

5. A) Provide free meals to the local poor.
B) Help people connect with each other.
C) Help eliminate class difference in his area.
D) Provide customers with first-class service.

6. A) It does not supervise its employees.
B) It donates regularly to a local charity.
C) It does not use volunteers.
D) It is open round the clock.

7. A) They will realise the importance of communication.
B) They will come to the café even more frequently.
C) They will care less about their own background.
D) They will find they have something in common.

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

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

8. A) A surprise party for Paul's birthday. C) Preparations for Saturday's get-together.
B) Travel plans for the coming weekend. D) The new market on the other side of town.
9. A) It makes the hostess's job a whole lot easier.
B) It enables guests to walk around and chat freely.
C) It saves considerable time and labor.
D) It requires fewer tables and chairs.
10. A) It offers some big discounts. C) It is more spacious and less crowded.
B) It is quite close to her house. D) It sells local wines and soft drinks.
11. A) Cook a dish for the party. C) Prepare a few opening remarks.
B) Arrive 10 minutes earlier. D) Bring his computer and speakers.

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

12. A) For commuting to work. C) For getting around in Miami.
B) For long-distance travel. D) For convenience at weekends.
13. A) They are reliable. C) They are spacious.
B) They are compact. D) They are easy to drive.
14. A) Buy a second-hand car. C) Seek advice from his friend.
B) Trust her own judgment. D) Look around before deciding.
15. A) He sells new cars. C) He is starting a business.
B) He can be trusted. D) He is a successful car dealer.

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

16. A) Many escaped from farms and became wild.
B) They were actually native to North America.
C) Many got killed in the wild when searching for food.
D) They were hunted by Spanish and Russian explorers.
17. A) They often make sudden attacks on people.
B) They break up nature's food supply chain.
C) They cause much environmental pollution.
D) They carry a great many diseases.

18. A) They lived peacefully with wild pigs. C) They fell victim to eagles.
B) They ran out of food completely. D) They reproduced quickly.

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

19. A) Taste coffee while in outer space. C) Develop a new strain of coffee bean.
B) Roast coffee beans in outer space. D) Use a pressurised tank to brew coffee.
20. A) They can easily get burned. C) They have to be heated to 360°C .
B) They float around in the oven. D) They receive evenly distributed heat.
21. A) They charged a high price for their space-roasted coffee beans.
B) They set up a branch in Dubai to manufacture coffee roasters.
C) They collaborated on building the first space coffee machine.
D) They abandoned the attempt to roast coffee beans in space.

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

22. A) It is the best time for sightseeing. C) They come to clean the Iditarod Trail.
B) A race passes through it annually. D) It is when the villagers choose a queen.
23. A) Its children's baking skills. C) Its tasty fruit pies.
B) Its unique winter scenery. D) Its great food variety.
24. A) The contestants. C) Jan Newton and her friends.
B) The entire village. D) People from the state of Idaho.
25. A) She owned a restaurant in Idaho. C) She went to Alaska to compete in a race.
B) She married her husband in 1972. D) She helped the village to become famous.

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.

Most animals seek shade when temperatures in the Sahara Desert soar to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. But for the Saharan silver ant, 26 from their underground nests into the sun's brutal rays to 27 for food, this is the perfect time to seek lunch. In 2015 these ants were joined in the desert by scientists from two Belgian universities, who spent a month in the 28 heat tracking the ants and digging out their nests. The goal was simple, to discover how the 29 adapted to the kind of heat that can 30 melt the bottom of shoes.

Back in Belgium, the scientists looked at the ants under an electronic microscope and found that their 31, triangular hair reflects light like a *prism* (棱镜), giving them a metallic reflection and protecting them from the sun's awful heat. When Ph.D. student Quentin Willot 32 the hair from an ant with a 33 knife and put it under a heat lamp, its temperature jumped.

The ants' method of staying cool is 34 among animals. Could this reflective type of hair protect people? Willot says companies are interested in 35 these ants' method of heat protection for human use, including everything from helping to protect the lives of firefighters to keeping homes cool in summer.