**2017级听力练习3（2017年6月真题第一套）**

一.新闻听力

【News Report 1】

　　One of Google's self-driving cars crashed into a bus in California last month. There were no injuries.

　　It is not the first time one of Google's famed self-driving cars has been involved in a crash, but it may be the first time it has caused one.

　　On February 14th，the self-driving car, travelling at 2mph (3km/h), pulled out in front of a public bus going 15mph (24km/h).

　　The man in the Google vehicle reported that he assumed the bus would slow down to let the car out, and so he did not switch to the manual mode.

　　In a statement, Google said: "We clearly bear some responsibility, because if our car hadn't moved, there wouldn't have been a crash. That said, our test driver believed the bus was going to slow or stop to allow us to merge into the traffic, and that there would be sufficient space to do that."

　　The company's self-driving cars have done well over a million miles across various states in the US, and until now have only reported minor accidents.

　上个月，谷歌的一辆自动驾驶汽车在加利福尼亚州撞上了一辆公共汽车。没有受伤。

这不是谷歌著名的自动驾驶汽车第一次卷入车祸，但这可能是第一次造成车祸。

2月14日，自驾汽车以2英里/小时（3公里/小时）的速度行驶，在一辆时速为15英里/小时（24公里/小时）的公交车前驶出。

谷歌车里的那个人报告说，他以为巴士会减速让车出来，所以他没有切换到手动模式

谷歌在一份声明中说：“我们显然要承担一些责任，因为如果我们的车不动，就不会发生车祸。也就是说，我们的测试驾驶员认为公共汽车会减速或停下来，让我们融入交通中，并且有足够的空间做到这一点。”

该公司的自动驾驶汽车在美国各个州行驶了超过一百万英里，到目前为止只报告了小事故。　Q1: According to Google, what was the cause of the accident?

B The test driver made a wrong judgement.

　解析：根据新闻第一句话，这篇新闻主要报道的是谷歌无人自动驾驶汽车与一辆公交车发生碰撞这一事故。根据原文 “The man in the Google vehicle reported that he assumed the bus would slow down to let the car out, and so he did not switch to the manual mode.” 选项B是正确选项，是对原文的同义替换，题目较难。

　　Q2: How have Google’s self-driving cars performed so far?

D They have generally done quite well.

　解析：根据原文 “The company's self-driving cars have done well over a million miles across various states in the US, and until now have only reported minor accidents.” 选项D是对原文的同义替换。题目相对较难。

【News Report 2】

　　Thousands of bees left a town after landing on the back of a car when their queen got stuck in its boot. Tom Moses, who works at a nearby national park, noticed a “brown patch” on the back of the car after the owner parked it to do some shopping. When he looked closer, he realized it was a huge group of bees.

　　Moses said: “I've never seen that many bees in one spot. It was very unusual. They were very close together and there was a lot of noise and movements. It was interesting to see such a strange sight. But there were a lot of people around and I was a bit worried about the bees and the people stopping to look. I thought that someone might do something stupid.”

　　Moses called two local bees specialists who helped removed the bees by attracting them into a box.

　　Moses spent three hours looking after the bees and was stung five times. He said:“ my stings are a bit painful but I'm pleased it all worked out and I could help. People need to realize that bees are valuable and they should be looked after.”

　　Q3. What do we learn about Tom Moses?

　　A He works at a national park.

　　Q4. What do we know about the bees on the back of the car?

　　B They were making a lot of noise.

【News report 3】

　　A new species of snake has been discovered on a remote island in the Bahamas.

　　Scientists identified 20 of the-one-meter-long snakes during two trips to the Caribbean islands. The second trip was made in October last year.

　　One of the creatures made a dramatic appearance by moving onto the head of the team leader as he slept.

　　The snake has been named Silver Boa because it is metal-coloured and the first specimen found was climbing a silver palm tree.

　　The team was led by Dr. Graham Reynolds from Harvard University. The scientist confirmed the snake was a previously unknown species after conducting a genetic analysis of tissue samples.

　　Commenting on the find, snake expert Robert Henderson, from the Milwaukee Museum of Natural History, said: “Worldwide, new species of frogs are being discovered and described quite regularity. New species of snakes, however, are much rarer.”

　　Q5. What is the news report mainly about?

　　A The discovery of a new species of snake.

　　Q6. What do we learn about the scientific team leader?

　　C A snake crawled onto his head in his sleep.

　　Q7. How did the newly discovered creature get its name?

　　D From its colour.

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**Part II**

1-5 BDACC

6-10 ABDAD

11-15 CDCAC

16-20 BABBD

21-25 DCDAB

**Transcript:**

News report 1

Kelly Swisher, an Arkansas woman, escaped injury and managed to safely stop her car after a 4-foot-long rat snake came out from under her car seat and slid across her feet as she was driving down the highway. But snakes aren’t poisonous or a threat to people generally. 1) But the woman says the snake she encountered Thursday terrified her out of her wits. 2)“It was rough, with big scales,” said Swisher, who was on her way to pick up her friend at the airport when it happened. “I don’t know whether I had my hands on the steering wheel or not. I am not the most flexible person in the world, but I can guarantee my knees were up next to my ears.” She said the snake first slid back under the seat, and she hoped it would stay there until she was able to get off the highway and stop. “That didn’t work out,” she said. “Here he comes, and he wound up in my back seat before I could finally get off the road, stop and get out of the car.” She called for help. And Washington County animal control officers came and captured the snake.

1 How did Kelly Swisher feel when she first came across the rat snake?

2 What does the report say about the snake?

News report 2

3) Fast food, it turns out, isn’t quite as fast as it used to be. A new study finds that McDonald’s posted its slowest drive-through times since this survey was first conducted fifteen years ago. At McDonald’s, customers will spend on average three minutes and nine seconds from the time they place their orders until they receive their food. That’s about ten seconds more than the industry average----and a lot slower than a decade ago, according to the study, which was commissioned by QSR, an industry trade publication. And McDonald’s wasn’t alone in slowing down: Other chains also saw their drive-through performance slow down. 4) Among the reasons for the slower service, today there are more choices on the menu, and the products themselves are more complex and take longer to prepare. Speed, of course, is essential to the drive-through experience. And drive-throughs are hugely important to chains, such as McDonald’s, Burger King and Taco Bell. “Usually the drive-through accounts for sixty to seventy percent of all business that goes through a fast-food restaurant,” notes Sam Oches, editor of QSR. Of course, consumers also want their orders prepared correctly and on that score, Oches says, “accuracy is still really high.”

3 What is the news report mainly about?

4 What has slowed down McDonald’s drive-through service?

News report 3

5) The first private mission outside of Earth’s orbit is closer than many of us think. U.S. government officials are set to approve a mission by privately-held space Moon Express to travel outside of Earth’s orbit in late 2017. 6) Moon Express’s mission involves plans to land a suitcase-sized package of scientific equipment on the moon for ongoing exploration and commercial development. The decision involves months of lobbying and coordinated conversations between a number of federal agencies. Under international treaties, the U.S. is responsible for the cargo of both public and private spacecraft. This makes commercial space travel a complex legal issue not just domestically, but abroad. 7) A Moon Express representative declined to comment on this story but noted that the company is very optimistic about its proposal. Moon Express is not the only company seeking for the right to travel to outer space. Elon Musk’s Space X aims to send an unmanned aircraft to Mars by 2018.

5 What is the news report mainly about?

6 What is Moon Express planning to do?

7 What does Moon Express think of its mission?

**2017级听力练习5（2017年12月第二套）**

**Part II Listening Comprehension**

1-2DC 3-4AD 5-7BCB 8-11ACDB 12-15ACBA 16-18DBA 19-21CDA 22-25CBDC

Section A  
News Report One  
A New Jersey black bear that walks upright on its two back legs and has become a social media darling has re-emerged and has been captured on video months after its last sighting. The bear named Pedals was spotted in the town of Oak Ridge. In a video posted to Facebook featuring the bear, it appeared to be in relatively good health and was moving quickly. (1) Pedals apparently has an injured leg or paw that doesn’t allow it to walk comfortably on all fours according to experts. Lawrence Hajna, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection, said officials expect the bear to make it through next winter. (2) The bear first gained fame after it was spotted wandering around neighborhoods and was caught on videos that were posted on social media and shown on national television. Last year，supporters pushed for Pedals to be moved to a shelter, but. New Jersey officials have said they won’t allow the bear to be captured and transferred to the facility. "The bear would do better in its natural habitat and the agency would step in if its condition deteriorated, "they said.  
1. What is the probable reason the bear walks upright on its back legs?  
2. How is the bear first known to the public?

News Report Two  
It's not your imagination. Traffic in the US is actually getting worse. (3) Americans drove more miles last year than any other year on record. The US Department of Transportation says Americans drove nearly 3,150 billion miles last year. That's about the same distance as 387 round trips from Earth to Pluto. The previous record was 3,003 billion miles in 2007, before the economic recession and high gas prices. The traffic increase comes at the same time as gas prices drop significantly. The current average gas price in the US is $1.71 per gallon. A year ago it was $2.31 per gallon and was often much higher in recent years. (4) A transportation expert told the reporter that job growth likely plays a part as well, along with some people driving longer distances to and from work. And so all this means more traffic jams on the road. The Texas A&M Travel Institute found that rush-hour travelers spent an extra 42 hours on the road last year because of travel delays. Now, that is depressing.  
3. What new record did the American drivers set last year?  
4. What is depressing according to the speaker?

News Report Three  
(5) A 16 year-old asked a stranger at a grocery store to buy him and his mother some food in exchange for carrying the man's groceries to his car. What happened next will pull at your heartstrings. (6) A wonderful bond formed between the two, and within a couple of weeks, the stranger, named White, helped raise $190, 000 on a website to support the Memphis teenager and his disabled mother. "When Chauncy approached me, it just pulled at my heart," White said. "Here comes Chauncy, just trying to get food for him and his mom off the grace of other people. When I looked at him and saw what he was doing and what he was asking for, I said he was my hero. " (7) Chauncy is a top student who is doing his best to make it in a world with no money and very few resources, " White explained on the crowd funding site. He wants to work and help his mother financially. "It's so rare that we get an opportunity to affect so much change on one life, "  
White wrote. "I cannot thank you enough for caring about Chauncy. This is his big chance, and you're making it possible. "  
5. What did the teenager Chauncy do at the grocery store to get some food?  
6. What did the stranger do for Chauncy?  
7. What do we learn about Chauncy?