**语法填空专项练习1**

**（A）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…

**（B）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.

**（C）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.