

Listening Comprehension

Part

Section A

News Report One

A device that weighs less than one kilogram is part of a mission that will allow scientists to deliver fourth generation or 4G mobile coverage to the moon in 2019. If successful, the tiny device will provide the moon with its first-ever mobile phone network. The lunar network will support high- definition streaming of video and data between the moon and Earth. The network is part of Mission to the Moon. This is a project with the goal of landing the first privately paid-for mission to the moon. The 4G mission is set to launch from Cape Canaveral in the United States on a Space X Falcon 9 rocket in 2019. Mission to the Moon intends to establish and test the first elements of a communications network on the moon. The scientists working on the project opted to build a 4G rather than a fifth generation or 5G network. This is because fifth generation networks are still in testing and trial phases. This means that a 5G network may not yet be stable enough to work on the moon's surface.

一个重量不足一公斤的装置是一项（月球）任务的组成部分，该任务将使科学家们能够在 2019 年将第四代或者说 4G 移动网络覆盖到月球上。若此举成功的话，这个微小的装置将会有史以来首次为月球提供移动手机网络。月球上的网络会支持月球和地球之间高清晰度的视频影像及数据的传输。该网络是“月球任务”的一部分。“月球任务”是一个（太空）项目，其目标是实现首次私人付费登月任务。4G 网络计划于 2019 年在美国卡纳维拉尔角由 Space X 公司的猎鹰 9 号火箭送往月球。此次月球任务旨在在月球上建立并测试通信网络的第一批元件。致力于该项目的科学家选择建立 4G 网络，而非第五代（5G）网络。这是因为 5G 网络仍处于测试和试用阶段。那意味着 5G 网络还不够稳定，不足以在月球表面上使用。

1. What are scientists planning to do?

科学家计划做什么？

2. Why did scientists choose to set up a 4G network in their mission?

为什么科学家在他们的任务中选择建立 4G 网络？

News Report Two

Firefighters responded to a fire Wednesday night at an abandoned mall in Haywood. The fire was reported at 9:26 pm at an old shopping center on Mission Avenue near St. Mary's Church. Six fire engines, two trucks and two chiefs responded to the scene.

Crews had the fire under control in about 45 minutes and managed to contain the fire to its point of origin. There were some people inside the building when the fire broke out but there were no reports of any injuries. Fire investigators have responded to the scene but have not yet determined the cause of the fire. Firefighters will remain on the scene until later this morning to ensure that the fire doesn't start up again. The shopping mall had not been in use since 2002. In 2014 City Hall developed a plan to knock down the building and replace it with affordable housing. However, the plan was dropped due to lack of funds.

周三晚上，海伍德一座废弃的购物中心发生火灾，消防员随即出动。据报道，晚上 9 点 26 分，使命大道上圣玛丽大教堂附近的一座年久的购物中心发生火灾。六辆消防车、两辆卡车和两位消防官员到达现场。消防人员在大约 45 分钟内控制住了火势，并设法将火势控制在起火点。火灾爆发时，大楼里有一些人，不过没有任何人员受伤的报告。火灾调查员们已经来到火灾现场，但还没有确定火灾起因。消防员们会继续守在现场直到今天早晨晚些时候，以确保火不会复燃。这座购物中心自 2002 年起便不再使用。2014 年，市政厅制定了一项计划，决定拆毁大楼并用经济适用房代替。然而，该计划由于缺乏资金而被放弃。

3. What does the news item say about the fire?

关于火灾，新闻说了什么？

4. What had City Hall planned to do?

市政厅原本计划做什么？

News Report Three

Potato Chips in Japan are being sold for 6 times their normal price. This is after the country's main manufacturer stopped sales due to a potato shortage. Storms and floods in its main potato growing region last year caused the worst harvest in more than 3 decades. Local media reports suggest Calbee and its main rival Koike-Ya are halting almost 50 products.

"We don't know when we'll be able to restart," a company spokesman said. Snack lovers are panic buying and many supermarket shelves are bare. Japanese laws limit the amount of imported potatoes that can be used in Japanese-made products. Japan says fear of disease is its main reason to block fresh imports. It still only allows potatoes from selected US states. This is only at certain times and on condition that they are processed at factories based near Japanese ports.

But global warming has raised the possibility that domestic produce could be seriously affected by rare weather events more often.

日本的炸薯条目前售价是平常的 6 倍。这一状况发生在因土豆短缺日本的主要制造商停止销售炸薯条之后。去年，日本主要土豆生产地区遭遇暴风雨和洪水灾害，导致该地区的土豆产量创 30 多年来的最低纪录。当地新闻报道称，卡乐比及其主要竞争对手湖池屋即将停止销售近 50 种产品。一位公司的发言人说：“我们不知道何时才可以重新开始生产。”零食爱好者正在疯狂抢购，许多超市的货架被抢购一空。日本法律限制日本产品使用进口土豆的数量。日本称，阻止进口新鲜土豆的主要原因是害怕引起（作物）疾病。日本仍然只允许进口来自美国某些州的土豆。而且，这种情况也只是在特定的时间发生，条件是土豆要在日本港口附近的工厂经过加工处理。但全球变暖增加了国内农产品更频繁地受到罕见天气事件严重影响的可能性。

5. What problem is Japan facing?

日本目前正面临什么问题？

6. Why does Japan limit the import of potatoes?

日本为什么限制土豆的进口？

7. What might affect Japanese domestic produce?

影响日本国内农产品的因素可能是什么？

Section B

Conversation One

M: Mr. Brown's lectures are so boring.

W: Yes, he is not a very exciting speaker. But the subject is interesting.

M: During every one of these lectures, I try to listen, I really try. But after about 10 minutes my mind begins to wander and I lose concentration. But I see that you seem to be OK. How do you stay focused through the entire hour?

W: Well, what I do is keep my pen moving.

M: What do you mean?

W: It's a method of active concentration I read about. One of the most effective ways to concentrate is to write things down. But it has to be done by hand, not typing on a keyboard. You see, writing by hand forces you to actually engage with what you're learning in a more physical way.

M: Do you review your notes afterwards then?

W: Sometimes, but that's not important. My notes may or may not be useful, but the point is that by writing down what Mr. Brown says, I can follow his line of thinking more easily. In fact, sometimes I draw a little, too.

M: You draw in class, and that helps you pay attention?

W: Yes, honestly, it works for me. I just draw little lines and nonsense really. It was also in that article I read. It can keep the mind active, prevent getting bored and help

to concentrate. Again, the point is to listen hard while keeping the pen moving. If I'm at home and I need to study, what I do is read out loud. It has a similar effect to writing by hand. It helps memorize information in a physical way.

男：布朗先生的讲座太无聊了。

女：是的，他不是一个非常激动人心的演讲者。但这个科目很有趣。

男：在每一次讲座中，我都尽力听，我真的尽力了。但大约 10 分钟后，我的思维就开始开小差了，我的注意力也不集中了。但我看你似乎没事。你是如何在整整一小时里保持专注的？

女：嗯，我所做的就是让我的笔一直动。

男：你指的是什么？

女：这是我读到的一种主动集中注意力的方法。集中注意力最有效的方法之一就是写下来。但必须手写完成，而不是在键盘上打字。你看，用手写字会迫使你以一种更依赖身体动作的方式让自己真正地投入到正在学习的东西中。

男：之后你会复习你的笔记吗？

女：有时候会，但这并不重要。我的笔记可能有用，也可能没有用，但重点是通过写下布朗先生所说的内容，我可以更轻松地跟随他的思路。事实上，有时我也会画一画。

男：你在课堂上画画，而这有助于你集中注意力？

女：是的，老实说，这对我有用。我只是画细细的线条和一些无意义的东西。这也是我读过的那篇文章中提到的方法。这可以让人保持头脑活跃，防止感到无聊，并有助于集中注意力。同样，关键是要在保持笔一直动的同时努力倾听。如果我在家里需要学习的话，我采用的做法就是大声朗读。这与用手书写效果相似。这有助于以一种依赖身体动作的方式记忆信息。

8. What does the man think of Mr.Brown's lectures?

男士对布朗先生的讲座有什么看法？

9. What does the woman do during Mr.Brown's lectures?

在布朗先生的讲座上，女士会做什么事？

10.Why does the woman draw in class?

女士为什么在课堂上画画？

11.What does the woman say about reading out loud?

女士对大声朗读有什么看法？

Conversation Two

M: And, where 's this?

W: These photos are from the Taj Mahal in India. We went there about ten years ago for our honeymoon.

M: Was it romantic?

W: Yeah. The Taj Mahal was a very romantic place. The guide told us there is a famous love story behind this building that all Indians learn in school. I think it was during the 1600s, and the princess at that time died while giving birth to her 14th child. The Emperor loved the princess so much and was so sad when she died, that he ordered the palace to be built in her honor.

M: Wow! That sounds very romantic. It looks amazing.

W: Yes, it's gorgeous. It's also larger in real life than it looks in the photos. The building is very tall and there are gardens and a wall around it all. It's all built in this white stone and some walls of the building are decorated with jewels

M: It must have been very crowded when you were there.

W: Yes, it's a very famous tourist destination, so there are thousands of visitors every day.

M: Was the rest of India crowded?

W: Yes, very crowded in many cities. It was sometimes so crowded that it was difficult to walk along the streets, especially through busy markets. And there are so many cars. Traffic was terrible but the people are friendly. The culture is amazing and we had a great time.

M: What about the food?

W: Indian food is great. There are lots of different dishes to try and every region has its own special food.

男：还有，这是哪儿？

女：这些照片都是在印度的泰姬陵拍摄的。大约十年前我们去那里度了蜜月。

男：这地方浪漫吗？

女：是的。泰姬陵是一个非常浪漫的地方。导游告诉我们，这座建筑背后有一个著名的爱情故事，所有的印度人在学校里都会学到它。我想这个故事发生在17世纪，当时的王妃在生第14个孩子的时候去世了。皇帝非常爱这位王妃，当她去世时他感到非常难过，于是下令建造这座宫殿来纪念她。

男：哇！这听起来非常浪漫。它看起来令人惊叹。

女：是的，很华丽。而且，它实际上比在照片中看起来更高大。这座建筑很高，周围有花园和围墙。全部都是用这种白色石头建造成的，建筑物的一些墙壁上还装饰着珠宝。

男：你在那里时一定非常拥挤。

女：是的，这是一个非常著名的旅游目的地，所以每天都有成千上万的游客。

男：印度的其他地方也很拥挤吗？

女：是的，很多城市都非常拥挤。有的时候太拥挤了，都很难沿着街道走，特别是穿过繁忙的市场时。而且还有很多车。交通很糟糕，但是人们很友好。文化非常棒。我们度过了美好的时光。

男：食物怎么样？

女：印度菜很棒。有许多不同的菜肴可供尝试，每个地区也都有自己的特色食品。

12. For what purpose did the woman go to India?

女士去印度的目的是什么？

13. Why was the Taj Mahal built?

为什么建造泰姬陵？

14. What does the woman say about the Taj Mahal?

关于泰姬陵，女士提到了什么？

15. What is the woman's impression of Indian cities?

女士对印度城市的印象是什么？

Section C

Passage One

A Pew Research Center survey of more than 1000 Americans conducted in April 2016 finds that Americans continue to express largely positive views about the current state of their local public libraries. For instance, around three quarters say that public libraries provide them with the resources they need, and 66 percent say the closing of their local public library would have a major impact on their community, although notably, just 33 percent say this would have a major impact on them personally or on their family. A majority of Americans feel libraries are doing a good job of providing a safe place for people to hang out or spend time as well as opening up educational opportunities for people of all ages, and roughly half think their libraries contribute a lot to their communities in terms of helping spark creativity among young people and providing a trusted place for people to learn about new technologies. As in past Pew Center surveys of library use the April 2016 survey also measured Americans' usage of and engagement with libraries. Overall, 53 percent of Americans aged 16 and older have had some interaction with a public library in the past year -either through an in-person visit or using a library Website. Some 48 percent of adults specifically visited a library in the past 12 months. A modest increase from the 44 percent who said that in late 2015.

皮尤研究中心在 2016 年 4 月对 1000 多名美国人进行的一项调查发现，美国人仍然对当地公共图书馆的现状大体上持积极的看法。例如，大约四分之三的人

认为，公共图书馆为他们提供了所需的资源，66%的人表示，关闭当地的公共图书馆将对他们的社区产生重大影响。尽管值得注意的是，只有33%的人称这会对他们个人或家庭产生重大影响。大多数美国人认为，图书馆在为人们提供一个安全用来闲逛或打发时间，以及为所有年龄段的人开放教育机会方面做得很成功，约有一半的人认为，图书馆在帮助激发年轻人的创造力，以及为人们提供一个可靠的处所以了解新技术的方面为社区贡献很多。和皮尤研究中心过去对图书馆使用情况的调查一样，2016年4月的调查也衡量了美国人对图书馆的使用情况和参与度。总的来说，在16岁以上的美国人中，有53%的人在过去一年中与公共图书馆有过互动——要么是以亲自拜访的形式，要么是使用图书馆网站的形式。在过去的12个月里，约有48%的成年人专门去过图书馆。相比于2015年年底44%的受访者的陈述，这一比例略有上升。

16.What do most Americans say about local public libraries?

大多数美国人如何评价当地的公共图书馆？

17.How can local public libraries benefit young people?

当地的公共图书馆如何能使青少年受益？

18.What does the 2016 survey show about adult library users?

关于图书馆的成人用户，2016年的调查显示了什么？

Passage Two

A Savannah cat is a crossbreed between a domestic cat and a medium-sized wild African cat called the Serval. The unusual cross became popular among breeders at the end of the 1990s. And in 2001, the International Cat Association accepted it as a new registered breed. The Savannahs are tall and slim and can weigh up to 9.1 kilograms, making them one of the largest breeds of cats that people can own. They have a spotted coat similar to that of many types of wild cats and their ears are very large. They are also commonly compared to dogs in their loyalty and can be trained to walk on a lead and to fetch. An often noted characteristic of the Savannah is its jumping ability. They are known to jump on top of doors and high cabinets. Some can leap about 2.5 metres high from a standing position. Cats are typically known for being very inquisitive and so are the Savannahs. They often learn how to open doors and cupboards. Many Savannah cats do not fear water and will play with or even dive into water. Some owners even shower with their Savannah cats. Presenting a water bowl to a Savannah may also prove a challenge, as some will promptly begin to bat all the water out of the bowl until it is empty using their front paws.

萨凡纳猫是家猫和被称为薮猫的中等体型的非洲野猫的杂交品种。这种不同寻常的杂交品种在 20 世纪 90 年代末开始受到饲养者的欢迎。2001 年，国际猫协会接受了它作为一个新注册的品种。萨凡纳猫又高又瘦，体重可达 9.1 公斤，使其成为人类可拥有的最大的猫品种之一。它们一身皮毛长有斑点，和许多类型的野猫相似，而且它们的耳朵非常大。在忠诚度方面，它们也普遍可以和狗相媲美，而且，通过训练，它们能够被人用绳子牵着走，能够为人叼取东西。萨凡纳猫经常被提及的特征就是它的跳跃能力。人们熟知，它们会跳到门框上和高高的橱柜上。有些萨凡纳猫能站着跳大约 2.5 米高。猫是典型的充满好奇心的动物，萨凡纳猫也是如此。它们经常学习如何打开门和橱柜。许多萨凡纳猫不怕水，它们会玩水，甚至会潜入水中。有些主人甚至和他们的萨凡纳猫一起冲澡。给萨凡纳猫一个喝水碗也可能是一项挑战，因为有些萨凡纳猫会立即开始用前爪将整个碗里的水拍打出去，直到碗里没有一滴水为止。

19.What do we learn about the Savannah cat?

关于萨凡纳猫，我们了解到什么？

20.What is characteristic of Savannah cats?

萨凡纳猫有什么特点？

21.What do some people do with their Savannah cats?

有些人和他们的萨凡纳猫一起做什么？

Passage Three

When children start school for the very first time, parents often feel a sense of excitement coupled with a touch of sadness at the end of an era. This is the start of a new adventure for children -playing and interacting with new friends, sharing, taking turns and settling into a new routine.

But of course, this is not the start of your child's education which in fact began at birth. Back then, you would have been your child's most influential teachers. During this time at home, your child would have learnt more than at any other period in their life. During your child's first year in school much time will be spent in learning to read and they need to know that this is fun and worthwhile. Your child will naturally copy you so it is important that you are seen reading and enjoying books, newspapers and magazines rather than just absorbed in screens.Ultimately an excellent education should be a close partnership between parents and teachers. A child's year splits fairly neatly into thirds: a third at school, a third asleep and a third awake at home or on holiday.

Irrespective of the quality of a school, a child's home life is of key importance. It is the determining factor of their academic success. Your child may have started on a new journey but your work is far from finished.

当孩子们第一次要上学的时候，父母常常会觉得兴奋，还有一丝一个时期即将结束的悲伤感，对于孩子来说，上学是一次新冒险经历的起点——他们将和新朋友一起玩耍、互动、分享、依次轮流做事，并且逐渐适应一种新的日常生活。当然，这并不是你孩子教育的起点。事实上，孩子的教育在一出生就开始了。那时，你可能是孩子最有影响力的老师。在（入学前）待在家里期间，孩子能学到的东西或许比他们生命中的任何时候都多。入学后的第一年，孩子需要花大量时间来学习阅读，他们需要知道阅读是很有意思的，也是值得的。你的孩子会很自然地模仿你，所以让他们看到你在阅读并且享受读书、看报纸和杂志而不是只专注于屏幕是很重要的。归根结底，优秀的教育应该是家长和老师之间的密切合作。孩子的一年被整齐地分成三份：三分之一在学校，三分之在睡觉，三分之一醒着待在家里或在度假。

不管学校的教育质量如何，孩子的家庭生活是至关重要的。这是他们学业成功的决定性因素。你的孩子可能已经开始了一段新的旅程，但你的工作还远远没有完成。

22.How do parents feel when their children start going to school?

当孩子们开始上学时，家长们有什么样的感受？

23.What does the passage say about children's education?

关于孩子的教育，这篇文章说了什么？

24.What should parents do for the success of their children's education?

为了使孩子的教育成功，父母应该怎么做？

25.What does the passage say is the key factor of children's academic success?

根据这篇文章，孩子学业成功的关键因素是什么？