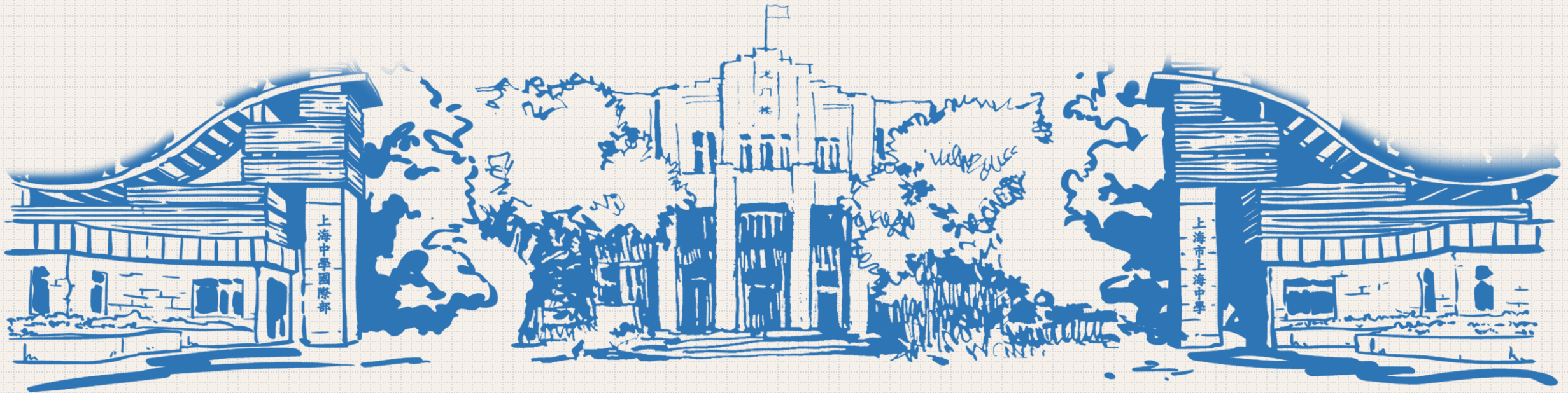




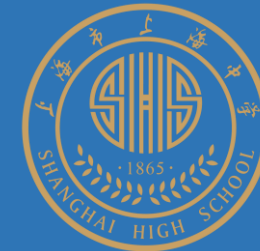
Nature by Ralph Waldo Emerson & Model Test (奉贤)



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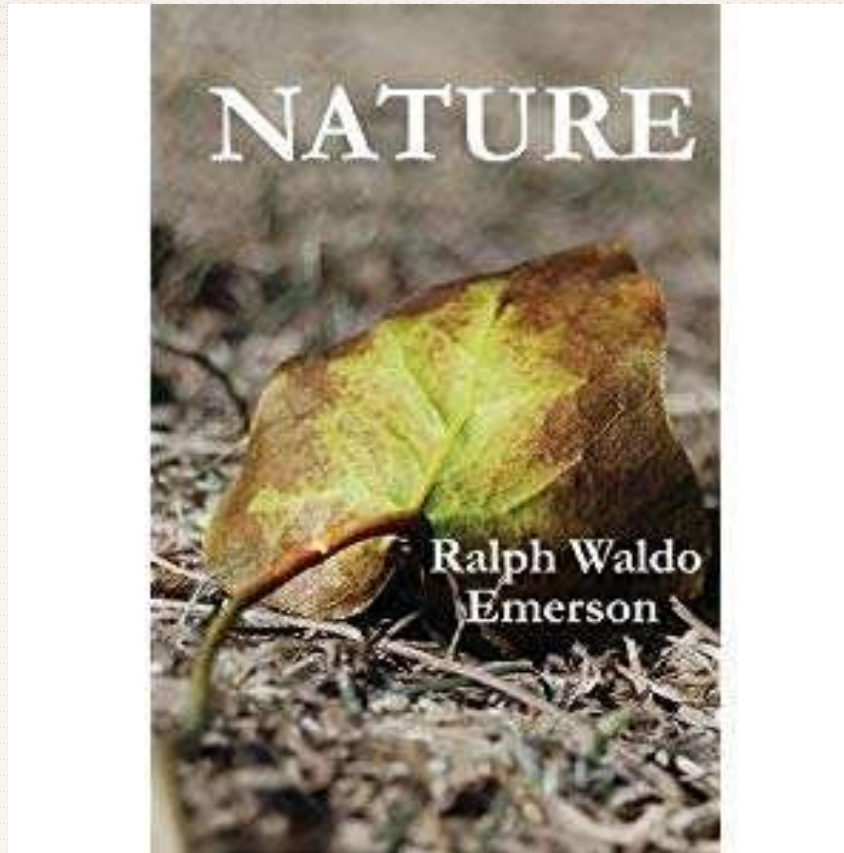
Part 1

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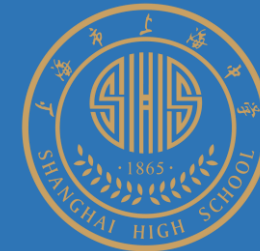


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Nature by Ralph Waldo Emerson



▷ In 1836, Emerson anonymously published *Nature*. It was made up of the preface and eight chapters.



Part 2

Excerpts from *Nature*





To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society. I am not solitary whilst I read and write, though nobody is with me.

solitude: the state of being alone

retire: to leave a place, especially to go somewhere quieter or more private.

chamber: a room used for the particular purpose



Nature never wears a mean appearance. ...Nature never became a toy to a wise spirit. The flowers, the animals, the mountains, reflected the wisdom of his best hour, as much as they had delighted the simplicity of his childhood. When we speak of nature in this manner, we have a distinct but most poetical sense in the mind. We mean the integrity of impression made by manifold natural objects. It is this which distinguishes the stick of timber of the wood-cutter, from the tree of the poet.

mean: poor and dirty in appearance

manifold: many; of many different types



To speak truly, few adult persons can see nature. Most persons do not see the sun. At least they have a very superficial seeing. The sun illuminates only the eye of the man, but shines into the eye and the heart of the child. The lover of nature is he whose inward and outward senses are still truly adjusted to each other; who has retained the spirit of infancy even into the era of manhood.



Part 3

Model Test (奉贤)





I. Listening Comprehension

Section A

1-5 ABDCA 6-10 BCBBA

Section B

11-13 DBB 14-16 CDB 17-20 DBBD

II. Grammar and Vocabulary

Section A

21. has taken	22. those	23. could	24. To convey	25. fated
26. Despite	27. who	28. because	29. what	30. that

Section B

31-40 BEAKJ GCHFI

III. Reading Comprehension

Section A

41-55 BACDB BCBDB CBADA

Section B

56-59 CADC 60-62 DAA 63-66 CDBA

Section C

67-70 CABE

Ancient Myth -- A Hit With Modern Audiences

hit: n. 风靡一时的事物 eg: a hit musical/show; be a hit with sb. 是某人的喜爱之物
v. 打, 击; 侵袭 eg: be hit by an earthquake; a flood-hit area

This summer's surprise hit at movie theaters across China was the re-telling of the ancient myth of Nezha. The animated film (21) has taken (take) in over four billion yuan at the box office and become one of the country's most successful films ever. It proved that China could produce animated films comparable to (22) those produced in Hollywood and Japan.

21. take in: 赚进 (钱)

be comparable to: (在大小、数量、质量等方面) 相当的, 可比的



Ancient Myth -- A Hit With Modern Audiences

Nezha was born a devil (恶魔), (25)_fated_ (fate) to cause mischief (恶作剧), but he decided to overcome his fate and to save the people of his hometown from being destroyed by Ao Bing, the third son of the Dragon King.

25. be fated/ destined to do 命中注定的

eg: I'm fated to spend my last years in an old folks' home.



Ancient Myth -- A Hit With Modern Audiences

(26)___**Despite**___ the ancient myth being very clear about the differences between the good and the bad guys, in Yang's film, all of the characters are treated with **empathy**, and even the "bad" people are also victims of their fate...

26. despite (prep.)
though/although (conj.)

empathy: 同情, 同感, 共鸣 have empathy with/for

sympathy 1. 同情 have/feel sympathy for;

2. (尤指政治方面的)支持 in sympathy with

3. 同感, 共鸣 eg: There was no personal sympathy between them.



Ancient Myth -- A Hit With Modern Audiences

If you have seen Nezha, you know (29)_____ **what** _____ a terrific, entertaining film it is. But an important lesson is also conveyed in the film (30)_____ **that** _____ we should not judge ourselves or others too harshly...

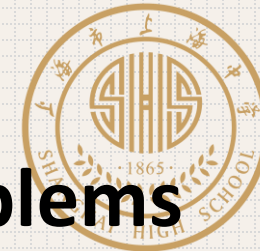
29. ...what a terrific, entertaining film it is.
...how terrific, entertaining the film is.

be labeled as 把...称为

be doomed to do/ to sth. 注定的

eg: Their plans seemed doomed to failure.





Flood-hit Venice's **shrinking** population faces **mounting** problems

A. increasing B. defend C. partially D. imposing E. sharpened F. breaks
G. endured H. granting I. issues J. activate K. roughly

...with ever-fewer Venetians living in the historic part of the city to

(31)___**defend**___ its interests and keep it from becoming mainly a tourist land.

The historic flooding this week-- marked by three floods over 1.5 meters (nearly 5 feet) and the highest in 53 years at 1.87 meters (6 feet, 1 inch) -- has (32)___

sharpened ___ calls to create an administration that recognizes the uniqueness of Venice...

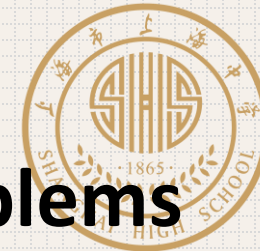
31. defend one's interests 捍卫...的利益

32. call 号召, 呼吁

sharpen 使尖锐, 使 (某种感觉) 增强, 加强

eg: The attacks have sharpened fears of more violence.

袭击事件使人们对发生更多暴力事件的担心更甚。



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Flood damage has been (34)___**roughly**___ estimated at hundreds of millions of Euros (dollars), but the true range will only become clear with time. The frustration goes far beyond the failure to complete and (35)___**activate**___ 78 underwater barriers that were designed to prevent just the kind of damage that Venice has (36)___**endured**___ this week.

34. roughly 大约; 粗暴地; 粗鲁地; 粗糙地; 凹凸不平地

35. activate 激活



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At the public level, proposals for better administering the city include

(38)___**granting**___ some level of autonomy (自制) to Venice, already enjoyed by some Italian regions like Trentino-Alto-Adige with its German-speaking minority, or offering tax (39)___**breaks**___ to encourage Venice's repopulation.

38. grant 1. grant sth (to sb/sth); grant (sb) sth (尤指正式地或法律上) 准予, 给予

eg: The bank finally granted a ¥ 5000 loan to me.

eg: I was granted permission to visit the palace.

39. break 1. tax breaks 税收减免, 税额优惠

eg: Tax breaks for small business help new companies start up.

2. 中断, 暂停

eg: take a career break

eg; a welcome break in my normal routine



Cloze

Part 1: Background information + Assumption + Research findings

Part 2: Research process

Part 3: Significance / Application / Comments

Ecology is a complicated thing. Given the facts that elephant damage often kills trees and bush fires often kill trees, it would be (41)___**reasonable**___ to assume that a combination of the two would make things worse. Contrary to this assumption, (42)___**however**___, as the recently-published research by Benjamin Wigley shows, if a tree has already been damaged, fire can (43)___actually___ help to make things better.

41. A. difficult

B. reasonable

C. necessary

D. awful

42. **A. however**

B. therefore

C. furthermore

D. somehow



Cloze

Since 1954, the Kruger has been the site of experiments in which plots of land have been burned (45)___**regularly**___, to understand the effects of fire on plain ecology. In these experiments, Dr Wigley looked at trees in three different zones, in one of which, the trees were burned every year; in the second, they were burned every other year, while the third zone, by contrast, was actively (46)___protected from___ fire.

45. A. equally **B. regularly** C. severely D. purposelessly



Cloze Two Negatives Making a Positive

...used special tools to (48) remove from each of them a circular section of bark 5 cm in diameter. Having imposed this damage, they (49) monitored the wounds over the course of the following two years, to see what would happen.

48. A. mark B. remove C. hit D. measure

49. A. regulated B. checked C. healed D. monitored

monitor: to carefully watch and check a situation to see how it changes over a period of time. 监视; 监测; 跟踪调查

check: to examine sth to see if it is correct, safe or acceptable 检查; 审查

...It looks, therefore, as if bush fires are treating trees' wounds by killing ants that might (54) otherwise colonize and damage them.

54. A. therefore B. nevertheless C. then D. otherwise

colonize: 1. 开拓 (某地) 成殖民地 2. (动植物在某地) 聚居; 大批繁殖; 大批生长

Reading (A)



Old woman

slow and unsure of step; deliberation; no hesitation; deliberate movements, glad of the unrushed company and casual conversation

Daughter

displaying a serious case of impatience, rolling eyes, huffing (发怒) and signing

I

rather than rushing off, enjoying her company, narrating its floor plan, reluctantly returning the elderly woman, accompanying her to the queue



Reading (A)

56. What does "she had a job to do" (Para. I) mean according to the context?

A. She had a regular job in the store.

B. She wanted to ask for help.

C. She wanted to buy a DVD.

(P1 no hesitation / P3 a title scrawled on a crumpled piece of paper)

D. She was thinking of what to buy.

57. What does the title of the DVD reveal according to the shop assistant?

A. The elderly woman had some knowledge about movies.

(P3 Clearly a person looking for it knew a little about movies, about quality.)

(P6 We found the movie, and I complimented her on her choice.)

B. The elderly woman liked movies for young children.

C. The elderly woman preferred movies her son liked.

D. The elderly woman liked both old and new movies.

Reading (A)



59. What is the main purpose of this passage?

- A. To describe what a movie nut is like.
- B. To remind readers to spend more time accompanying their family.
- C. To stress the importance of company and understanding.

(P4 I think I wanted to enjoy her company for a moment.)

(P5 The woman seemed glad of the unrushed company and casual conversation.)

- D. To explore the key aspects of current parental-child relationship.

Reading (A)



deliberate: 1. (动作或行为)不慌不忙的; 从容不迫的

eg: She spoke in a slow and deliberate way.

2. 故意的; 蓄意的; 存心的

eg: a deliberate attempt

compliment sb. on sth.

pay sb. a compliment



Reading (B)

60. Which of the following symptoms is NOT directly caused by anxiety?

A. Lower in concentration.

B. No appetite.

C. Heart racing.

D. High blood pressure. (P2 ...may contribute to high blood pressure and heart disease)

61. According to the passage, what can be done to avoid anxiety?

(How to prevent anxiety then?)

A. Exercising regularly. *(How to prevent anxiety then? Jog, walk, swim, or cycle.)*

B. Keeping breath steady. *(Treatment?)*

C. Breathing with the help of hands. *(Treatment?)*

D. Adjusting the pace of life. *(Treatment?)*

Reading (B)



lingering anxiety 挥之不去的焦虑

irritable 易怒的

undermine 逐渐削弱 (信心、权威等); 从根基处破坏



Reading (C)

63. What does the phrase “a mind-blower” in paragraphs 1 and 4 refer to?

- A. Surprise
- B. A confusion
- C. An excitement

(P2 “To be able to get DNA from an object like a pipe stem is quite exciting. Also it is exciting for descendant(后裔)communities... ”)

- D. A fascination



Reading (C)

64. According to Hannes Schroeder, the pipe stem was of great significance because_____.

A. it was the first direct evidence that slaves living in Maryland were originally from Africa.

(P2 I think it's a first to be able to get DNA from an object like a pipe stem)

B. it helped the archaeologists to draw a portrait of the enslaved woman.

C. it might contribute to identifying the birthplace of the descendant communities.

D. it contained genic clues to the ancestral background of its owner.

(P2 "To be able to get DNA from an object like a pipe stem is quite exciting. Also it is exciting for descendant(后裔)communities... Through this technology, they're able to make a connection not only to the site but potentially back to Africa.")



Reading (B)

65. What can be inferred from the passage?

A. The owner of the pipe once lived in what is now an area in west Africa.

(P3 DNA taken from the pipe linked back to a woman either directly from or descended from the Mende people, who lived in west Africa...)

B. The history of slavery in America is an ongoing topic of concern.

(P6 This year, events and ceremonies are being held to mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved people in America, at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619.)

C. African slaves lost their identities when they arrived at the Belvoir plantation.

(P4 “As soon as people stepped on those slave ships in Africa...that identity was lost. Their humanity is stripped from. Who they are as a people has gone.”)

D. Nancy Daniels, a genealogist was sorry for not being involved in the research.

(P5 Nancy Daniels,..., who thinks she is a descendant of enslaved families from Belvoir but was not linked to the research on the pipe, called the discovery “overwhelming.” “I'm sitting here about ready to cry,” she said. “I'm sorry. I'm so happy ... Thank God for the DNA.”)



The Price of A Piece of History

- A. Stephen Hawking's wheelchair fetched \$ 296, 750 at a sale at Christie's in London last November.
- B. Yet determining potential values of such objects isn't easy.
- C. It was said to be from a tree planted by George Washington at Mount Vernon.
- D. The auction result surely drew the attention from both the business and economics worlds.
- E. The uniqueness of many of these objects further complicates efforts to put a value on them.
- F. Therefore the unique value of many objects proved the worth of collection.

What was so special about this lemon? ____67_C____ According to a handwritten note in ink attached to a partly sealed bottle containing the lemon, the fruit was picked in May 1842 by Washington's "old gardener" some 43 years after the first president's death.

Two thousand dollars is a lot to pay for produce, even from the estate of a founding father. This sale, however, just might be considered a bargain compared with prices paid for other historical collectibles in recent years. ____68_A____



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_____69____B____ **For one thing**, their **history of ownership** is both crucial and sometimes **difficult** to prove. Photographs of the famous person with the object, as well as documentation (such as letters, diaries or recollections by acquaintances referring to the object) can also help. _____70_E_____ To evaluate the value of a Picasso painting, one can look at recent prices paid for other Picasso paintings of the same period, similar size or style. **Finding another recent sale of a lemon planted by George Washington is a different matter.**

Katie Horstman, head of Cowan's American History department, says she could **find no comparable items** for the lemon as she prepared the piece for its auction.

Translation



72. How calm he was when (he was) faced with the emergency!

注意感叹句语序和标点符号 How + a./ad. + S + V!/ What + n. + S + V!

紧急情况 the emergency; urgent situations

区分: urgent a. 紧急的

emergent a. (仅用于名词前)新出现的, 处于萌芽阶段的

emergency n. 紧急情况

emergence n. 出现

73. It is everyone's duty to be committed **to** protecting the endangered rare species.

濒临灭绝的珍稀物种

the endangered rare species; rare species in danger of extinction

区分: 一种已灭绝的物种 an extinct species

单复数同形的单词: headquarters, series, means, etc.



Translation

74. At the sight of the fruits with brilliant colors hanging on the branches, they couldn't help feeling admiring them.

鲜红嫩绿的果实 the fruits with brilliant/bright colors

不禁心生欢喜 (can't help) can't help feeling delighted

区分: can't help doing 情不自禁

can't help but do 情不自禁; 不得不

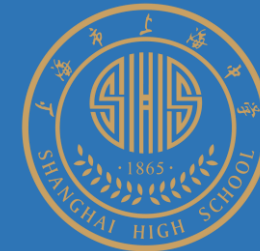
can't help (to) do 帮不上忙

75. Depression, which involves feeling down and even finding life meaningless, is actually a kind of emotional disorder, and only if we understand it can we reduce the risk of suffering from it.

表现为情绪低落(involve) involve feeling down/low

情绪紊乱 emotional disorder

注意倒装句的语序



Part 4

Assignments



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Assignments

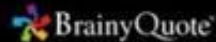


How do you understand the following quotations?

A photograph of rolling green hills under a soft, hazy sky, with a small body of water visible in the distance.

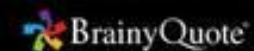
**Nature always wears the
colors of the spirit.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A photograph of a dense forest with trees in vibrant autumn colors (red, orange, yellow) reflected in a calm body of water.

**When nature has work to be
done, she creates a genius to
do it.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson





Thank you!

