love of a mother.

B. The hardship of farm life.

C. Boys are naughtier than girls.

D. Action speaks louder than words.



Passage Two

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following passage.

This week, the governor of Connecticut proposed a statewide tax on sugar-sweetened drinks. Several cities have already enacted such soda taxes to raise money and fight obesity (肥胖). And there's new evidence suggesting that these taxes do work — although sometimes not as well as hoped.

Kris Madsen, an associate professor of public health at the University of California, Berkeley, is one of the researchers who has been studying soda taxes, in part because she's convinced that sugary drinks are a threat to society, a direct cause of obesity.

"It's a pretty high bar for public health to be able to say that something is causing a major epidemic," she says. "We can do that for sugar-sweetened beverages (饮料)."

Berkeley was the first U.S. city to tax those drinks, making them more expensive, and Madsen is leading a team of researchers that's trying to see how the tax is working.



"We've been going out to the same neighborhoods every year for the last five years, and we've been asking people the same questions," she says. Researchers interview people on the street, primarily in low-income neighborhoods.

They started doing this before the soda tax went into effect four years ago, and they've continued every year since.

"We saw a 52 percent decline in consumption over the first three years" since the tax went into effect, she says, "this has a huge impact."

Madsen's study was published online this week by The American Journal of Public Health.

Mexico, in fact, put in place a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in 2014. That tax is smaller than the soda taxes in the U.S., and its effect on consumption also has been smaller. According to one study, consumption of sugary drinks fell on average by about 8 percent as a result of the tax.

6. A statewide tax on sugary drinks was placed in this week.

A. California B. Connecticut C. Berkeley D. Mexico



7. What is one of the reasons why the government put a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks?

- A. To collect money.
- B. To help poor people.
- C. To cut the consumption of alcohol.
- D. To support research on public health.

8. We can infer from the passage that Kris Madsen believes that .

- A. soda taxes cause inflation
- B. soda taxes are harmful to society
- C. rich people don't drink sugar-sweetened beverages
- D. sugar-sweetened drinks are harmful to public health

9. The tax on sugar-sweetened drinks is less effective in Mexico than in the U.S. because .

- A. it's enforced earlier



- B. its tax rate is lower
- C. Mexicans drink tea sodas
- D. Mexico is a small country

10. What is the theme of this passage?

- A. The effect of soda taxes.
- B. The harm of sugary drinks.
- C. The greed of the government.
- D. The life of a university teacher.

Passage Three Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following passage.

FABIO SCHVARTSMAN, a well-respected businessman, may now be the most detested man in Brazil. As chief executive of Vale, a giant miner and the world's largest producer of iron ore, it was Mr Schvartsman who had to face the public after the collapse of a company tailings dam in the town of Brumadinho on January



25th. 186 people are now confirmed as dead, with 122 still missing.

So it was not a shock when, on March 2nd, Vale said that Mr Schvartsman would step down. Tailings dams contain tonnes of waste material from mining operations. The design used at Brumadinho was known to be the least expensive and most risky. After a flood of waste burst from the Brumadinho dam, ripping through a perilously located staff canteen and submerging a valley in mud, the company tried to respond quickly. Its board suspended share buybacks, dividends and bonuses for executives. It has made payments of 100,000 reais (\$26,000) to 266 families.

Eduardo de Salles Bartolomeo, a Vale veteran, has been named interim chief executive. He faces mounting problems. A crucial question is if Mr Schvartsman or other executives knew about problems with the dam. The firm maintains that they didn't.

Procurator declare that Vale make a secret deal to hide that the dam is in danger.

Despite all these difficulties the firm may prove resilient. That is partly because of Mr Schvartsman's changes since he took over,



in May 2017. He reduced Vale's debt and cut capital spending, notes Carlos De Alba of Morgan Stanley. With healthy free cashflow and low debt, Vale's balance sheet can probably withstand even hefty government fines. The fundamentals in metals markets are also helping. In the 2020s, demand is expected to rise for iron ore in emerging markets and for nickel (another of Vale's key commodities) in electric cars. That increases the odds of Vale surviving the disaster, even as victims remain missing, buried in mud.

1. What does the underlined word "detest" in paragraph 1 mean?
A. Ignore. B. Adore. C. Hate D. Respect.
2. Why was it Fabio Schvartsman who had to face the public after the disaster?
A. Because Vale is a giant miner.
B. Because he was the chief executive.
C. Because he used to be well-respected.



D. Because the accident killed many people.

3. What is the biggest problem that Eduardo deSalles Bartolomeo faces after he has been appointed interim chief executive?

A. The dismissal of Mr Schvartsman.

B. Legal charges against the executive.

C. The suspension of benefits for executive.

D. Payments of 100,000 raise to 266 families.

4. What may help Vale survive the disaster?

A. Increasing Vale's debt.

B. Heavy fines from government.

C. Putting Mr Schvartsman in jail.

D. Rising demand for Vale's commodities.

5. Why did the company's tailings dam in Brumadinho collapse?



- A. Because Mr Schwartsman cut Vale's capital spending in May 2017.
- B. Because there were tonnes of waste material from mining operations.
- C. Because the design of the dam was the least expensive and most risky.
- D. Because the executives of the company knew the risk of a dam breach

Passage Four

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following passage:

Most people don't think about backing up their computer until they experience the dread of a hard drive crash. It's only then that the sad reality of a life's worth of photos, music, spreadsheets, contacts, and other files disappearing in an instant truly sinks in.

Denis Gorbachev of Cloudberry Lab recommends the "3-2-1 backup strategy in which you keep three copies of each



important files: two of them on different external hard drives, stored in different locations, and one in the cloud."

Here's a real-life example of how often you need to back up your computer from Jimmy, a wedding photographer at Pixelicious.

He uses the 3-2-1 strategy to ensure his client's special memories are both in the cloud and on external hard drives so that they never get lost. "Before leaving a wedding reception, I immediately pull one of the two memory cards from my camera, store it in my wallet. A backup of the images will [literally] follow me wherever I go!" says Jimmy. "Then, as soon as I get home, a copy of the files will be transferred to my desktop so that before the sun rises again, I already have three copies of my client's images." After editing, copies of the final images are immediately uploaded onto his cloud storage, while duplicate sets are transferred to external hard drives, one of which is stored in a bank's safety deposit box. Having multiple backups provides peace of mind.

Your first computer back up may be a tedious (冗长乏味的) affair as all of your downloaded music, photos, and files get copied onto external hard drives and up to a cloud. But, that initial time and effort will save you from the dread of losing it all in a crash.



From there, the ongoing back up process will become streamlined as additional files get copied to drives and backed up through automated methods.

6. According to the "3-2-1 backup Strategy", we need to keep altogether copies of our important files.

A.1 B.2 C.3 D.6

7. What do we know about Jimmy?

A. He is a photographer.

B. He is a wedding planner.

C. He is one of Denis' friends.

D. He works for Cloudberry Lab.

8. Where does Jimmy keep his clients images after editing them?

A. In the memory cards of his camera.

B. In the memory cards in his wallet.



C. In his desktop computer.

D. In his cloud storage.

9. What might people feel when they back up their files for the first time?

A. Peaceful. B. Fearful. C. Bored. D. Confident.

10. What can we infer from the passage?

A. Hard drives crash frequently.

B. Few people back up their computers regularly.

C. The cloud is an unsafe place for your important files.

D. Internal hard drives are safer than external hard drives.

Format H

Directions: In the following passage, some sentences have been removed. For questions 21—25, choose the most suitable one from the list A—G to fit into each of the numbered blanks. There



are two extra choices, which do not fit into any of the gaps. You should decide on the best choice and

blacken the corresponding letter on The Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

We think of winter as cold and flu season, but the chilly temperatures have powerful biological upsides too. Here are some ways cold weather helps your body.

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Colder temperatures can help you think more clearly. Studies have found that people perform some cognitive tasks better when the temperature is colder. Research has also shown that people are less inclined to tackle complex tasks in summer than in winter. The brain requires glucose (葡萄糖) to function, but the body uses more of it in warmer temperatures to keep the body cool. That leaves less available fuel for reasoning and recall tasks.

22. .



We know accumulating too much ordinary fat can endanger our health. But adults also have small amounts of beneficial “brown” fat that can help burn more calories — and cold temperatures can activate this brown fat. One study showed that participants who lowered their body temperatures simply by placing one foot in cold water did increase their brown fat cells.

23. .

If spring and summer make you sneeze, winter might be your new favorite season. Pollen (花粉) counts are virtually nonexistent in cold weather. Indoor allergies, however, can be worst during the winter. To ease indoor allergies, use a dehumidifier (减湿器) to maintain the humidity at home below 50 percent.

24. .

Your body's core temperature drops when you're trying to sleep. This process can take up to two hours in summer, but it's much faster in winter. Plus, with darker mornings, you naturally sleep later.



25. .

Yes, you might get more colds during the winter. However, studies have shown that the immune system can be activated by colder temperatures, which enhances our ability to fight infections. That said, the flu virus thrives in cold, dry air, and time spent indoors increases your chance of infection. To reduce risk, get your annual flu shot, wash your hands frequently, and go outside.

- A. Eases allergies
- B. Kills flu viruses
- C. Fights infections
- D. Uses less glucose
- E. Boosts your brain
- F. Activates healthy fat
- G. Encourages better sleep

Section B Banked Cloze (每小题 1 分, 共 10 分)



Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Please blacken the corresponding letter for each item on The Answer Sheet. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.(10 marks)

Until Friday, I'd never been to the Strong National Museum of Play, and I am a senior. I went for College Night, which is composed of 26 college students to enjoy .

As I walked to the museum I wondered 27 I was doing this. That changed when I got 28 —just circling around the perimeter(周边)revealed a picturesque scene.

The line at the entrance was daunting, thanks to the discount for students 29 college IDs. When I managed to finally enter, a flood of nostalgia (怀旧之情)and 30 memories hit me.

The museum isn't tailored for 31 , but it seemed like everyone who came was having



fun relieving their childhood. Since the environment encouraged foolishness, I couldn't 32

letting my own childhood spirit loose.

There were several play 33 , with themes such as "Sesame Street" and "American Comic Book Heroes" A computer allowed 34 to see what they would like as a superhero.

To end the night, I visited the shopping center and bought a few souvenirs. Unnecessary purchases, 35 , like the rest of the night, totally worth it.

A. how	F. keep	K. childhood
B. why	G. resist	L. adults
C. with	H. here	M. exhibits
D. and	I. there	N. people
E. for	J. but	O. brotherhood

Part H Integrated Testing (30 marks, 30 minutes)

Section A Cloze (每小题 1 分 , 共 20 分)

Directions: There are 20 blanks in the following passage. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should choose the ONE that best fits into the passage. Then



blacken the corresponding letter on TheAnswer Sheet.(20 marks')

My close childhood friend spent the last eight years attending night school to get his bachelor's degree while working a full-time job. Last month, after 36 of late nights and weekends of 37 course work and studying, he finally 38 .

He remained in our hometown after 39 school, but most of his friends, myself included, left our 40 long ago to other states for university and employment. Over time, newfound responsibilities, families, and other engagements have made it 41 that we're back in our hometown at the same time.

One of our mutual friends 42 a wonderful idea of kindness: plan a weekend that we'd all be 43 to fly back to our hometown to 44 him and celebrate his accomplishment.

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order this non-dairy cake 50 everyone attending could enjoy it. I asked his mom for tips 51 a flavor he would like.

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非选择题部分

注意事项：

用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔将答案写在答题纸上，不能答在试题卷上。

Section B Short Answer Questions (每小题 2 分，共 10 分)

Directions: In this part there is a short passage followed by five questions or incomplete statements. Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions or complete the statements with no more than 10 words. Please write your answers on The Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

It's no secret that Queen Elizabeth II spends a lot of time in some very luxurious places. From Buckingham Palace, with its 775 rooms (one of the must-see attractions in London), to Windsor Castle, where she usually spends her weekends, Her Majesty's haunts are some of the most impressive dwellings in the world. But the place where she's happiest is not one of the places people might most commonly associate with her. In fact, it's not even in England. It's Balmoral Castle, the Queen's holiday home located in Royal Deeside, Aberdeen shire, Scotland.



Balmoral Castle is a stately Scottish Baronial mansion situated on a 50,000-acre estate. It's pretty unique among royal residences in that it's actually owned by the royal family, rather than being the property of the Crown Estate. The only other royal dwelling that's like this is Sandringham House in Norfolk.

The royal family's connection with Balmoral dates back to the 19th century. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert purchased a house there in 1852 and then promptly oversaw constructions of an even more bigger house. Upon its completion in 1856, the smaller castle was torn down, leaving the castle that mysterious today.

Fast-forward to present today, and the current monarch summers there every year. While still, of course, Balmoral is considerably smaller than Buckingham or Windsor, and the royals use their time there to unwind and take a break from some of the pressures of royal life. Queen Elizabeth II has been photographed there doing everything from horseback riding to taking joyriders in a Flange Hover.

56. Where does Queen Elizabeth II usually spend her weekends?



57. Is Balmoral Castle a property of the Crown Estate?
58. When was the construction of the current Balmoral Castle completed?
59. Balmoral Castle is a place where the royals release of royal life.
60. Is the underlined word “summers” in the last paragraph a noun or a verb?

Part Translation (30 marks, 30 minutes)(每小题 3 分, 共 30 分)

Section A Chinese-English Translation

Directions: Complete the sentences by translating into English the Chinese given in the brackets. Please write your translation on The Answer Sheet. (15 marks)

61. The word ZheJiang (crooked river) was the old name of the Qiantang River, which passes .(穿过省会杭州)
62. Ancient Waterfront Towns are mainly distributed (在中国东南部).



Among the famous Zhouzhuang, Lujiao and Tongli in Jiangsu and Xitang, Wuzhen, and Nanxun is Zhejiang.

63. Technical English differs from everyday English because of the specialized contexts in which

it is used and because of the specialized interests of (科学家和工程师)

64. Technological advances in everything from product design software to digital video cameras

are breaking down the cost barriers that once (将业余选手与职业选手分开)

65. Railway Ministry personnel presented that this network construction is a part of (全国铁路电信改造工程)

Section B English-Chinese Translation

Directions: Translate into Chinese the underlined sentences in the following passage. Write your translation on The Answer Sheet. (15 marks')



Their words seemed to confirm what growing up as a woman and a person of color already taught me: that I belonged in margins and spaces, valid only as a minor character in their lives and stories.

61. Their words confirmed what I had heard my whole life: that I was "other," that I didn't belong, that I wasn't good enough, simply because I wasn't like them. And that feeling, I realize now, was, and is, shame, a shame for the things that made me different, a shame for the culture from which I came from. 67. And to me, the most disappointing thing was that I felt it at all. Because the same society that taught some people they were heroes taught me I existed only in the background of their stories and waiting for them to rescue me.

And for a long time, I had been brainwashed into believing that my existence was limited to the boundaries of another person's approval. I had been tricked into thinking that I was beautiful only if someone else believed it, regardless of my own opinion.

Yes, I have been lied to. We all have. 68. And it was in this realization that I felt a different shame — a shame for the world I



grew up in. And a shame for how that world treats anyone who is different.

69. I am not the first person to have grown up this way. This is what it is to grow up as a person of color in a white-dominated world. This is the world I grew up in, but not the world I want to leave behind.

I want to live in a world where people of all races and gender identities are seen as what they are always been: human being.

70. And this is the world that I will continue to work toward.

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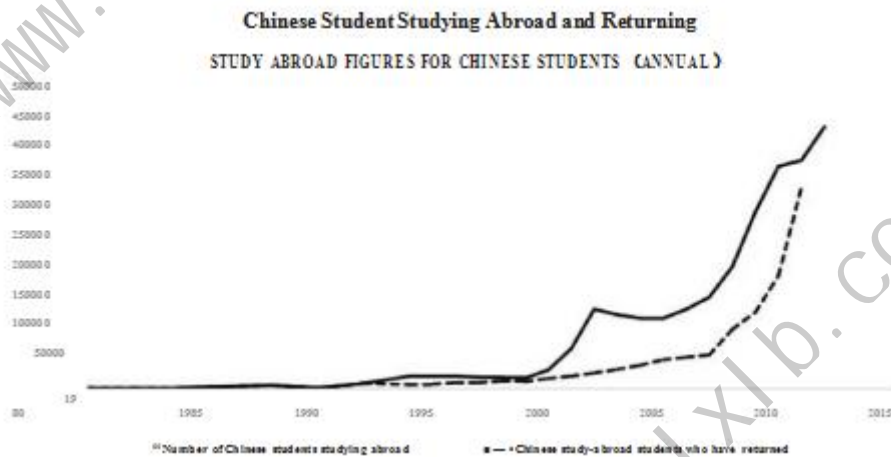
Part IV Writing (30 marks, 30 minutes)(每小题 30 分 , 共 30 分)



Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition on the topic Chinese Students Studying Abroad and Returning. You should write about 120 words based on the increasing figure and the outline given below. Please write your composition on The Answer sheet.

Chinese Student Studying Abroad and Returning

STUDY ABROAD FIGURES FOR CHINESE STUDENTS (ANNUAL)



- 1) 根据图表简述中国学生赴国外学习及学成归国的总体情况。
- 2) 分析原因(中国经济发展、全球化等)。
- 3) 探究大量中国学生学成归国对中国的影响(行业发展、人才储备、国际交流等)。