

2016 年 12 月大学英语六级考试(第 2 套)

Part I

Writing

(30 minutes)

Directions: *For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay on creation. Your essay should include the importance of creation and measures to be taken to encourage creation. You are required to write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.*

Part II

Listening Comprehension

(30 minutes)

Section A

Directions: *In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.*

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

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| 1. A) They were proud of their cuisine. | C) They were all good at cooking. |
| B) They were particular about food. | D) They were fond of bacon and eggs. |
| 2. A) His parents. | C) His parents' friends. |
| B) His friends. | D) His schoolmates. |
| 3. A) No one of the group ate it. | C) No tea was served with the meal. |
| B) It was a little overcooked. | D) It was the real English breakfast. |
| 4. A) It was full of excitement. | C) It was a risky experience. |
| B) It was rather disappointing. | D) It was really extraordinary. |

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

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| 5. A) The woman's earnings over the years. | |
| B) The key to running a shop at a low cost. | |
| C) The business success of the woman's shop. | |
| D) The woman's relationship with other shops. | |
| 6. A) Keep down its expenses. | C) Improve its customer service. |
| B) Expand its business scale. | D) Upgrade the goods it sells. |
| 7. A) They are in great demand. | |
| B) They are delivered free of charge. | |
| C) They are very popular with the local residents. | |

- D) They are sold at lower prices than in other shops.
8. A) To maintain friendly relationships with other shops.
B) To avoid being put out of business in competition.
C) To attract more customers in the neighborhood.
D) To follow the custom of the local shopkeepers.

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.*

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the passage you have just heard.

9. A) They are on the verge of extinction because of pollution.
B) They carry plant seeds and spread them to faraway places.
C) They deliver pollutants from the ocean to their nesting sites.
D) They can be used to deliver messages in times of emergency.
10. A) They originate from Devon Island in the Arctic area.
B) They migrate to the Arctic Circle during the summer.
C) They have the ability to survive in extreme weathers.
D) They travel as far as 400 kilometers in search of food.
11. A) They had become more poisonous.
B) They were carried by the wind.
C) They poisoned some of the fulmars.
D) They were less than on the continent.
12. A) The effects of the changing climate on Arctic seabirds.
B) The harm Arctic seabirds may cause to humans.
C) The diminishing colonies for Arctic seabirds.
D) The threats humans pose to Arctic seabirds.

Questions 13 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

13. A) It has remained basically the same.
B) It has become better understood.
C) It has been exaggerated.
D) It has decreased.
14. A) It is now the second leading cause of death for centenarians.
B) It develops more easily in centenarians not actively engaged.
C) It calls for more intensive research.
D) It has had no effective cure so far.
15. A) They cherish their life more than ever.
B) Their minds fail before their bodies do.

- C) Their quality of life deteriorates rapidly.
- D) They care more about their physical health.

Section C

Directions: *In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.*

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) They form the basis on which he builds his theory of love.
B) They were carried out over a period of some thirty years.
C) They were done by his former colleague at Yale.
D) They are focused more on attraction than love.
- 17. A) The relationship cannot last long if no passion is involved.
B) It is not love if you don't wish to maintain the relationship.
C) Romance is just impossible without mutual understanding.
D) Intimacy is essential but not absolutely indispensable to love.
- 18. A) Whether it is true love without commitment.
B) Which of them is considered most important.
C) How the relationship is to be defined if any one is missing.
D) When the absence of any one doesn't affect the relationship.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) The history of social work.
B) Social work as a profession.
C) Academic degrees required of social work applicants.
D) The aim of the National Association of Social Workers.
- 20. A) They try to change people's social behavior.
B) They raise people's awareness of the environment.
C) They create a lot of opportunities for the unemployed.
D) They help enhance the well-being of the underprivileged.
- 21. A) They have all made a difference through their work.
B) They are all members of the National Association.
C) They all have an academic degree in social work.
D) They have all received strict clinical training.
- 22. A) Social workers' job options and responsibilities.
B) Ways for social workers to meet people's needs.

- C) The importance of training for social workers.
- D) The promotion of social workers' social status.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A) To fight childhood obesity. C) To urge kids to follow their role models.
B) To help disadvantaged kids. D) To encourage kids to play more sports.
- 24. A) They are most effective when appearing on TV.
B) They best boost product sales when put online.
C) They are becoming more and more prevalent.
D) They impress kids more than they do adults.
- 25. A) Do what they advocate in public.
B) Always place kids' interest first.
C) Pay attention to their image before children.
D) Message positive behaviors at all times.

Part III Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)

Section A

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. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on Answer Sheet 2 with a single line through the centre. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.*

Small communities, with their distinctive character — where life is stable and intensely human — are disappearing. Some have 26 from the face of the earth, others are dying slowly, but all have 27 changes as they have come into contact with an 28 machine civilization. The merging of diverse peoples into a common mass has produced tension among members of the minorities and the majority alike.

The Old Order Amish, who arrived on American shores in colonial times, have 29 in the modern world in distinctive, small communities. They have resisted the homogenization 30 more successfully than others. In planting and harvest time one can see their bearded men working the fields with horses and their women hanging out the laundry in neat rows to dry. Many American people have seen Amish families, with the men wearing broad-brimmed black hats and the women in long dresses. In railway or bus 31. Although the Amish have lived with 32 America for over two and a half centuries, they have moderated its influence on their personal lives, their families, communities, and their values.

The Amish are often 33 by other Americans to be relics of the past who live a simple,

inflexible life dedicated to inconvenient out-dated customs. They are seen as abandoning both modern 34 and the American dream of success and progress. But most people have no quarrel with the Amish for doing things the old-fashioned way. Their conscientious objection was tolerated in wartime, for after all, they are good farmers who 35 the virtues of work and thrift.

A) accessing	B) conveniences	C) destined	D) expanding
E) industrialized	F) perceived	G) practice	H) process
I) progress	J) respective	K) survived	L) terminals
M) undergone	N) universal	O) vanished	

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you are going to read a passage with ten statements attached to it. Each statement contains information given in one of the paragraphs. Identify the paragraph from which the information is derived. You may choose a paragraph more than once. Each paragraph is marked with a letter. Answer the questions by marking the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 2.*

Countries Rush for Upper Hand in Antarctica

- A) On a glacier-filled island with *fjords* (峡湾) and elephant seals, Russia has built Antarctica's first Orthodox church on a hill overlooking its research base. Less than an hour away by snowmobile, Chinese laborers have updated the Great Wall Station, a vital part of China's plan to operate five bases on Antarctica, complete with an indoor badminton court and sleeping quarters for 150 people. Not to be outdone, India's futuristic new Bharathi base, built on *stilts* (柱子) using 134 interlocking shipping containers, resembles a spaceship. Turkey and Iran have announced plans to build bases, too.
- B) More than a century has passed since explorers raced to plant their flags at the bottom of the world, and for decades to come this continent is supposed to be protected as a scientific preserve, shielded from intrusions like military activities and mining. But an array of countries are rushing to assert greater influence here, with an eye not just towards the day those protective treaties expire, but also for the strategic and commercial opportunities that already exist.
- C) The newer players are stepping into what they view as a treasure house of resources. Some of the ventures focus on the Antarctic resources that are already up for grabs, like abundant sea life. South Korea, which operates state-of-the-art bases here, is increasing its fishing of *krill* (磷虾), found in abundance in the Southern Ocean, while Russia recently frustrated efforts to create one of the world's largest ocean sanctuaries here.
- D) Some scientists are examining the potential for harvesting icebergs from Antarctica, which is estimated to have the biggest reserves of fresh water on the planet. Nations are also pressing

ahead with space research and satellite projects to expand their global navigation abilities.

- E) Building on a Soviet-era foothold, Russia is expanding its monitoring stations for Glonass, its version of the Global Positioning System (GPS). At least three Russian stations are already operating in Antarctica, part of its effort to challenge the dominance of the American GPS, and new stations are planned for sites like the Russian base, in the shadow of the Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity.
- F) Elsewhere in Antarctica, Russian researchers boast of their recent discovery of a freshwater reserve the size of Lake Ontario after drilling through miles of solid ice. “You can see that we’re here to stay,” said Vladimir Cheberdak, 57, chief of the Bellingshausen Station, as he sipped tea under a portrait of Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen, a high-ranking officer in the Imperial Russian Navy who explored the Antarctic coast in 1820.
- G) Antarctica’s mineral, oil and gas wealth are a longer-term prize. The treaty banning mining here, shielding *coveted* (令人垂涎的) reserves of iron ore, coal and chromium, comes up for review in 2048. Researchers recently found *kimberlite* (金伯利岩) deposits hinting at the existence of diamonds. And while assessments vary widely, geologists estimate that Antarctica holds at least 36 billion barrels of oil and natural gas.
- H) Beyond the Antarctic treaties, huge obstacles persist to tapping these resources, like drifting icebergs that could jeopardize offshore platforms. Then there is Antarctic’s remoteness, with some mineral deposits found in windswept locations on a continent that is larger than Europe and where winter temperatures hover around minus 55 degrees Celsius.
- I) But advances in technology might make Antarctica a lot more accessible three decades from now. And even before then, scholars warn, the demand for resources in an energy-hungry world could raise pressure to renegotiate Antarctica’s treaties, possibly allowing more commercial endeavours here well before the prohibitions against them expire. The research stations on King George Island offer a glimpse into the long game on this ice-blanketed continent as nations assert themselves, eroding the sway long held by countries like the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.
- J) Being stationed in Antarctica involves adapting to life on the planet’s driest, windiest and coldest continent, yet each nation manages to make itself at home. Bearded Russian priests offer regular services at the Orthodox church for the 16 or so Russian speakers who spend the winter at the base, largely polar scientists in fields like glaciology and meteorology. Their number climbs to about 40 in the warmer summer months. China has arguably the fastest-growing operations in Antarctica. It opened its fourth station last year and is pressing ahead with plans to build a fifth. It is building its second ice-breaking ship and setting up research drilling operations on an ice dome 13,422 feet above sea level that is one the planet’s coldest places. Chinese officials say the expansion in Antarctica prioritises scientific research, but they also acknowledge that concerns about “resource security” influence their moves.

- K) China's newly renovated Great Wall Station on King George Island makes the Russian and Chilean bases here seem outdated. "We do weather monitoring here and other research." Ning Xu, 53, the chief of the Chinese base, said over tea during a fierce *blizzard* (暴风雪) in late November. The large base he leads resembles a snowed-in college campus on holiday break, with the capacity to sleep more than 10 times the 13 people who were staying on through the Antarctic winter. Yong Yu, a Chinese microbiologist, showed off the spacious building, with empty desks under an illustrated timeline detailing the rapid growth of China's Antarctic operations since the 1980s. "We now feel equipped to grow," he said.
- L) As some countries expand operations in Antarctica, the United States maintains three year-round stations on the continent with more than 1,000 people during the southern hemisphere's summer, including those at the Amundsen-Scott station, built in 1956 at an elevation of 9,301 feet on a plateau at the South Pole. But US researchers quietly complain about budget restraints and having far fewer icebreakers than Russia, limiting the reach of the United States in Antarctica.
- M) Scholars warn that Antarctica's political drift could blur the distinction between military and civilian activities long before the continent's treaties come up for renegotiation, especially in parts of Antarctica that are ideal for *intercepting* (拦截) signals from satellites or retasking satellite systems, potentially enhancing global electronic intelligence operations.
- N) Some countries have had a hard time here, Brazil opened a research station in 1984, but it was largely destroyed by a fire that killed two members of the navy in 2012, the same year that a diesel-laden Brazilian barge sank near the base. As if that were not enough, a Brazilian C-130 Hercules military transport plane has remained stranded near the runway of Chile's air base here since it crash-landed in 2014.
- O) However, Brazil's stretch of misfortune has created opportunities for China, with a Chinese company winning the \$100 million contract in 2015 to rebuild the Brazilian station.
- P) Amid all the changes, Antarctica maintains its allure. South Korea opened its second Antarctic research base in 2014, describing it as a way to test robots developed by Korean researchers for use in extreme conditions. With Russia's help, Belarus is preparing to build its first Antarctic base. Colombia said this year that it planned to join other South American nations with bases in Antarctica.
- Q) "The old days of the Antarctic being dominated by the interests and wishes of white men from European, Australasian and North American states are over," said Klaus Dodds, a politics scholar at the University of London who specialises in Antarctica. "The reality is that Antarctica is geopolitically contested."
36. According to Chinese officials, their activities in Antarctica lay greater emphasis on scientific research.

37. Efforts to create one of the world's largest ocean sanctuaries failed because of Russia's obstruction.
38. With several monitoring stations operating in Antarctica, Russia is trying hard to counter America's dominance in the field of worldwide navigational facilities.
39. According to geologists' estimates, Antarctica has enormous reserves of oil and natural gas.
40. It is estimated that Antarctica boasts of the richest reserves of fresh water on earth.
41. The demand for energy resources may compel renegotiation of Antarctica's treaties before their expiration.
42. Many countries are racing against each other to increase their business and strategic influence on Antarctica.
43. Antarctica's harsh natural conditions constitute huge obstacles to the exploitation of its resources.
44. With competition from many countries, Antarctica is no longer dominated by the traditional white nations.
45. American scientists complain about lack of sufficient money and equipment for their expansion in Antarctica.

Section C

Directions: *There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 2 with a single line through the centre.*

Passage One

Questions 46 to 50 are based on the following passage.

Any veteran nicotine addict will testify that fancy packaging plays no role in the decision to keep smoking. So, it is argued, stripping cartons of their branding will trigger no mass movement to quit.

But that isn't why the government — under pressure from cancer charities, health workers and the Labour party — has agreed to legislate for standardised packaging. The theory is that smoking should be stripped of any appeal to discourage new generations from starting in the first place. Plain packaging would be another step in the reclassification of cigarettes from inviting consumer products to *narcotics* (麻醉剂).

Naturally, the tobacco industry is violently opposed. No business likes to admit that it sells addictive poison as a lifestyle choice. That is why government has historically intervened, banning advertising, imposing health warnings and *punitive* (惩罚性的) duties. This approach has led over time to a fall in smoking with numbers having roughly halved since the 1970s.

Evidence from Australia suggests plain packaging pushes society further along that road. Since tobacco is one of the biggest causes of premature death in the UK, a measure that tames the habit even by a fraction is worth trying.

So why has it taken so long? The Department of Health declared its intention to consider the move in November 2010 and consulted through 2012. But the plan was suspended in July 2013. It did not escape notice that a lobbying firm set up by Lynton Crosby, David Cameron's election campaign director, had previously acted for Philip Morris International. (The prime minister denied there was a connection between his new adviser's outside interests and the change in legislative programme.) In November 2013, after an unnecessary round of additional consultation, health minister Jane Ellison said the government was minded to proceed after all. Now we are told Members of Parliament (MPs) will have a free vote before parliament is dissolved in March.

Parliament has in fact already authorised the government to tame the tobacco trade. MPs voted overwhelmingly in favour of Labour amendments to the children and families bill last February that included the power to regulate for plain packaging. With sufficient will in Downing Street this would have been done already. But strength of will is the missing ingredient where Mr. Cameron and public health are concerned. His attitude to state intervention has looked confused ever since his bizarre 2006 *lament* (叹惜) that chocolate oranges placed seductively at supermarket check-outs fueled obesity.

The government has moved reluctantly into a sensible public health policy, but with such obvious over-cautiousness that any political credit due belongs to the opposition. Without sustained external pressure it seems certain Mr. Cameron would still be hooked on the interests of big tobacco companies.

46. What do chain smokers think of cigarette packaging?
- A) Fancy packaging can help to engage new smokers.
 - B) It has little to do with the quality or taste of cigarettes.
 - C) Plain packaging discourages non-smokers from taking up smoking.
 - D) It has little impact on their decision whether or not to quit smoking.
47. What has the UK government agreed to do concerning tobacco packaging?
- A) Pass a law to standardise cigarette packaging.
 - B) Rid cigarette cartons of all advertisements.
 - C) Subsidise companies to adopt plain packaging.
 - D) Reclassify cigarettes according to packaging.
48. What has happened in Australia where plain packaging is implemented?
- A) Premature death rates resulting from smoking have declined.
 - B) The number of smokers has dropped more sharply than in the UK.
 - C) The sales of tobacco substitutes have increased considerably.
 - D) Cigarette sales have been falling far more quickly than in the UK.

49. Why has it taken so long for the UK government to consider plain packaging?
- A) Prime Minister Cameron has been reluctant to take action.
 - B) There is strong opposition from veteran nicotine addicts.
 - C) Many Members of Parliament are addicted to smoking.
 - D) Pressure from tobacco manufacturers remains strong.
50. What did Cameron say about chocolate oranges at supermarket checkouts?
- A) They fueled a lot of controversy.
 - B) They attracted a lot of smokers.
 - C) They made more British people obese.
 - D) They had certain ingredients missing.

Passage Two

Questions 51 to 55 are based on the following passage.

What a waste of money! In return for an average of £44,000 of debt, students get an average of only 14 hours of lecture and tutorial time a week in Britain. Annual fees have risen from £1,000 to £9,000 in the last decade, but contact time at university has barely risen at all. And graduating doesn't even provide any guarantee of a decent job; six in ten graduates today are in non-graduate jobs.

No wonder it has become fashionable to denounce many universities as little more than elaborate *con-tricks* (骗术). There's a lot for students to complain about; the repayment threshold for paying back loans will be frozen for five years, meaning that lower-paid graduates have to start repaying their loans; and maintenance grants have been replaced by loans, meaning that students from poorer backgrounds face higher debt than those with wealthier parents.

Yet it still pays to go to university. If going to university doesn't work out, students pay very little — if any — of their tuition fees back; you only start repaying when you are earning £21,000 a year. Almost half of graduates — those who go on to earn less — will have a portion of their debt written off. It's not just the lectures and tutorials that are important. Education is the sum of what students teach each other in between lectures and seminars. Students do not merely benefit while at university; studies show they go on to be healthier and happier than non-graduates, and also far more likely to vote.

Whatever your talents, it is extraordinarily difficult to get a leading job in most fields without having been to university. Recruiters circle elite universities like *vultures* (兀鹰). Many top firms will not even look at applications from those who lack a 2.1, i.e., an upper-second class degree, from an elite university. Students at university also meet those likely to be in leading jobs in the future, forming contacts for life. This might not be right, but school-leavers who fail to acknowledge as much risk making the wrong decision about going to university.

Perhaps the reason why so many universities offer their students so little is they know studying at a top university remains a brilliant investment even if you don't learn anything. Studying at university will only become less attractive if employers shift their focus away from where someone went to university — and there is no sign of that happening anytime soon. School-leavers may moan, but they have little choice but to embrace university and the student

debt that comes with it.

51. What is the author's opinion of going to university?
- A) It is worthwhile after all. C) It is hard to say whether it is good or bad.
B) It is simply a waste of time. D) It is too expensive for most young people.
52. What does the author say about the employment situation of British university graduates?
- A) Few of them are satisfied with the jobs they are offered.
B) It usually takes a long time for them to find a decent job.
C) Graduates from elite universities usually can get decent jobs.
D) Most of them take jobs which don't require a college degree.
53. What does the author say is important for university students besides classroom instruction?
- A) Making sure to obtain an upper-second class degree.
B) Practical skills they will need in their future careers.
C) Interactions among themselves outside the classroom.
D) Developing independent and creative thinking abilities.
54. What is said to be an advantage of going to university?
- A) Learning how to take risks in an ever-changing world.
B) Meeting people who will be helpful to you in the future.
C) Having opportunities of playing a leading role in society.
D) Gaining up-to-date knowledge in science and technology.
55. What can we infer from the last paragraph?
- A) It is natural for students to make complaints about university education.
B) Few students are willing to bear the burden of debt incurred at university.
C) University education is becoming attractive to students who can afford it.
D) The prestige of the university influences employers' recruitment decisions.

Part IV

Translation

(30 minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to translate a passage from Chinese into English. You should write your answer on **Answer Sheet 2**.

随着中国经济的蓬勃发展,学汉语的人数迅速增加,使汉语成了世界上人们最爱学的语言之一。近年来,中国大学在国际上的排名也有了明显的提高。由于中国教育的巨大进步,中国成为最受海外学生欢迎的留学目的地之一就不足为奇了。2015年,近四十万国际学生蜂拥来到中国学习。他们学习的科目不再限于中国语言和文化,而包括科学与工程。在全球教育市场上,美国和英国仍占主导地位,但中国正在迅速赶上。

2016 年 12 月大学英语六级考试答案与解析(第 2 套)

Part I Writing

【范文】

Throughout the ages, we have concluded a number of factors that contribute to success, among which is creation. Just as the saying goes, "There is no doubt that creation is the most important human resource of all." Not only is creation the force driving economy and society to advance, but it is also essential to the development of individuals. Those who often come up with new ideas often turn out to be easy to achieve success while a man who always sticks to habit and experience can hardly create new things.

In terms of giving measures to encourage creation, I will list the following ones. On the one hand, the public are expected to realize the significance of creation, so the social media should play its due role in advocating the value of innovation and encouraging the public to cultivate awareness of creation. On the other hand, those who are equipped with creative thinking deserve some kind of praise, both materially and spiritually.

Creation has been a hot word for a long time and we cannot emphasize the importance of creation too much. Therefore, we should spare no effort to learn knowledge as much as possible to prepare ourselves to be creative people.

Part II Listening Comprehension

1~5 : CCABC

6~10 : ADACD

11~15 : BBDAB

16~20 : DBCBD

21~25 : CAADD

Section A

Conversation One

M: Guess what? The worst food I've ever had was in France.

W: Really? That's odd. (1) I thought the French were all good cooks.

M: Yes. That's right. I suppose it's really like anywhere else, though. You know, some places are good. Some bad. But it's really all our own fault.

W: What do you mean?

M: Well, it was the first time I'd been to France. This was years ago when I was at school. (2) I went there with my parents' friends, from my father's school. They'd hired a coach to take them to Switzerland.

W: A school trip?

M: Right. Most of them had never been abroad before. We'd crossed the English Channel at night, and we set off through France, and breakfast time arrived, and the coach driver had arranged for us to stop at this little cafe. There we all were tired and hungry, and then we made the great discovery.

W: What was that?

M: Bacon and eggs.

W: Fantastic! The real English breakfast.

M: Yes. Anyway, we didn't know any better — so we had it, and ugh...!

W: What was it like? Disgusting?

M: Oh, it was incredible! They just got a bowl and put some fat in it. And then they put some bacon in the fat, broke an egg over the top and put the whole lot in the oven for about ten minutes.

W: In the oven! You're joking. You can't cook bacon and eggs in the oven!

M: Well. They must have done it that way. It was hot, but it wasn't cooked. There was just this egg floating about in gallons of fat and raw bacon.

W: (3-1) Did you actually eat it?

M: (3-2) No! Nobody did. They all wanted to turn round and go home. You know, back to teabags and fish and chips. You can't blame them really. Anyway, the next night we were all given another foreign speciality.

W: What was that?

M: (4) Snails. That really finished them off. Lovely holiday that was!

1. What did the woman think of the French?

2. Who did the man travel with on his first trip to Switzerland?

3. What does the man say about the breakfast at the little French cafe?

4. What did the man think of his holiday in France?

Conversation Two

M: (5) You say your shop has been doing well. Could you give me some idea of what "doing well" means in facts and figures?

W: Well, "doing well" means averaging £1,200 or more a week for about 7 years, making almost a quarter of a million pounds. And "doing well" means your earnings are rising. Last year, we did slightly over 50,000 and this year, we hope to do more than 60,000. So, that's good if we continue to rise.

M: Now, that's gross earnings, I assume. What about your expenses?

W: Yes, that's gross. The expenses, of course, go up steadily. And since we've moved to this new shop, the expenses have increased greatly, because it's a much bigger shop. So I couldn't say exactly what our expenses are. They are something in the region of six or seven thousand pounds a year, which is not high. (6) Commercially speaking, it's fairly low, and we try to keep our expenses as low as we can.

M: (7) And your prices are much lower than the same goods in shops round about. How do the local shopkeepers feel about having a shop doing so well in their midst?

W: Perhaps a lot of them don't realize how well we are doing, because we don't make a point of publicizing. That was a lesson we learned very early on. (8) We were very friendly with all local shopkeepers and we happened to mention to a local shopkeeper how much we had made that week. He was very unhappy and never as friendly again. So we make a point of never publicizing the amount of money we make. But we are on very good terms with all the shops. None of them have ever complained that we are putting them out of business or anything like that. I think it's a nice friendly relationship. Maybe if they did know what we made, perhaps they wouldn't be so friendly.

5. What are the speakers mainly talking about?

6. What does the woman say her shop tries to do?
7. What do we learn about the goods sold at the woman's shop?
8. Why doesn't the woman want to make known their earnings anymore?

Section B

Passage One

Birds are famous for carrying things around. Some, like homing pigeons, can be trained to deliver messages and packages. Other birds unknowingly carry seeds that cling to them for the ride. (9) Canadian scientists have found a worrisome, new example of the power that birds have to spread stuff around. Way up north in the Canadian Arctic, seabirds are picking up dangerous chemicals in the ocean and delivering them to ponds near where the birds live.

Some 10,000 pairs of the birds, called fulmars, a kind of Arctic seabird, make their nests on Devon Island, north of the Arctic Circle. (10) The fulmars travel some 400 kilometers over the sea to find food. When they return home, their droppings end up all around their nesting sites, including in nearby ponds.

(11) Previously, scientists noticed pollutants arriving in the Arctic with the wind. Salmon also carry dangerous chemicals as the fish migrate between rivers and the sea. The bodies of fish and other meat-eaters can build up high levels of the chemicals.

To test the polluting power of fulmars, researchers collected samples of deposit from 11 ponds on Devon Island. In ponds closest to the colony, the results showed there were far more pollutants than in ponds less affected by the birds. The pollutants in the ponds appear to come from fish that fulmars eat when they're out on the ocean. (12) People who live, hunt, or fish near bird colonies need to be careful, the researchers say. The birds don't mean to cause harm, but the chemicals they carry can cause major problems.

9. What have Canadian scientists found about some seabirds?
10. What does the speaker say about the seabirds called fulmars?
11. What did scientists previously notice about pollutants in the Arctic?
12. What does the speaker warn about at the end of the talk?

Passage Two

(13) In recent years, the death rate among American centenarians — people who have lived to age 100 or older — has decreased, dropping 14 percent for women and 20 percent for men from 2008 to 2014. The leading causes of death in this age group are also changing. In 2000, the top five causes of death for centenarians were heart disease, stroke, flu, cancer and Alzheimer's disease. (14) But by 2014, the death rate from Alzheimer's disease for this age group had more than doubled — increasing from 3.8 percent to 8.5 percent — making the progressive brain disease the second leading cause of death for centenarians. One reason for the rise in deaths from Alzheimer's disease in this group may be that developing this condition remains possible even after people beat the odds of dying from other diseases such as cancer.

(15) People physically fit enough to survive over 100 years ultimately give in to diseases such as Alzheimer's which affects the mind and cognitive function. In other words, it appears that their minds give out before their bodies do. On the other hand, the death rate from flu dropped from 7.4 percent in 2000 to 4.1 percent in 2014. That pushed flu from the third leading cause of death to the fifth.

Overall, the total number of centenarians is going up. In 2014, there were 72,197 centenarians, compared to 50,281 in 2000. But because this population is getting larger, the number of deaths in this group is also increasing — 18,434 centenarians died in 2000, whereas 25,914 died in 2014.

13. What does the speaker say about the risk of dying for American centenarians in recent years?

14. What does the speaker say about Alzheimer's disease?

15. What is characteristic of people who live up to 100 years and beyond?

Section C

Recording One

Okay. So let's get started. And to start things off I think what we need to do is consider a definition. (16) I'm going to define what love is but then most of the experiments I'm going to talk about are really focused more on attraction than love. And I'm going to pick a definition from a former colleague, Robert Sternberg, who is now the dean at Tufts University but was here on our faculty at Yale for nearly thirty years. And he has a theory of love that argues that it's made up of three components: intimacy, passion, and commitment, or what is sometimes called decision commitment. And these are relatively straightforward. He argued that you don't have love if you don't have all three of these elements.

Intimacy is the feeling of closeness, of connectedness with someone, of bonding. Operationally, you could think of intimacy as you share secrets, you share information with this person that you don't share with anybody else. Okay. That's really what intimacy is, the bond that comes from sharing information that isn't shared with other people. The second element is passion. Passion is the drive that leads to romance. You can think of it as physical attraction. And Sternberg argues that this is a required component of a love relationship. The third element of love in Sternberg's theory is what he calls decision commitment, the decision that one is in a love relationship, the willingness to label it as such, and a commitment to maintain that relationship at least for some period of time. (17) Sternberg would argue it's not love if you don't call it love and if you don't have some desire to maintain the relationship. So if you have all three of these, intimacy, passion and commitment, in Sternberg's theory you have love. (18) Now what's interesting about the theory is what do you have if you only have one out of three or two out of three. What do you have and how is it different if you have a different two out of three? What's interesting about this kind of theorizing is it gives rise to many different combinations that can be quite interesting when you break them down and start to look them carefully. So what I've done is I've taken Sternberg's three elements of love, intimacy, passion and commitment, and I've listed out the different kinds of relationships you would have if you had zero, one, two or three out of the three elements.

16. What does the speaker say about most of the experiments mentioned in his talk?

17. What does Robert Sternberg argue about love?

18. What question does the speaker think is interesting about Sternberg's three elements of love?

Recording Two

Hi! I am Elizabeth Hoffer, Master of Social Work. I am a social worker, a lobbyist, and a special assistant to the executive director at the National Association of Social Workers. (19)

Today we are going to be talking about becoming a social worker. Social work is the helping profession. (20) Its primary mission is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with a particular focus on those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. We often deal with complex human needs. Social work is different from other professions, because we focus on the person and environment. We deal with the external factors that impact a person's situation and outlook. And we create opportunity for assessment and intervention, to help clients and communities cope effectively with their reality and change that reality when necessary.

In thousands of ways social workers help other people, people from every age, every background, across the country. Wherever needed, social workers come to help. The most well-known aspect of the profession is that of a social safety net. We help guide people to critical resources and counsel them on life-changing decisions. (21) There are more than 600,000 professional social workers in the country, and we all either have a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or a PhD in Social Work. There are more clinically trained social workers than clinically trained psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric nurses combined.

Throughout this series you will learn more about the profession, the necessary steps to get a social work degree, the rich history of social work, and the many ways that social workers help others. Later in this series, you will hear from Stacy Collins and Mel Wilson, fellow social workers at the National Association of Social Workers. Stacy is going to walk you through the step-by-step process of becoming a social worker, and (22) Mel will tell you about the range of options you have once you get your social work degree, as well as the high standards of responsibility the social workers must adhere to.

The National Association of Social Workers represents nearly 145,000 social workers across the country. Our mission is to promote, protect, and advance the social work profession. We hope you enjoy this series about how you can make a difference by becoming a social worker. Next, we are going to talk about choosing social work.

19. What does the speaker mainly talk about?

20. What do social workers mainly do?

21. What do professional social workers have in common, according to the speaker?

22. What is Mel Wilson going to talk about in the series?

Recording Three

Today, I'd like to talk about, what happens when celebrity role models get behind healthy habits, but at the same time, promote junk food. (23) Currently, there's mounting criticism of Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" campaign, which fights childhood obesity by encouraging youngsters to become more physically active, and has signed on singer Beyonce and basketball player Shaquille O'Neal, both of whom also endorse sodas, which are a major contributor to the obesity epidemic. Now there's a lot more evidence of how powerful a celebrity — especially a professional athlete — can be in influencing children's behavior.

In a report published by the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University, researchers studied 100 professional athletes and their endorsement contracts. The team focused on athletes since they are theoretically the best role models for active, healthy lifestyles for children. After sorting the deals by category, they determined that among the 512 brands

associated with the athletes, most involved sporting goods, followed closely by food and beverage brands.

Sports drinks, which are often high in sugar and calories made up most of the food and drink deals, with soft drinks and fast food filling out the remainder. Of the 46 beverages endorsed by professional athletes, 93% relied exclusively on sugar for all of their calories.

It's no surprise that high-profile athletes can influence children's eating behaviors, but the scientists were able to quantify how prevalent these endorsements are in the children's environment. Advertisements featuring professional athletes and their endorsed products tend to get impressive exposure on TV, radio, in print and online. (24) And in 2010, the researchers reported that children ages 12 to 17 saw more athlete-endorsed food and beverage brand commercials than adults.

One reason any campaign wants a popular celebrity spokesperson is because kids are attracted to them no matter what they are doing. We can't expect kids to turn off that admiration when the same person is selling sugar. At best, kids might be confused. At worst, they'll think the messages about soda are the same as the messages about water, but those two beverages aren't the same.

(25) If children are turning to athletes as role models, it's in their best interest if their idols are consistent. Consistent messaging of positive behaviors will show healthier lifestyles for kids to follow.

23. What is the aim of Michelle Obama's campaign?

24. What does research find about advertisements featuring professional athletes?

25. What does the speaker think kids' idols should do?

Part III Reading Comprehension

26~30 : OMDKH

31~35 : LEFBG

36~40 : JCEGD

41~45 : IBHQL

46~50 : DABAC

51~55 : ADCBD

Section A

有自己特色的小型社区——这里生活稳定且十分人性化——正逐渐消失。一些已经从地球上(26)消失了,一些正慢慢地消亡,但它们全都在接触到不断(28)扩展的机械文明过程中(27)经历了变化。不同类型的人融入普通人群中,同时造成了少数群体成员与普通大众成员之间的紧张关系。

阿米什人,殖民时期来到美国,住在独特的、小型的社区,(29)幸存于现在世界中。他们比其他种族更成功地抵抗住了同化(30)过程。在播种以及收割季节,可以看到长胡子男人牵着马在田间劳作,而妇女将衣物整齐地晾晒在晾衣绳上。许多美国人在火车或汽车(31)站,见过的阿米什人家庭,男人戴宽沿的黑色帽子,妇女穿着长裙。虽然阿米什人与(32)工业化的美国一起生活了两个半世纪,但他们减弱了美国对他们个人生活、家庭、社区以及价值观的影响。

阿米什人通常被其他美国人(33)视为历史的遗迹,他们过着简单、固定的生活,坚守着繁琐的、过时的习俗。人们认为他们抛弃了现代(34)便利和成功发达的美国梦。但大多数人对阿米什人守旧的做事方式没有异议。战争时期,容忍他们拒服兵役。毕竟,他们是(35)践行勤奋与节俭美德的优秀的农民。

26. O) 空格位于句子的谓语动词位置,在 have 之后,据此判断应填动词的过去分词形式,且此动词应为不及物动词。根据句意“一些已经从地球上____了,另一些……”可知,答案为 O) vanished “消失”。在备选项中,perceived 意为“把……看作,认为”,survived 意为“幸存,生还”,undergone 意为“经受,经历”,均不符合文意,故排除。

27. M) 空格位于句子的谓语动词位置,处于 have 之后,据此判断应填动词的过去分词形式,且此动词应为及物

动词,可与 changes 搭配使用。结合备选项可知,只有 M) undergone“经受,经历”能修饰 changes。本句含义为“它们全都在接触扩张的机器文明的过程中经历了改变”。在备选项中,perceived 意为“把……看作,认为”,不能与 changes 搭配,且不符合语境,故排除;survived 意为“幸存,生还”,不能与 changes 搭配使用,故排除。

28. D) 空格位于不定冠词 an 之后,名词短语 machine civilization 之前,据此判断应填形容词,且此形容词应以元音音素开头。根据句意“它们全都在接触机器文明的过程中经历了改变”可知,答案为 D) expanding “扩张的”。在备选项中,destined 意为“注定的”,respective 意为“各自的”,universal 意为“全体的,普遍存在的”,这三个词均以辅音音素开头,不能与 an 连用,故均排除;industrialized 意为:“工业化的”,与文中的“机器文明”语义重复,故排除。
29. K) 空格位于句子的谓语动词位置,处于 have 之后,据此判断应填动词的过去分词形式,且此动词应与 in 形成固定搭配。结合备选项可知,K) survived“幸存,生还”符合要求,为正确答案。本句句意为“阿米什人,殖民时期来到美国,住在独特的、小型的社区,幸存于现在世界中”。在备选项中,perceived 意为“把……看作,认为”,一般与 as 连用,且不符合此处语境,故排除。
30. H) 空格位于整个句子的宾语部分,据此判断应填名词。根据句意“阿米什人比其他人更成功地拒绝了同质化”可知,process“过程”符合语境,为正确答案。在备选项中,conveniences 意为“便利”,progress 意为“进步”,terminals 意为“终点站”,均不能与 homogenization 搭配使用,故排除。
31. L) 空格位于名词之后,应能够和 railway 及 bus 构成固定搭配,据此判断应填名词。根据句意“很多美国人都曾在火车和汽车 ____ 里见过……”可知,答案为 L) terminals“终点站”。在备选项中,conveniences 意为“方便”,progress 意为“进步”,均不能与 railway or bus 搭配,故排除。
32. E) 空格位于单数名词 America 之前,据此判断应填形容词。备选项中只有 E) industrialized“工业化的”能修饰 America,为正确答案。本句含义为“阿米什人已经与工业化的美国一起生活了两个半世纪”。在备选项中,destined 意为“注定的”,respective 意为“各自的”,universal 意为“全体的,普遍存在的”,均不符合语境,故排除。
33. F) 空格位于句子的谓语动词位置,且该句为被动语态,据此判断应填动词的过去分词形式。根据句意“阿米什人通常被其他美国人 ____ 历史的遗迹”可知,答案为 F) perceived “把……看作,认为”。
34. B) 空格位于形容词 modern 之后,据此判断可填名词。备选项中只有 B) conveniences“便利”符合文意要求,故为正确答案。本句含义为“人们认为他们抛弃了现代便利和成功发达的美国梦”。在备选项中,progress 意为“进步”,与文意不符,且与后面出现的 American dream of success and progress 重复,故排除。
35. G) 空格位于以 who 引导的定语从句中,且处于主语之后,宾语之前,据此判断应填及物动词。根据句意“阿米什人是 ____ 劳动和节俭美德的优秀农民”可知,G) practice“实行,践行”符合文意,故为答案。

Section B

各国迅速抢占南极洲的有利地位

- A) 在一座峡湾穿梭、海象豹横卧、冰川覆盖的岛上,俄罗斯在一座能俯瞰其研究基地的山丘上建造了南极洲第一座东正教教堂。相距骑摩托雪橇不足一小时路程外,中国工人已翻修了长城站,该站是中国在南极洲运行五个基地计划的至关重要的部分,包括一个室内羽毛球场和足够 150 人的睡眠区。印度也不甘示弱,其未来主义的巴拉蒂基地,建造在用 134 个相连接的船运集装箱撑起的柱子上,像个宇宙飞船。土耳其和伊朗也已宣布建造基地的计划。
- B) 自从勘探者竞相将自己国家的国旗插入世界尽头起,一个多世纪已经过去了。未来几十年,该大洲本应该被作为科学研究基地保护起来,保护其免遭像军事活动和采矿活动的入侵。(42)但是,各个国家纷纷急于在此扩张自己的影响力,不仅期待那些保护协议到期,而且还觊觎现存的战略和商业机会。
- C) 新来者正迈入他们视为资源宝库的地方。一些合资企业专注于南极洲已待攫取的资源,像丰富的海洋生物。运行着这里最先进的基地的韩国正加大其对南冰洋磷虾捕获量。(37)而最近,俄罗斯倾尽全力阻止在这创建世界最大海洋保护区之一的各种努力。
- D) (40)一些科学家在研究从南极洲采集冰川的可能性,据估计,南极洲蕴藏着地球上最大的淡水资源。各国继续进行航天研究和卫星项目来扩展他们全球导航的能力。
- E) (38)建立在苏联时期的据点,俄罗斯正扩展其格洛纳斯监测站,俄罗斯的全球位置测定系统。俄罗斯在南极

洲至少有三个正在运行着的站,这是为挑战美国全球位置测定系统统治地位做出的部分努力,在东正教圣三一教堂脚下,新的类似俄罗斯基地的监测站正在筹划中。

- F) 在南极洲的其他地方,俄罗斯研究员吹嘘他们钻透数英里坚冰后,发现了像安大略湖大小的淡水储量。57岁的别林斯高晋站站长弗拉基米尔·切博达克,坐在俄罗斯帝国海军高级官员法比安·戈特利布·冯·别林斯高晋(1820年,探索南极洲海岸)的画像下面,喝着茶说“你们看得出,我们就待在这啦。”
- G) 南极洲丰富的矿产、石油以及天然气储备对各国而言都是长期的利益所在。禁止在这采矿,保护着令人垂涎的铁矿石、煤炭以及铀储量的协议将于2048年到期。最近,研究员发现金伯利岩矿床,暗示着钻石的存在。(39)尽管很多评定各不相同,但地质学家估计南极洲储存至少360亿桶石油和天然气。
- H) (43)除了南极洲协议,开采这些资源的巨大障碍仍然存在,例如,漂流的冰川可能会危机海上平台。此外,南极洲过于广袤,一些矿藏所在地饱受暴风侵袭。这片大陆的面积比欧洲还要大,冬天的气温在零下55度左右。
- I) 三十年后,科技的进步也许会使南极洲更易开发。(41)在那之前,学者警告说,能源缺乏的世界对资源的要求会加大重新商议南极洲协议的压力,允许更多的商业企图在禁令到期之前出现在这。随着各国坚持自己的主张,乔治国王岛的研究站提供了一次机会,一窥在冰川覆盖的大洲上的耗时游戏,削弱了美国、英国、澳大利亚以及新西兰这些国家的长期统治。
- J) 驻扎在南极洲涉及到适应地球上最干、风最大及最寒冷的大洲,然而每个国家都设法使自己感觉在家一样。长胡子俄罗斯牧师在东正教教堂为大约16个俄国人提供定期服务,这些人在基地过冬,他们大多都是冰川与气象领域的极地科学家。在温暖的夏季月份,大约会有40人。中国大概是在南极洲相关活动增加最快的国家。去年,中国开设了其第四个观测站,正继续计划建第五个。中国在建其第二个破冰船,在地球上最寒冷的地方,海拔13,422英尺的冰穹上开展研究钻孔作业。(36)中国官员说,在南极洲的拓展以科学研究为重点,但他们也承认对“资源安全”的担心影响着他们的行动。
- K) 中国最近翻新了位于乔治王岛上的长城站,使这里的俄罗斯与智力的基地显得有点落后了。在11月末一场剧烈的暴风雪期间,53岁的中国基地站长徐宁喝着茶说“我们检测天气,还做其他的研究。”假期间,他管理的巨大的基地就像是将被大雪封锁的大学校园。整个冬季,只有13个人住在这个足以容纳十倍以上人员的地方。中国的微生物学家余勇炫耀这宽敞的建筑,空空的办公桌,有插图的时间表详述了自20世纪80年代以来中国的南极洲运作的迅速发展。他说“我们整装待发。”
- L) 随着各国扩展其南极洲的行动,美国在这里保持三个站的全年运作,南半球夏季期间,驻扎在此的人数超过了1000人,其中包括驻扎在阿蒙森·斯科特站的人员,该站于1956年建在海拔9,301英尺的南极高原上。(45)但美国研究员私下里抱怨预算限制,破冰船少于俄罗斯限制了美国在南极洲的扩展进程。
- M) 学者警告说,在该大洲协议重新商议之前,南极洲的政治摇摆就模糊了军事与民事活动的界限,特别是在拦截卫星信号或是重新布置卫星系统的理想地点,这些活动可能会提高全球电子情报活动的能力。
- N) 一些国家在这经历着困难,1984年,巴西开放一研究站,但在2012年,大部分被大火毁坏,两名海员丧生火海,同年,一艘巴西的装满柴油的驳船在基地附近沉海。这好像还不够,一架巴西C-130大力神军用运输飞机自从2014年紧急降落后,仍搁浅在智利航空基地的跑道附近。
- O) 然而,巴西的霉运为中国创造了机会,2015年一家中国公司获得了1亿美元的重新建造巴西站的合同。
- P) 在所有这些变化中,南极洲保持着其诱惑力。2014年,韩国开放了其第二南极科研基地,说是检验韩国研究员研发的用于极端环境的机器人。在俄罗斯的帮助下,白俄罗斯正准备建造其第一座南极科研基地。今年,哥伦比亚说计划加入在南极洲建基地的南美国家的行列中。
- Q) (44)伦敦大学专门研究南极洲的政治学者克劳斯·多兹说,“南极洲被欧洲、澳大利亚、北美白人的利益及愿望统治的日子结束了。现实是,南极洲是地缘政治的竞争目标。”

36. J) 由题干关键词 Chinese officials 定位至 J) 段,该段最后一句提到,中国官员表示,在南极洲的拓展以科学研究为重点。题干中的 lay greater emphasis on 对应原文中的 prioritises,故答案为 J)。
37. C) 由题干关键词 one of the world's largest ocean sanctuaries 和 Russia's 定位至 C) 段,该段最后一句提到,俄罗斯最近也倾尽全力阻止在此建立世界上最大的海洋保护区之一。题干中的 obstruction 对应原文中的 frustrated,故答案为 C)。
38. E) 由题干关键词 monitoring stations 和 Russia 定位至 E) 段,该段指出,在苏联时代的据点之上,俄罗斯正在扩展它的格洛纳斯监测站,也就是俄罗斯版本的全球定位系统。目前在南极洲至少已经有三个运营的站点,这也是俄罗斯为挑战美国 GPS 全球定位系统的统治地位而做出的努力。题干中的 counter America's domi-

- nance 对应原文中的 challenge the dominance of the American GPS,故答案为 E)。
39. G) 由题干关键词 geologists, Antarctica 和 oil and natural gas 定位至 G)段,该段最后一句提到,尽管评估各不相同,但是据地质学家预计,南极洲至少蕴藏了 360 亿桶石油和天然气。题干中的 enormous reserves 对应原文中的 at least 36 billion barrels,故答案为 G)。
40. D) 由题干关键词 Antarctica 和 fresh water 定位至 D)段,该段第一句提到,据估测,南极冰山蕴藏着地球上最大的淡水资源。题干中的 on earth 对应原文中的 on the planet,故答案为 D)。
41. I) 由题干关键词 Antarctica's treaties 定位至 I)段,该段第二句提到,学者们宣称,在这样一个急需能源的世界,对于资源的需求可能会促使各国重新协商南极条约,使之在禁令到期之前就允许更多商业上的诉求。题干中的 compel 对应原文中的 raise pressure to,故答案为 I)。
42. B) 由题干关键词 strategic 定位至 B)段,该段最后一句提到,但是很多国家急于在此扩张影响力,不仅着眼于保护条约期限内的利益,更是觊觎已经存在的战略和商业机会。题干中的 racing 对应原文中的 rushing; business 对应原文中的 commercial,故答案为 B)。
43. H) 由题干关键词 huge obstacles 定位至 H)段,该段第一句提到,除了南极条约,开发这些资源也面临着一些其他的巨大阻碍,比如可能会危及近海平台的漂移冰山。题干中的 harsh natural conditions 指的是定位段中提到的 drifting Icebergs that could jeopardise offshore platforms 及之后提到的暴风、温度等问题;题干中的 exploitation of its resources 对应原文中的 tapping these resources,故答案为 H)。
44. Q) 由题干关键词 dominated 定位至 Q)段,该段第一句提到,伦敦大学专门研究南极洲的政治学者克罗斯·多兹说,“南极洲被欧洲、澳大利亚、北美白人的利益及愿望统治的日子结束了。题干中的 is no longer dominated 对应原文中的 are over,故答案为 Q)。
45. L) 由题干关键词 complain about 定位至 L)段,该段最后一句提到,美国研究人员悄悄抱怨称,他们的预算相当紧张,而且破冰设备数量也远不及俄罗斯,这些因素限制了美在南极洲的开拓进程。题干中的 lack of sufficient money 对应原文中的 budget restraints; equipment 对应原文中的 fewer icebreakers,故答案为 L)。

Section C

Passage One

(46)任何老烟民将证明精美的包装对于决定是否继续吸烟不会造成影响。所以,去掉烟盒上的品牌不会导致大规模戒烟运动。

(47)但这不是政府——在癌症慈善机构、卫生工作者以及劳工党的压力下——同意通过法律规定标准包装的原因。该理论认为削弱吸烟的吸引力,从而劝阻下一代开始抽烟。简单包装是另一个方法,将香烟从诱人的消费品重新归类到麻醉剂。

自然地,烟草行业会强烈反对。没行业会承认其销售会使人上瘾的毒品作为生活方式的选择。这是政府过去干涉、禁止广告、强制烟草健康警语以及惩罚性关税的原因。经过一段时间,这种措施导致吸烟人数减少,自 20 世纪 70 年代以来吸烟人数几乎下降了一半。(48)澳大利亚的证据表明简单包装使吸烟人数进一步下降。因为在英国,烟草是导致非自然死亡最大的原因之一,能改变吸烟习惯的措施,哪怕一点点,也值得一试。

采用简单包装为何等了这么长的时间?(49)2010 年 11 月,卫生部宣布其采取该措施目的,2012 年全年都在商议。但该计划于 2013 年 7 月被暂停。人们注意到由戴维·卡梅伦的竞选主任林顿·克罗斯比创立了游说公司,之前代理菲利普·莫里斯国际。(总理否认他的新顾问的外部利益与立法程序的变化之间存在着联系。)2013 年 11 月,一轮不必要的额外磋商后,卫生部长简·埃里森政府打算继续进行立法。现在我们被告知,会议员在 3 月议会解散之前可自由投票。

实际上,议会已授权政府控制烟草贸易。去年 2 月,议会议员多数票支持对儿童和家庭法案的工党的修正案,包括调整为简单包装的权力。若政府有足够的意志,这早已经通过啦。卡梅伦先生与公共健康都欠缺意志力。(50)他对于政府干涉的态度看起来很困惑,从 2006 年的叹惜,巧克力橙子极具诱惑地放在超市的收银台上加剧了肥胖。

政府不情愿地参与一项明智的公共健康政策,但由于过于谨慎以至于应得的政治信用落入反对党囊中。没有外部持续的压力,似乎确定的是卡梅伦先生仍沉迷于大型烟草公司的利益中。

46. D) 由题干中的 chain smokers 和 cigarette packaging 定位到文章第一段第一句。chain smokers 和定位句中的 veteran nicotine addict 意思接近,都是指老烟民,定位句指出“任何老烟民都会证明精美的包装对于决定

是否继续吸烟不会造成影响”，由此可见，香烟的包装对于老烟民们决定是否戒烟的影响很小，故答案为 D)。

47. A) 由题干中的 the UK government 和 tobacco packaging 定位到文章第二段第一句。定位句指出“但这并不是政府——在癌症慈善机构、卫生工作者和工党的压力之下——同意对标准化包装进行立法的原因。”由此可知，政府已同意通过立法将香烟包装标准化，故答案为 A)。
48. B) 由题干中的 Australia 和 plain packaging 定位到文章第三段第五句。定位句的前一句指出，禁止香烟广告、发出健康警告、税收等措施已使英国的吸烟人数自 20 世纪 70 年代以来大约减少了一半，定位句中的 a-long that road 是指吸烟人数下降，further 一词表明平装让澳大利亚的吸烟人数下降得比英国还要多，故答案为 B)。
49. A) 由题干中的 Why has it taken so long 定位到文章第四段第二至四句。第四段第二句提到卫生部于 2010 年 11 月宣布要考虑平装并在整个 2012 年期间一直协商，这表明英国政府花费了漫长的时间考虑平装。紧接着在第三句和第四句指出了原因，采用平装的计划于 2013 年 7 月被搁置，并且戴维·卡梅伦的竞选主管林顿·克罗斯比创立的一家游说公司以前曾代理过菲利普·莫里斯国际公司，由此可知卡梅伦首相对于采用平装并不情愿，故答案为 A)。
50. C) 由题干中的 chocolate oranges at supermarket checkouts 定位到文章第五段最后一句。定位句指出，卡梅伦先在 2006 年非常怪地叹息道，摆放在超市收银台上极具诱惑性地橙子巧克力加剧了肥胖，由此可知，卡梅伦认为超市收银台的橙子巧克力让更多的英人变胖，故答案为 C)。

Passage Two

真是浪费钱！作为平均 44,000 英镑债务的回报，英国大学生每星期只获得 14 小时的上课和辅导时间。在过去的 10 年，年费从 1000 英镑上涨到了 9000 英镑，但大学里师生接触时间几乎没有变动。(52) 甚至大学毕业不保证找到一份体面的工作，现今 10 个毕业生有 6 个从事不需要大学文凭的工作。

难怪公然抨击很多大学是精心制作的骗术成了时尚。学生可抱怨的很多：五年后开始偿还贷款，这意味着收入低的毕业生必须开始换学贷；生活补助金已被贷款取代，这意味着来自贫困家庭的学生面临比来自富裕家庭的学生更高的债务。

(51)然而，上大学仍是值得的。如果上大学没任何作用的话，学生们就只会偿还一点学费，或者不还。当你一年能挣 21,000 英镑时，才需要开始还贷款。几乎一半毕业生——那些挣得很少的——将他们的部分债务注销。(53) 不只是讲座与辅导课重要。教育是学生在讲座与研讨会期间互相学习的知识总和。学生不只是在学校受益，他们要比没有大学毕业的人要健康、幸福，也更乐于投票。

无论你的天赋是什么，若没有上过大学，在很多领域获得一份好工作是极其困难的。招聘人员像兀鹰一样盘旋在名牌大学上空。很多尖端公司甚至不会看那些没有获得 2.1 例如，(名牌大学的二级甲等学位)的应聘者的申请。(54) 学生在大学里还会遇到那些以后从事一流工作的人，为生活建立有用的社会关系。这可能不正确，但未能认识到这一点的中学毕业生们就会对上大学一事冒险做出错误的决定。

显然，很多大学教授学生很少的东西的原因是他们知道即使没学到任何东西，在上名牌大学仍是绝佳的投资。(55) 如果雇主把他们的目光从某人上的哪所大学转移开(没有随时要发生的迹象)，上大学将变得不具有吸引力。中途辍学者可能会悲叹，他们除了接受大学以及随之而来的学生债务，别无选择。

51. A) 由题干中的 the author's opinion 和 going to university 定位到文章第三段第一句。定位句指出“然而上大学仍是值得的”，接下来该段分别从还贷、教育和受益三个方面解释为什么上大学是值得的。由此可见，作者对上大学还是持一种赞成的态度，认为这么做是值得的，故答案为 A)。
52. D) 由题干中的 the employment situation 和 British university graduates 定位到文章第一段最后一句。首段第一句表明文章讨论的是英国大学生，然后定位句指出“如今有十分之六的毕业生从事的都是不需要大学文凭的工作”，D) 中的 jobs which don't require a college degree 与原文中的 non-graduate jobs 表述意思一致，故为正确答案。
53. C) 由题干中的 important 和 besides classroom instruction 定位到文章第三段第四至五句。定位句指出，不仅仅是授课和辅导很重要，教育是学生们在讲座和研讨班之间互相学习的知识总和，也就是说大学生们在课堂之外的互动也很重要，故答案为 C)。
54. B) 由题干中的 advantage 和 going to university 定位到文章第四段第四句。定位句指出，学生在大学里还会遇见那些以后可能会从事一流工作的人，为生活建立有用的社会关系。由此可知，上大学的好处之一就是可以遇见那些未来对你有帮助的人，故答案为 B)。

55. D) 由题干中的 the last paragraph 定位到文章最后一段。最后一段第二句指出,只有当雇主们不再关注人们就读哪所大学时,在大学学习的吸引力才会变小——没有任何迹象表明这在近期内会很快发生。由此可知,短时间内雇主们在招聘时仍会看重大学的声望,故答案为 D)。

Part IV Translation

【参考译文】

As China's economy booms, there is a dramatic increase in the number of people learning Chinese, which makes it become one of the most popular languages. In recent years, international ranks of Chinese universities have apparently raised. Owing to the significant progress made in Chinese education, it is not odd that China has become one of the most favorite destinations for oversea students studying abroad. In 2015, around 400,000 international students swarmed into China to study. Not limited to Chinese language and culture, the subjects they choose to learn also include science and engineering. Although the global education market is still dominated by US and UK, China is striving to catch up.