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1. **(满分15分)**

你校英文报正在举办主题为“自信与成功”的征文活动。请你写一篇短文投稿，内容包括：

1. 自信的重要性；2. 自己或他人因自信而成功的经历；3. 你的建议。

注意：写作词数应为80左右。

Self-confidence and Success

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**审稿：黄晓婷 何海艳**

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Self-confidence, which enables us to take risks, try new things, and push ourselves beyond our comfort zones, is an essential factor for success.

While I used to struggle with self-confidence, I learned the value of it when I played a leadership role in a school project. With my teacher’s support and trust, it was my self-confidence that conquered my original nervousness. I eventually stepped out of my comfort zone and led the team to success. This experience taught me that self-confidence is key to achieving our goals and making a difference.

As far as I’m concerned, to cultivate self-confidence, it is important to maintain a positive mindset, such as setting achievable goals, celebrating small successes, and seeking encouragement from others. With self-confidence, we can reach our full potential and lead a fulfilling life.

1. **（满分25分）**

阅读下面材料，根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写两段，使之构成一篇完整的短文。

It was Christmas Eve. The small local train was almost empty. It was snowing very hard outside. Suddenly the train stopped and everyone wondered what was wrong.

Then the train conductor walked through the train. “I am very sorry,” he said to everyone. “The snow is too bad. We can't go forward and we can't go back. We have to stay here until the snow stops. And then someone will come and move the snow off the train tracks.”

“How long will we be here?” asked Melanie. “We have to get to Leeds by 8:30 pm to catch our train to Manchester.”

“I don't know,” said the conductor. “But it is 7:30 pm now. I'm sorry. I don't think we will get to Leeds in time.”

Melanie wanted to cry. When she married Craig in July, they moved to a small village in the Yorkshire Dales. She loved Craig very much, but life in the village was very quiet. She had not made any friends and she missed her family. She had not seen them since the wedding. She wanted to be with her family at Christmas.

Craig put his arms around Melanie. “It will be OK,” he said. “You will see your family tomorrow.”

The conductor was talking to a family with two children at the back of the railway carriage (车厢). The children were crying loudly. “But we have to be at Grandma and Grandad's! We wrote letters to Santa. We told him we would be in Leeds on Christmas night! He won't know where to find us. We won't get any presents!”

Everyone was very unhappy. Everyone was talking loudly. They were shouting at the train conductor.

Then an old man stood up and said, “Everyone! Please calm down. I used to work on this railway line and know this kind of weather very well. I think we will be here until tomorrow morning, or maybe longer. So we must make our own Christmas Eve party. I have a bottle of whisky (威士忌酒), a Christmas present for my brother. But I think I will share it with you.”

注意：1. 续写词数应为 150 左右；

2. 请按如下格式在答题卡相应位置作答。

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“I have Christmas pies and a bottle of my homemade orange drink,” said the mother of the children. She happily shared with others everything inside her basket. Other passengers also shared their foods, drinks and many other fancy things. They raised their cups filled with the old man’s whisky and toasted to a merry Christmas. Then, they began to sing carols, some even dancing. The conductor joined in and played the guitar. Passengers’ complaints and uneasiness gave way to laughter and joy. Late into the night, while the children were all sound asleep, the adults stayed up to busily serve as Santa. The snow stopped falling, and news came that the tracks were to be cleared soon.

The morning came with a lovely surprise to the children. Santa should have found them! He had left presents for all the children with a letter saying that it was their beautiful carols that drove him to the train. The children were overjoyed with their gifts, faces lighting up and eyes dancing.The train arrived at Leeds station late in the morning. Eager as Melanie was to be home, she and Craig found it hard to say goodbye to their new friends. The old man smiled knowingly to the young couple and thanked everybody for the amazing Christmas get-together. They all agreed they had spent the warmest Christmas ever despite the chilling coldness outside. That's exactly what Christmas is all about----- sharing and caring.