2023年12月第一套

**Section A**

***Directions:*** *In this section,you will hear three news reports.At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions.Both the news report and the questions will bespoken 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 I*** *with a single line through the centre.*

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard**.

1.A)He noticed the driver was too young to drive.

B)He found there was no one sitting at the wheel.

C)He thought something must be wrong with the driver.

D)He saw the driver changing lanes much too frequently.

答案：C

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| 2.A)Buy a sports car. | C)Leave California. |
| B)Drive across town. | D)Visit his sister. |

答案：A

原文：A police officer in the U.S. stopped a large SUV car that was going very slowly and drifting across lanes on a highway. He expected to find a driver who was either very drunk or having a medical emergency.

Instead, the officer discovered a 5-year-old boy sat on the edge of the driver&#39;s seat. His feet could barely reach the brake, and his head was only just high enough to see out of the windows.

The child had taken the keys to the family car while his teenage sister was napping. He then drove three kilometers across town before getting on the highway.

The boy later told confused officers that he was planning to travel to California and buy a Lamborghini sports car. Although he only had 3 dollars in his wallet, at least he was driving in the right direction.

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

3.A)How they change the way we shop. C)How they cause increased headaches.

B)How they alter human skeletons. D)How they affect our communication.

答案：B

4.A)It loosens

B)It brightens.

C)It hardens.

D)It softens.

答案：C

原文：Mobile phones have changed the way we live—how we read, work, communicate, and shop. But we already know this.

What we have not yet understood is the way the tiny machines in front of us are changing our skeletons, possibly altering not just the way we behave but even the very shape of our bodies.

New scientific research at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia suggests that young people are developing extra pieces of bone at the backs of their heads. These pieces of bone are caused by the way people bend their heads when they use the phone. This shifts weight onto the muscles at the back of the head and causes the bone to grow in a way that is not normal.This process can be compared to the way the skin hardens in response to constant rubbing or pressure.

The result is a piece of bone like a horn that sticks out from the head by the neck.

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

5.A)Create Internet pages for him. C)Name an orange tree after him.

B)Ask a local pet shop to adopt him. D)Hold a birthday party for him.

答案：D

6.A)He is a bold and aggressive pet.

B)He pays regular visits to village shops.

C)He once bit a doctor's receptionist.

D)He likes to sit on the hairdresser'chair.

答案：B

7.A)He is fond of luxury cat food.

B)He likes to stay in villagers'houses.

C)He knows everybody in the village.

D)He often seeks food around her pub.

答案：A

原文：A village is going to throw a birthday party for an orange cat named Wilbur, who has become famous for making a regular appearance at local shops.

Wilbur has his own internet pages as he approaches his 10th birthday on July 7.

Wilbur is both bold and friendly. He spends most of his time in shops and businesses around the village.

He’ll just take himself into any shop, anywhere. There was one time when the doctor&#39;s receptionist came back and he was sitting on her chair.

Among his favorite haunts are a local hairdresser, two pubs, and the Nottingham Primary School.

Lesley Harper, who runs one of the pubs, said the cat has been a big hit with their customers.

“He’s been a regular visitor for most of this year”, she told the Press Association.

“He’s a very relaxed cat, happy for customers and villagers young and old to come in and say hello.”

**Section B**

**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*** *I with a single line through the centre.*

**Questions 8 to 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.**

8.A)Who to order the food. C)When to go for their meal.

B)Whether to have sandwiches. D)Where to have their lunch.

答案：D

9.A)In the shopping center nearby. C)At the Sandwich Place on Camden Street.

B)In the expensive Italian style diner. D)At the American restaurant they frequent

答案：C

10.A)There is to be a conference call.

B)She has to meet with her boss then.

C)There will be crowds of people waiting for her.

D)She will have a photo taken with Brigette Clark.

答案：A

11.A)She doesn't deem homemade soup tasty.

B)She doesn't think his wife cooks well.

C)She feels Jeremy would rather dine out.

D)She has found the soup smells terrible.

答案：B

原文：M: So, where do you want to go for lunch?

W: I don't know. Do you have anything in mind?

M:What about the sandwich place on Camden Street?

W: Um, no, sorry. I don&#39;t feel like sandwiches today. It's a great place, but I think we go there too often.

M: That's true. Remember, that's where we saw Brigette Clark, the famous movie star.

W: Of course. How could I ever forget? There were crowds of people around her, asking for a photo with her.

M: What about hamburgers, then? There's that American style diner on the way to the mall.

W: I like that place. Their chips are great, but their service takes a long time, and I need to get back by 2:30 for a conference call. How about trying something new? We could try Mario's, the new Italian restaurant on the corner. It looks alright. Have you been there?

M: No, I haven't, but I've noticed that it has great reviews on the internet. It's supposed to be one of the best Italians in town. I think Jeremy has been there and said it was amazing. I'm up for that.

W: Cool. Have you asked Jeremy if he would like to come with us?

M: I already have. He says he can't. He has brought his own lunch today, so he will stay in. I think his wife made him soup.

W: Poor Jeremy. His wife is a terrible cook. He should throw that soup in the bin and join us.

**Questions 12 to 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard**.

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| 12.A)A landlady | C)A receptionist. |
| B)A waitress. | D)A saleswoman. |
| 答案：C |  |

13.A)He was involved in a terrible car accident last April.

B)He has much difficulty getting up and down stairs.

C)He is expected to undergo a knee operation.

D)He prefers to stay next door to the children.

答案：B

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| 14.A)To please his parents-in-law. | C)To satisfy his curiosity. |
| B)To find the best trip for his kids. | D)To compare prices. |
| 答案：D  15.A)Visit a local art gallery. | C)Take some photos of the islands. |
| B)Go on a boat trip | D)Try her hand-made clothing. |

答案：B

原文：W: Hi there, how are you today? Do you have a reservation with us already?

M: Good afternoon. Yes, we reserved our rooms yesterday morning on your website for three nights. The name's Patterson.

W: Okay, let me have a look. Yes, we have it here. You brought the whole family with you, I see.

M: Yes, the two kids, my wife and I, and her parents too.

W: Great. So, we have a family room for you and your wife and the kids. And another double room for your parents-in-law. They are right next to each other on the ground floor, since you mentioned in your message that they have trouble with stairs.

M: That's wonderful. My father-in-law has had terrible problems getting up and down stairs since his knee operation last April.

W: I'm sorry to hear that. And if you need any help to find transportation for the whole family, we can definitely recommend someone for you.

M: We were thinking of renting a car, but we will explore all the options available for sure. So yes, that would be very helpful in comparing prices. We're also wondering what tours and day trips are available.

W: We have bunches of brochures here. I would recommend getting out on a boat trip. The kids will love it, and there are so many islands nearby to explore. There's also a great night market further into town that has all kinds of food and cool little shops selling souvenirs and local jewellery and clothing made by hand.

M: That all sounds marvelous.

W: Now, all I need is to photocopy your passports, and then I can get you all checked in and show you to your rooms.

**Section C**

***Directions:*** *In this section,you will hear three passages.At the end of each passage,you will hear three or four questions.Both the passage and the questions will bespoken only once Afier 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 I*** *with a single line through the centre.*

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

16.A)They are more intelligent than many of us.

B)They have already become our new friends.

C)They have begun to affect our social behavior.

D)They play increasingly more important roles.

答案：D

17.A)Whether it might have any effect on the way we negotiate.

B)Whether it might actually outperform human negotiators.

C)Whether it can facilitate business transactions.

D)Whether it can speed up legal procedures.

答案：A

18.A)Choose to be tough. C)Use deceptive strategies.

B)Sympathize with their opponent. D)Appear to be pleasant.

答案：C

原文：Artificial intelligence agents play ever more influential roles in our lives. They do everything from suggesting new friends to recommending purchases. They're even beginning to drive our cars. Another role that they are expected to take over is negotiating on our behalf in commercial transactions or legal disputes.

So, it's important to know whether using an artificial intelligence agent might affect how we negotiate. Research indicates that it does.

In a new study, participants were told to imagine that they were negotiating for something important to them, like a house. Next, they were told either that they would negotiate for themselves, or they would program an artificial intelligence agent to negotiate for them. Participants then completed a survey, indicating how tough, deceptive, and pleasant or otherwise they wanted to be or wanted their agent to be in the negotiations.

For example, participants could choose to be tough by making an opening demand far greater than what they'd be willing to accept. They could also choose to express sympathy with their opponent to appear pleasant. But they could also indicate that they—or their agent—would strategically express anger toward the opponent to gain advantage. Or they could opt to convey dissatisfaction with the encounter so that the other party would think they were losing interest. These are both examples of deceptive strategies.

Participants were more willing to employ deceptive strategies when assigned an agent to negotiate on their behalf.

**Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

19.A)They were perceived differently by some academics.

B)They still existed six months after the course ended.

C)They varied greatly among the course participants.

D)They were only measurable within seven weeks.

答案：B

20.A)They can be easily seen among participants in a healthy weight range.

B)They should be attributed to participants' change in diet behaviors.

C)They are linked to cooking confidence and cooking satisfaction.

D)They actually result from eating more fruits and vegetables.

答案：C

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| 21.A)Gender. | C)Health. |  |  |
| B)Confidence. | D)Practice. |  |  |
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答案：A

原文：New research has studied the effects of a seven-week healthy cooking course.

Academics measured the program’s effect on cooking confidence and self-perceived mental health. Researchers also measured participants’ overall satisfaction around cooking and diet-related behaviors.

What were the findings? Course participants saw significant improvements in general health. They also reported improved mental health and subjective vitality immediately after the program. These benefits remained six months after the completion of the course.

What caused these improvements? Researchers have previously found a link between eating more fruits and vegetables, and improved longer term mental health. This would imply that the participants in the current study may have felt better due to improved diet.

However, the study showed participants’ mental health improved even if their reported diet did not change after completing the program.

Also, the mental health benefits were equal among participants who were overweight or obese, and those in a healthy weight range.

This suggests a link between cooking confidence and satisfaction around cooking, and mental health benefits.

Who benefits most from learning to cook?Gender plays a part. At the start of the program, 77% of female participants were confident about cooking, but just 23% of males were confident. At the end of the program, cooking confidence and skills were equal across both counterparts.

This change in confidence could lead to a gender balance in home cooking. This, in turn, could reduce consumption of unhealthy, high calorie processed meals.

**Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

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| 22.A)It keeps others away. | C)It remains visible. |
| B)It causes discomfort. | D)It varies in size. |

答案：D

23.A)It makes us feel uncomfortable.

B)It renders the acquaintance a stranger.

C)It brings the acquaintance closer to us.

D)It causes the bubble around us to vanish

答案：A

24.A)In personal space. C)Within a distance of 18 inches.

B)In social space D)Over 2 feet away from one another.

答案：B

25.A)When we begin to feel fear.

B)When we develop a sense of space.

C)When we are 3 or 4 years old.

D)When we enter our teens.

答案：D

原文：What is personal space? We often think of it as an invisible bubble of space surrounding us that others can't enter, without causing discomfort.

Research shows, however, that we actually have bubbles of different sizes. Each of these bubbles applies to a different set of people.

The smallest zone, called “intimate space”, extends outward from our bodies 18 inches in every direction. Only family, pets and one's closest friends may enter it. A mere acquaintance entering our intimate space makes us uncomfortable.

Next is the bubble called “personal space”, extending from 1.5 feet to 4 feet away. Friends and acquaintances can comfortably occupy this zone, especially during informal conversations, but strangers are forbidden.

Extending from 4 to 12 feet away from us is social space. Here, people feel comfortable conducting routine social interactions with new acquaintances or total strangers.

Those are the average sizes of Americans’ personal bubbles, anyway. It is important to keep in mind that personal space varies depending on culture and context. Furthermore, there are significant individual differences.

As we all know, cultural or individual differences in personal bubble diameters are all too often the cause of discomfort.

How do these personal bubbles arise?

According to research, we begin to develop our individual sense of personal space around age 3 or 4. The sizes of our bubbles are fixed by our teens. These bubbles are constructed and monitored by the brain region involved in fear.