2017一模语法题专项

**1.**

**My Life on an Island**

We live on the island of Hale. It’s about four kilometers long and two kilometers wide at its broadest point, and it’s joined to the mainland by a causeway (21)\_\_\_\_\_\_ (call) Stand—a narrow road built across the mouth of the river (22)\_\_\_\_\_\_ separates us from the rest of the country. Most of the time you wouldn’t know we’re on an island because the river mouth between us and the mainland is just a vast stretch of tall grasses and brown mud. But when there’s a high tide and the water rises a half meter or so above the road and nothing can pass (23)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the tide goes out again a few hours later, then you know it’s an island.

We were on our way back (24)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mainland. My old brother, Dominic, had just finished his first year at university in a town 150 km away. Dominic’s train was due in at five and he’d asked for a lift back from the station. Now, Dad normally hates being disturbed when he (25)\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) (which is just about all the time), and he also hates having to go anywhere, but despite the typical sighs and moans –why can’t he get a taxi? What’s wrong with the bus?—I could tell by the flash in the eyes that he was really looking forward to (26)\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) Dominic.

So, anyway, Dad and I had driven to the mainland and picked up Dominic from the station. He had been talking non-stop from the moment he’d got in the car. University this, university that, writers, books, parties, people, money…I didn’t like the way he spoke and waved his hands around (27)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ he was some kind of scholar or something. It was embarrassing. It made me feel uncomfortable—that kind of discomfort you feel when someone you like, someone close to you, suddenly starts acting like a complete idiot. And I didn’t like the way he was ignoring me, either. For all the attention I was getting I (28)\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well not have been there. I felt a stranger in my own car.

We were about halfway across when I saw a boy. My first thought was how odd it was (29)\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) someone walking on the Stand. You don’t often see people walking around here. As we drew (30)\_\_\_\_\_\_(close), he became clearer. He was actually a young man rather than a boy. It’s hard to explain…

2.

**Suspended Coffee**

How about buying a cup of coffee for someone you’ll never meet?

The idea, begun in Naples, Italy, and called “Suspended Coffee” — i.e., a customer pays for a coffee and “banks” it for someone (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (fortunate) — has become an international internet *sensation* (轰动) with coffee shops in Europe and North America (22)\_\_\_\_\_ (participate) in the movement. The Facebook page alone has more than 28,000 “likes”.

The tradition of “suspended coffee” is a long-standing tradition in Italy (23)\_\_\_\_\_ increased in popularity after the Second World War. Recently the practice was starting to take hold in other European countries (24)\_\_\_\_\_ (hit) hard economically.

[Homegrown Hamilton](http://www.homegrownhamilton.com/coffee), a coffee chain of Canada, has decided to join the effort. “It’s a fantastic initiative (25)\_\_\_\_\_ we decided to help out. We had been doing it pretty much anyway, just not under a banner. During the winter, we were giving away coffee or soup to the homeless,” said manager Mike Pattison, “Staff members are always close to the coffeehouse’s front door, and (26)\_\_\_\_\_ they see someone walking by who looks like they want a coffee but can’t afford it, they approach that person. If the offer (27)\_\_\_\_\_ (accept), they provide the coffee.”

However, not everyone supports the idea.

In a posting on the website, [Consumerist](http://consumerist.com/2013/03/29/why-ordering-suspended-coffees-for-the-needy-is-stupid-and-inefficient/#wrap), columnist Laura Northrup raises (28)\_\_\_\_\_ number of objections, including that coffee isn’t nutritious food for people who are hungry and (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the action could result in “greedy people” taking advantage of others’ kindness. He says people (30)\_\_\_\_\_ consider other ways to help.

3.

**Prepare to Succeed**

People are always thinking about success. It is usually in their brains as they go about their daily routines, (21)\_\_\_\_\_\_(look) for something better. This thought isn’t one (22)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brings you closer, however, because thinking, dreaming or wishing just doesn’t get it done.  
 One of the most important parts of personal or professional success is preparation. You may ask, “Why is preparation necessary?”  
 The easiest answer to this question is to say that (23)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you are not ready to move forward, then you may just as well keep doing what you have always done.

Success doesn’t come easy. There are no shortcuts. Success requires you to be prepared to sacrifice leisure time, or time spent watching television or going out with your friends, at every opportunity. Success means you are prepared to do (24)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it takes to constantly move the yardsticks forward day after day.  
 Here is just one quote, from Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president of the United States, that expresses what preparation is (25)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “Our real problem is not our strength today. It is rather the vital necessity of action today to ensure our strength tomorrow.” This quote can (26)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (interpret) to mean that you may have strength or confidence to start on your way right now to move toward your final goal. However, it is also critical that committed action each day (27)\_\_\_\_\_\_（build）to help you keep going when obstacles arise or when you just don’t feel like you have the interest or energy to stay (28)\_\_\_\_\_\_ (focus).

Preparation also means that you have a plan or a goal that shows you what steps or actions to take, when to take (29)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and what to do if issues, obstacles or other life issues get in the way.  
 (30)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bottom line is actually quite clear: You are either willing, able and committed to achieve what you want, or you are simply dreaming or wishing that success finds you.

4.

**Wedding in the United States**

Weddings in the United States vary as much as the people do. There are church weddings with a great deal of fanfare; there are weddings on mountain tops with guests (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (seat) on the rocks and even barefooted; and there have been weddings on the ocean floor with oxygen tanks for the guests. But many weddings, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ or how they are performed，include certain traditional customs.

Before a couple is married, they become engaged. And then invitations are sent to those who live nearby, their close friends and their relatives who live far away. When everything is ready, then comes (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (exciting) moment of all.

The wedding itself usually lasts between 20 and 40 minutes. The wedding party is walking through the aisle of the church as the Wedding March (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (play). The bride carrying a *bouquet* (花束) enters last with her father who will “give her away”. The groom enters the church from a side door. When the wedding party is gathered by the *altar* (圣坛), the bride and groom exchange vows. (25) \_\_\_\_\_ is traditional to use the words “To have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part”. (26) \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) the vows, the couple exchange rings. Wearing the wedding ring on the fourth finger of the left hand is an old custom.

(27) \_\_\_\_\_ the ceremony there is often a party called a “reception”, which gives the wedding guests an opportunity to congratulate the newlywed.

The car in (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the couple leaves the church is decorated with balloons, streamer and shaving cream. The words “Just Married” are painted on the trunk or back window to tell people (29) \_\_\_\_\_ they are married. Now comes the last step of the wedding ceremony. As a tradition, the bride and the groom (30) \_\_\_\_\_ run to the car under a shower of rice thrown by the wedding guests. When the couple drives away from the church, friends often chase them in cars, *honking* (鸣喇叭) and drawing attention to them. And then the couple go on their honeymoon.

5.

**Infant Day Care, Good or Bad?**

The British psychoanalyst John Bowlby maintains that separation from the parents during the sensitive “attachment” period from birth to three may influence a child’s personality and lead to emotional problems in later life. Some people have drawn the conclusion from Bowlby’s work (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children should not be sent to day care before the age of three because of the parental separation (22) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ involves, and many people do believe this. But there are also arguments (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such a strong conclusion.

Firstly, experts point out that the isolated love affair between children and parents (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) in modern societies does not usually exist in traditional societies. For example, in some tribal societies, such as the Ngoni, the father and mother of a child did not raise their infant alone – far from it. Secondly, common sense tells us that day care would not be so widespread today (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parents and care-takers found children had problems with it. Statistical studies of this kind have not yet been carried out, and they have regularly reported that day care had a slightly positive effect on children’s development. But tests (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been used to measure this development are not widely enough accepted to settle the issue.

But Bowlby’s analysis raises the possibility that early day care has delayed effects. The possibility that such care might lead to, say, more mental illness or crime 15 or 20 years later can only be explored by the use of statistics. Whatever the long-term effects, parents sometimes find the immediate effects difficult (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (deal) with. Children under three are likely to protest at (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) their parents and show unhappiness. At the age of three or three and a half almost all children find the change to nursery easy, and this is undoubtedly (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more and more parents make use of child care at this time. The matter, then, is far from clear-cut, though experience and available evidence (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (indicate) early care is reasonable for infants.

6.

Rail-life adventures of two generations

When I was 17, I decided to go InterRailing with my friend Bella for a week in summer. Both of us had chosen to study German at university and we decided that train travel in Germany would be the ideal way (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (practice) the language.

(22) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ I told my mum, she began to give me tips (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (base) on her own InterRail experience in the 1970s.

I would, she insisted, need (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_ extra-thick sleeping bag “for when you sleep outside”.

I would need to pack oatmeal, raisins and nuts and dried soup. She even suggested a camping stove.

As she told tales of sleeping on train floors, on platforms, and even once in a barn, I began to get a little worried. (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had I let myself in for?

In fact, my InterRail experience was quite different. Bella and I googled youth hostels. They were pretty basic—six people to a room, stale cereal for breakfast, no curtains—but fine. We never slept on a train once.

My InterRail trip was certainly not as economical as my mother’s. My ticket (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (cost) £187(1,954 yuan), and I spent £30 a day on cheap food and extra ticket supplements.

But I met some (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (amaze) people on the trains, and practiced my German with everyone (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_ businessmen to artists.

In my mother’s eyes I (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_ not have had a “real” InterRail experience—but I still had an adventure. I learned about other countries, other people and about myself.

Bella and I argued over lost luggage, complained about each other --- and ended up even (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (good) friends than we had before.

7.

**iPhone 7 being investigated after surfer claims it set his car on fire**

Apple is investigating a report from an Australian man who claimed his iPhone 7 caught fire and destroyed his car, the company said on Friday.

Surfer Mat Jones told *Channel 7 News* that he (21)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( go ) into water off a New South Wales beach and left his new iPhone 7, bought last week, (22) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( wrap) in a pair of trousers in his car on the beach.

He said that (23)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he returned from the water he saw smoke rising from the car. “As I looked into my car，I could not see inside the car, like all the windows were just black.”

A video *footage*(影像) taken from another phone showed the front seats, dashboard and stick melted and charred, and Jones said that he felt “pretty much like a big heat wave just came out of the car”.

Eventually the surfer was able to remove (24)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was left of his clothes. “Ash was just coming from inside the pants. Once the pants were unwrapped, the phone was just melting inside.”

Jones said that he had not dropped the phone or physically damaged it, (25)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happened to a Sydney man who fell off his bike and suffered burns from an iPhone. He also said that he had not used (26)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ non-Apple charging device.

A spokeswoman for Apple said the company was investigating the complaint. “We’re in touch with the customer and we’re looking into it,” she said.

*Lithium-ion* (锂离子) batteries (27)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ burst into flames because of physical damage or overheating. Apple’s(28) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( big )smartphone competitor, Samsung, has begun an international recall of 2.5m Galaxy Note 7 devices after more than 100 devices started smoking, sparking or caught fire—in some cases (29)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( cause ) fire damage and injury.

Several other companies, including Hewlett Packard, Tesla and the makers of so-called “hoverboards”, have also experienced problems (30)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their lithium-ion batteries, though the vast majority work without problems.

8.

I can still remember the afternoon when we climbed the mountain as if it were yesterday.

It was a sunny day. Eager to spend some time outside, I went up the mountain with my uncle. The mountain was hard (21) \_\_\_\_\_(climb) and had tough rocks and streams on it. In the end, (22) \_\_\_\_\_(exhaust) and hot, I couldn’t go any further. So we went back down the mountain in the end.

On the way back down, my uncle asked me a question, (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_ left me speechless for a second: “What’s your dream, young lady?”

“I have no idea,” I answered (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_ thinking it for a while. Then he smiled and told me about his story. He didn’t perform well at school when he was a student. Although nobody thought he could succeed, he knew clearly (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_ his dream was－to be a businessman. “I knew I wasn’t gifted when it came to studying, so I tried to buy snacks from a market and sell them after class,” he told me. After he left school, he started selling different items to find out which one was most attractive to customers. Of course, he often had no money in his pocket, but (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_ tough life was, he never gave up.

“There is no doubt that a person who puts in a great deal of effort to reach his or her goal will have good luck at some point. The meaning of life is to chase your dream,” he said gently.

That night I (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_ hardly fall asleep. I lay in bed tossing and turning, asking myself, “What’s my motivation?”

I once wanted to be a top student, but the hard work needed meant (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_(put) everything into following my passion. If I find myself lacking willpower, what should I do? Leaving home early the next morning, I climbed the mountain again by (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_. It made me think: If we don’t experience the climb, how can we get to see the scenery on the top of the mountain? In the end, I reached the top and (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_(fascinate) by the warm breeze and sunshine. Nothing could be more pleasant than that.

9.

One day a professor entered the classroom and told the students about a surprise test. After hearing that, all students \_\_21\_\_ (seat) and waited for the test to begin. The professor gave the test papers to all students with the text \_\_22\_\_ (face) down at the desk. Once he handed out the test papers to all students, he asked them to turn the test pages and begin.

Students’ were confused to see there was not a question \_\_23\_\_ just a black dot in the center of the page. The professor noticed the students’ face expression and told them, “I want you to write about what you see there.”

The students were even \_\_24\_\_ (confused) but started the test by then. At the end of the class, the professor took all answer sheets and started reading each answer in front of all students. All of them described about the black dot, ­­\_\_25\_\_ position they tried to explain. After the professor finished reading, the whole class was silent.

The professor explained, “Don’t worry. I am not going to give you grades but I just want you to think about ­­something. Here \_\_26\_\_ focused on the black dot but no one wrote about the white paper, and the same is with our lives. The white paper represents our whole life and the black spot represents problems in our life. \_\_27\_\_ our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, we have every reason to celebrate. Still we just focus on problems like health issues, problems in relationships etc., but we never see these problems are very small compared with \_\_28\_\_ we have in our lives.”

So there is the moral lesson: we \_\_29\_\_ try to take eyes off our problems and enjoy each moment that life \_\_30\_\_ (give) us. Be happy and live the life positively.

10.

Maddie and her mother, Stephanie, thought the screams for help were just Boy Scouts (童子军) messing around. But then they saw the scene: the boy scouts surrounding a hiker who (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(take) a scary six-meter drop in an area near the Hoover Dam, a fall that left his right arm with a bone (22) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(stick) out. The mother and the daughter (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (suppose) to be having a fun-filled weekend to celebrate Maddie’s 17th birthday. But the trip turned into an emergency life-saving adventure. Maddie and her mother were nearly a kilometer into their 18-kilometer river trip in Black Canyon when they pulled onto some sand. The boy scouts, (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had called 911, had tied a loose bandage around the hiker’s broken arm to stop the bleeding.

Maddie knew another bandage was needed and thought of her lifeguard training. She asked (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anyone had a pen or a stick, and someone picked up a branch. She turned the bandage, careful not to hit the bone (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it stopped most of the bleeding.

The girl grew up doing junior guards and had recently taken a first-aid class as part of her training (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (become) a lifeguard with California State Parks at Crystal Cove. “I’m happy these trainings are so useful” she said. “(28) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_them, this guy probably would have died. This is something I will never forget. I’ve been considering my college and future career choices and now really feels like that the emergency medical field is (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would enjoy.”

It’s not the first time Maddie has quickly jumped into action when (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (need). In 2015 when she was just 15 during the Surf City Marathon, she was near a man who dropped at mile 26. She pulled him out of the road and treated him for shock until *paramedics* (医务人员) arrived.

11.

**Please mind the silence**

Despite being used by 1.34 billion people each year, traveling on the Tube in London can actually be quite lonely. An unwritten rule encouraging silence, mixed with classic British reserve, means that (21) you’re packed into an enclosed space with hundreds of other people, the morning *commute*(上下班) can leave you feeling somewhat isolated.

One London resident, however, is trying to change this.

“You get on the Tube here and it’s completely silent and it’s weird,” says Jonathan Dunne, 42, an American living in London, who has, ironically, started (22) worldwide dialogue after giving out *badges*（徽章） with the slogan “Tube chat?” last month, encouraging commuters in London to get talking to one another. “I handed out 500 badges during rush hour in a city of 8 million, expecting many refusals and most of them (23) （throw）away, but after about 24 hours it completely snowballed,” he says.

Dunne and his “Tube chat” campaign (24) （feature） in media across the world ever since, seeing TV interviews in Sweden, Brazil and the UK, as well as countless website, newspaper and magazine appearances.

Although Dunne says he’s received mostly positive feedback, not everyone agrees with his sentiment. Londoner Brian Wilson responded with a campaign of (25) own, handing out 500 badges with the words “Don’t even think about it” on them.

“I (26) hardly stand the idea of having to talk to strangers on the Tube on my way to work,” he told the BBC. Michael Robinson, 24, a student from London, agrees. “Being on the Tube is the only peace and quiet some people get on their journeys to and (27) work. It doesn’t need to be spoiled by people coming up and chatting to you,” he says. While London has its seemingly antisocial set of regulations to follow, not everywhere lacks a sense of community.

Does Dunne hope that some of this community spirit (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mirror) in the UK following his campaign? “People assume that I just walk up and talk to strangers, (29) I don’t, but it’s been a great way to meet people you would never have normally spoken to,” he says. “On Monday, Oct 10, the *curator*（馆长）of the London Transport Museum had me over for tea.”

So if you ever end up (30) (use) public transport in the West, why not say hello to the person next to you? Just make sure to check for a badge first.

12.

In two days, it will be Christmas. Children all over the world (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward to this day for weeks. People celebrate Christmas with food, decorations, music and more. But for many people, gift-giving is the most exciting part of the holiday.

I have fond memories of Christmas shopping with my family as a child. I enjoyed the challenge of keeping my parents’ gifts a secret. It was hard to buy gifts right (22) \_\_\_\_\_\_ their noses without them seeing. Everyone placed (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (wrap) gifts under the Christmas tree until Christmas morning, (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_ we opened them.

Picking a great gift requires (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) the person you’re giving it to. You need to know the person’s tastes and find something the person doesn’t already have. This can be quite a big challenge. Often it’s wise to provide a receipt (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ the person needs to exchange the gift.

The best gifts are personal. Many Americans don’t feel money constitutes a good gift (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_ it doesn’t require any thought. They prefer something chosen just for the person. If the gift is a high-quality homemade gift, that’s even better.

Gift-giving reflects the reason (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_ people celebrate Christmas. Christians in particular remember the birth of Jesus. When He was born, wise men traveled many miles to visit Him, (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (bring) expensive gifts. But the greatest gift wasn’t from the wise men, but from God – the baby Jesus. God gave this gift because everyone needed it. We needed God to forgive our bad actions so that we (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_ live forever with Him. So on Christmas we give presents to imitate God’s action of giving the perfect gift.

13.

**Is sport always fun?**

One afternoon in the last week of term, I saw three children from my son’s school in tears being comforted by teachers. That morning, my 11-year-old had stomach pains and (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (throw) up several times when I noticed his sickness. Talking to other mothers, I heard about other children with stomachache or difficulty sleeping the night before.

What caused so much suffering? Sports day — not sports day at a highly competitive independent school, but at a large village primary. (22) \_\_\_\_\_\_ it causes no problem to the children who can fly (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the wind, for those who are poorly *coordinated* (动作协调), overweight or just not good at sport, it is terrible. Even for those who enjoy (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (run) but who fall halfway down the track in front of the entire school and their parents, it can prove a disaster.

As for the reason (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_ we put our children through this annual suffering, some may say that competition is character-building or it is a tradition of school life; some may assume (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_ really matters is taking part not winning. I just felt great pity for those children in tears or in pain.

Team games at the end of the ‘sports’ were fun (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) because they produced some close races, enormous enthusiasm and lots of shouting. More importantly, (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (hide) a little from everyone’s gaze, the children who were not so fast or so quick at passing the ball also had the excitement of being on the winning side.

I wish that sports day could (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (abandon) and replaced with some other summer event. Perhaps an afternoon of team games, with a few races for those who want them, would be (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (stressful) for the children and a lot more fun for the spectators.