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According to psychologist Sharon Draper, our clothing choices can absolutely affect our wellbeing. When we wear ill-fitting clothes, or feel over- or under-dressed for an event, it's natural to feel self-conscious or even stressed. Conversely, she says, opting for clothes that fit well and B26 with your sense of style can improve your confidence.

But can you improve your health through your D27 clothing, without having to dash out and buy a whole new N28? "Absolutely," says Draper. If your goal is to improve your thinking, she recommends picking clothes that fit well and are unlikely to encourage restlessness, so, avoid bows, ties and unnecessary 29A. It also helps to opt for clothes you L30 as tying in with your goals, so, if you want to perform better at work, select pieces you view as professional. Draper says this fits in with the concept of behavioral activation, whereby E in a behavior (in this case, selecting clothes) can set you on the path to then achieving your goals (working harder). frame of mind

Another way to improve your C32 of mind is to mix things up. Draper says we often feel stuck in a rule (常规) if we wear the same clothes—even if they're our favorites—thus opting for an item you don't wear often, or adding something different to an outfit, such as a hat, can J33 shift your mood. On days when you're really M34 to brave the world, Draper suggests selecting sentimental items of clothing, such as ones you wore on a special day, or given to you by a loved one, as clothes with F35 associations can help you tap into constructive emotions.

A) accessories

E) engaging

I) perceive

M) reluctant

B) align

F) fond

J) positively

N) showcase

C) concurrently

G) frame

K) profile

O) wardrobe

D) current

H) locations

L) prospering

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If you think life is wonderful and expect it to stay that way, then you may have a good chance of living to a ripe old age, at least that is what the findings of a new study suggest. That study found that participants who reported the highest levels of optimism were far more likely to live to age 85 or 26. This was compared to those participants who reported the lowest levels of optimism. It is 27 that the findings held even after the researchers considered factors that could 28 the link, including whether participants had health conditions such as heart disease or cancer, or whether they experienced depression. The results add to a growing body of evidence that certain psychological factors may predict a longer life 29. For example, previous studies have found that more optimistic people have a lower risk of developing chronic diseases, and a lower risk of 30 death. However, the new study appears to be the first to 31 look at the relationship between optimism and longevity. The researchers 32 that the link found in the new study was not as strong when they factored in the effects of certain health behaviors, including exercise levels, sleep habits and diet. This suggests that these behaviors may, at least in part, explain the link. In other words, optimism may 33 good habits that bolster health. It is also important to note that the study found only a 34, as researchers did not prove for certain that optimism leads to a longer life. However, if the findings are true, they suggest that optimism could serve as a psychological 35 that promotes health and a longer life.

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| A) affect | E) foster | I) plausibly | M) specifically |
| B) beyond | F) <u>henceforth</u> 从此以后 | J) premature | N) spiral |
| C) conceded 承认 | G) lofty | K) <u>reconciled</u> 让步 | O) trait |
| D) correlation | H) noteworthy 值得注意的 | L) span | |

Part III Reading Comprehension

(40 minutes)

本次六级考试全国只考两套选词填空，故本套不再重复，用往年同等难度真题补充，方便同学们练习备考。

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In the past 12 months, Nigeria has suffered from a shrinking economy, a sliding currency, and a prolonged fuel shortage. Now, Africa's largest economy is facing a food crisis as major tomato fields have been destroyed by an insect, leading to a nationwide shortage and escalating prices. *escalator* *不断上涨的*

The insect, Tutaabsoluta, has destroyed 80% of farms in Kaduna, Nigeria's largest tomato-producing state, leading the government there to declare a state of *D* 26. The insect, also known as the tomato leaf miner, devastates crops by *D* 27 on fruits and digging into and moving through stalks. It *K* 28 incredibly quickly, breeding up to 12 generations per year if conditions are favorable. It is believed to have *I* 29 in South America in the early 1900s, and later spread to Europe before crossing over to sub-Saharan Africa.

staple food In Nigeria, where tomatoes are a staple of local diets, the insect's effects are devastating. Retail prices for a *G* 30 of tomatoes at local markets have risen from \$0.50 to \$2.50. Farmers are reporting steep losses and a new \$20 million tomato-paste factory has *F* 31 production due to the shortages.

Given the moth's ability also to attack crops like pepper and potatoes, Audu Ogbeh, Nigeria's minister of agriculture, has warned that the pest may "create serious problems for food *L* 32" in the country. Ogbeh says experts are investigating how to control the pest's damage and prevent its spread, which has gone largely *N* 33 until now.

Despite being the continent's second-largest producer of tomatoes, Nigeria is *A* 34 on \$1 billion worth of tomato-paste imports every year, as around 75% of the local harvest goes to waste thanks to a lack of proper storage facilities. A further *J* 35 in local supplies is yet another unwelcome setback to the industry.

A) dependent
B) embarking
C) emergency
D) feeding

E) grazes
F) halted *停止*
G) handful
H) multitude

I) originated
J) reduction
K) reproduces
L) security

M) terror
N) unchecked
O) untouched

a multitude of 大量的