**Part I    Writing    (30 minutes)**

**Directions**: *For this part，you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay on****the importance of writing ability and how to develop it****. You should write at least 120 words but no more than180 words.*

【参考范文】

No body could deny that writing is one of the basic abilities for men. Put it another way, it is unlikely to imagine human civilization without writing ability.

At the top of the list, if we overlook the significance of writing ability, we will suffer a great difficulty in our daily written communication. In addition to what has been mentioned above, it is advisable for us to attach importance to this ability because writing plays a key in our academic performance. To summarize,writing does carry a positive implication for our life and study.

In view of the great value of writing ability, we should take actions to develop this capability. For my part, initially, we are supposed to keep in mind that reading is the first step of writing, so we should read great books as many as possible, learning from the great works how to write concisely and effectively. Moreover, owing to the fact that practice makes perfect, we should frequently practice writing; for example, we may develop the habit of keeping a diary.

**PartⅡ  Listening Comprehension      ( 25 minutes)**

**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 then 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 l and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

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

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

**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.**

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

**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.**

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

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

**【参考答案】暂缺**

**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．*

**Questions 26 to 35 are based on the following passage.**

Since the 1940s, southern California has had a reputation for smog. Things are not as bad as they once were but, according to the American Lung Association, Los Angeles is still the worst city in the United States for levels of   26  . Gazing down on the city from the Getty Center, an art museum in the Santa Monica Mountains, one would find the view of the Pacific Ocean blurred by the haze (霾). Nor is the state’s had air   27  to its south. Fresno, in the central valley, comes top of the list in America for year-round pollution. Residents’ hearts and lungs are affected as a   28  .

All of which, combined with California’s reputation as the home of technological   29  , makes the place ideal for developing and testing systems designed to monitor pollution in   30  . And that is just what Aclima, a new firm in San Francisco, has been doing over the past few months. It has been trying out monitoring that are   31  to yield minute-to-minute maps of   32  air pollution. Such stations will also be able to keep an eye on what is happening inside buildings, including offices.

To this end, Aclima has been   33  with Google’s Street View system. Davida Herzl, Aclima’s boss, says they have revealed pollution highs on days when San Francisco’s transit workers went on strike and the city’s   34  were forced to use their cars. Conversely, “cycle to work” days have done their job by   35 pollution lows.

1. assisted
2. collaborating
3. consequence
4. consumers
5. creating
6. detail
7. domestic
8. frequently
9. inhabitants
10. innovation
11. intended
12. outdoor
13. pollutants
14. restricted
15. Sum

【参考答案】

1. M pollutants .
2. N restricted .
3. C consequence .
4. J innovation .
5. F detail .
6. K intended .
7. L outdoor .

33. B collaborating .

34. I inhabitants .

35. E creating.

26. M pollutants . 解析：of前边是levels级别，等级的意思，of后应该是名词形式，翻译为\_\_\_\_\_的级别，根据文章首句说南加利福尼亚的雾霾是出了名的差可判断这篇文章关于坏境。26空这一句说在美国，洛杉矶\_\_\_\_的级别方面是最差的城市，名词又跟环境污染有关的就是M 选项pollutants 污染物。

27. N restricted . 解析： 倒装句，正常语序应该是 the state’s bad air is not\_\_\_\_to its south. 意思既相符，又符合这个搭配的只能是restricted， be restricted to 仅限于。

28. C consequence . 解析： 本空在a后边 一定是名词， as a consequence固定搭配，意为结果，因此。这句话意思是，结果，具名的心脏和肺都受到感染。

29. J innovation . 解析：空格前边是名词 of 形容词，因此可推断此结构是A of B的结构，因此空格应该是名词。跟在technological技术的 后边，并且后文又说designed设计监视器，可推断这里应该是技术创新闻名的地方， 因此才能设计出来一些机器。

30. F detail . 解析：本句是一个完整句说明不缺成分，那么空格的地方应该是状语部分，跟在in后边 detail可形成固定搭配，in detail详细的。

31. K intended . 解析： be\_\_\_to 因此这个地方应该是动词ing或者动词过去分词，在仅有的几个符合条件的选项里intended符合意思，be intended to 打算做某事，意图做某事。

32. L outdoor . 解析： 空格前边of 后边名词此处缺一个形容词，前边说这个检测器目的是监测出\_\_\_\_的环境污染，符合意思的是outdoor 户外的环境污染情况。

33. B collaborating . 解析：位于has been\_\_with后边此处应该是动词ing或动词过去分词，只剩下了collaborating和creating, collaborating是可以和with搭配的，意为与...合作，符合题意。

34. I inhabitants . 解析： 跟在city’后边一定是名词，后边又是被迫使用汽车，前边应该是人类，表达人类的选项是consumers和inhabitants，但是这篇文章并没有强调消费者，所以根据整篇文章的北京应该是说城市的居民们。

35. E creating. 解析：在剩下的六个选项里A assisted 含义不符合D consequence词性不符合G domestic含义不符合H frequently词性不符合O sum词性不符合，符合形式以及含义的只有creating。

**Section B**

**Directions**: *In this section, you are going to read a passage with ten statements       attached to each statement contains information given in one of the paragraphs. Identify the paragraph from which the information is derived. You may choose a paragraph more than once. Each paragraph is marked with a letter. Answer the questions by marking the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 2.*

**【参考答案】**

36-40 KDMGB

41-45 LHFJC

**Section C**

**Directions:** *There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B) , C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 2 with a single line through the centre.*

**Passage One**

**Questions 46 to 50 are based on the following passage.**

　Living in an urban area with green spaces has a long-lasting positive impact on people's mental well-being, a study has suggested. UK researchers found moving to a green space had a sustained positive effect, unlike pay rises or promotions, which only provided a short-term boost. Co-author Mathew White, from the European Centre for Environment and Human Health at the University of Exeter, UK, explained that the study showed people living in greener urban areas were displaying fewer signs of depression or anxiety. "There could be a number of reasons,” he said, “for example, people do many things to make themselves happier: they strive for promotion or pay rises, or they get married. But the trouble with all those things is that within six months to a year, people are back to their original baseline levels of well-being. So, these things are not sustainable; they don’t make us happy in the long term. We found that for some lottery（彩票）winners who had won more than ￡500,000 the positive effect was definitely there, but after six months to a year, they were back to the baseline."  
　　Dr. White said his team wanted to see whether living in greener urban areas had a lasting positive effect on people's sense of well-being or whether the effect also disappeared after a period of time. To do this, the team used data from the British Household Panel Survey compiled by the University of Essex.  
　　Explaining what the data revealed, he said: "What you see is that even after three years, mental health is still better, which is unlike many of the other things that we think will make us happy." He observed that people living in green spaces were less stressed, and less stressed people made more sensible decisions and communicated better.

With a growing body of evidence establishing a link between urban green spaces and a positive impact on human well-being, Dr. White said, “There’s growing interest among public policy officials, but the trouble is who funds it. What we really need at a policy level is to decide where the money will come from to help support good quality local green spaces.”

　　46. According to one study, what do green spaces do to people?  
　　A) Improve their work efficiency.  
　　B) Add to their sustained happiness.  
　　C) Help them build a positive attitude towards life.  
　　D) Lessen their concerns about material well-being.  
　　47. What does Dr. White say people usually do to make themselves happier?  
　　A) Earn more money.  
　　B) Gain fame and popularity.  
　　C) Settle in an urban area.  
　　D) Live in a green environment.  
　　48. What does Dr. White try to find out about living in a greener urban area?  
　　A) How it affects different people.  
　　B) How strong its effect is.  
　　C) How long its positive effect lasts.  
　　D) How it benefits physically  
　　49. What did Dr. White research reveal about people living in a green environment?  
　　A) Their stress was more apparent than real.  
　　B) Their decisions required less deliberation.  
　　C) Their memories were greatly strengthened.  
　　D) Their communication with others improved.  
　　50. According to Dr. White, what should the government do to build more green spaces in cities?  
　　A) Find financial support.  
　　B) Improve urban planning.  
　　C) Involve local residents in the effort.  
　　D) Raise public awareness of the issue.

 【篇章分析】

本篇文章整体阅读难度并不大，主要讲的是关于居住在绿色生态空间的人们要比居住在市区的人们拥有长期的积极的幸福影响。文章后的五道题目以事实细节考查为主，题干定位信息明确，做题难度在中等偏下水平。

**【参考答案】**

46 B Add to their sustained happiness.

47 A Earn more money.

48 C How long its positive effect lasts.

49 D Their communication with others improved.

50 A Find financial support.

**【答案解析】**

46. 根据题干中的定位名词study和green spaces回文快速定位到文章中的第一段，根据第一段的信息可得出UK researchers found moving to a green space had a sustained positive effect（英国研究者发现搬到绿色小区可以带来持久的积极影响）。以及“people living in greener urban areas were displaying fewer signs of depression or anxiety（生活在绿色小区的人们较少表现出抑郁或焦虑的情绪）”这两处信息可以确定本题的正确选项是B （Add to their sustained happiness）。

47. 本题根据题干定位词Dr. White 及usually do定位到本篇文章中的第一段"There could be a number of reasons,” he said, “for example, people do many things to make themselves happier: they strive for promotion or pay rises, or they get married.处，根据本句信息，可推出人们通常让自己快乐的事是挣更多的钱，因此本题的正确选项为A（Earn more money.）。

48. 由第一段可知“升值、加薪、中彩票只会给人们带来短期的快乐，这种快乐在过了六个月到一年后就会消失”，第二段首句“Dr. White said his team wanted to see whether living in greener urban areas had a lasting positive effect on people's sense of well-being or whether the effect also disappeared after a period of time.”进一步承接第一段说明Dr. White的研究目的是要知道居住在绿色环境中给人带来的积极影响可以持续多久。故本题正确选项为C选项（How long its positive effect lasts.）。

49. 根据题干信息可以将本题定位至第三段，在最后一句话中，“He observed that people living in green spaces were less stressed, and less stressed people made more sensible decisions and communicated better.”由最后的communicate better 可以得出本题的正确选项为D （Their communication with others improved.）。

50. 根据本题题干给出的信息，根据定位词Dr. White 和government，可定位至最后一段，提到我们需要资金来建立一个高质量的绿色社区，从最后一段的最后一句话“what we really need at a policy level is to decide where the money is going to come from to help support good quality local green spaces.”可得出本题的正确选项为A（Find financial support.）。

**Passage Two**

**Questions 51 to 55 are based on the following passage.**

You probably know about the Titanic, but it was actually just one of three *state-of-the-art*(最先进的) ocean ships back in the day. The Olympic class ships were built by the Harland & Wolff ship makers in Northern Ireland for the White Star Line company. The Olympic class included the Olympic, the Britannic and the Titanic, What you may not know is that the Titanic wasn’t even the flagship of this class. All in all, the Olympic class ships were marvels of sea engineering, but they seemed cursed to suffer disastrous fates.

The Olympic launched first in 1910, followed by the Titanic in 1911, and lastly the Britannic in 1914. The ships had nine decks, and Whits Star Line decided to focus on making them the most luxurious ships on the water.

Stretching 269.13 meters, the Olympic class ships were wonders of naval technology, and everyone thought that they would continue to be so for quite some time. However, all suffered terrible accidents on the open seas, The Olympic got wrecked before the Titanic did, but it was the only one to survive and maintain a successful career of 24 years. The Titanic was the first to sink after famously hitting a huge iceberg in 1912. Following this disaster, the Britannic hit a naval mine in 1916 and subsequently sank as well.

Each ship was coal-powered by several boilers constantly kept running by exhausted crews below deck. Most recognizable of the ship designs are the ship’s smoke stacks, but the fourth stack was actually just artistic in nature and served no functional purpose. While two of these ships sank, they were all designed with double *hulls*（船体）believed to make them “unsinkable”, perhaps a mistaken idea that led to the Titanic’s and the Britannic’s tragic end.

The Olympic suffered two crashes with other ships and went on to serve as a hospital ship and troop transport in World WarⅠ. Eventually, she was taken out of service in 1935, ending the era of the luxurious Olympic class ocean liners.

51.What does the passage say about the three Olympic class ships?

A)They performed marvelously on the sea.

B)They could all break the ice in their way.

C)They all experienced terrible misfortunes.

D)They were models of modern engineering.

52.What did White Star Line have in mind when it purchased the three ships?

A)Their capacity of sailing across all waters.

B)The utmost comfort passengers could enjoy.

C)Their ability to survive disasters of any kind.

D)The long voyages they were able to undertake.

53.What is said about the fourth stack of the ships?

A)It was a mere piece of decoration.

B)It was the work of a famous artist.

C)It was designed to let out extra smoke.

D)It was easily identifiable from afar.

54.What might have led to the tragic end of the Titanic and the Britannic?

A)Their unscientific designs.

B)Their captains’ misjudgment.

C)The assumption that they were built with the latest technology.

D)The belief that they could never sink with a double-layer body.

55.What happened to the ship Olympic in the end?

A)She was used to carry troops.

B)She was converted into a hospital ship.

C)She was sunk in World WarⅠ.

D)She was retired after her naval service.

**【参考答案】**

46-50 BACDA

51-55 CBADD

**参考答案：**

51. C  They all experienced terrible misfortunes.

52. B  The utmost comfort passengers could enjoy.

53. A  It was a mere piece of decoration.

54. D  The belief that they could never sink with a double-layer body.

55. D  She was retired after her naval service.

**答案解析：**

51.

解析：根据原文第一段的说法, 奥林匹克舰是海洋工程的奇迹，但是他们似乎都被诅咒要遭受灾难的命运。可以得出C选项They all experienced terrible misfortunes.  他们都经历了可怕的不幸，是正确答案。

52.

解析：根据原文第二段的说法，白星航运公司决定致力于把他们打造成海上最豪华舒适的船。可以得出B选项The utmost comfort passengers could enjoy. 乘客能够享受到最舒适的感觉，是正确选项。

53.

解析：根据原文第四段的说法，第四个烟囱事实上只是艺术，没有功能，可以得出A选项It was a mere piece of decoration. 它只是一个装饰，是正确选项。

54.

解析：根据原文第四段的说法，这三搜船都设计有双船体，双船体被认为可以使它们“不沉没的”，也许正是这个错误的想法导致了泰坦尼克号和不列颠尼克号悲惨的结局。可以得出D选项The belief that they could never sink with a double-layer body. 因为有双层船体，所以它们绝不会沉没的想法，是正确选项。

55.

解析：根据原文第五段的说法，奥林匹克号和其他的船发生过两次碰撞，后来在第一次世界大战中，成为了医务船并运输军队。最终她在1935年退役。可以得出D选项She was retired after her naval service. 她在海军服役之后退役是正确选项。

A letter written by Charles Darwin in 1875 has been returned to the Smithsonian Institution Archives（档案馆） by the FBI after being stolen twice.

“We realized in the mid-1970s that it was missing,” says Effie Kapsalis, head of the Smithsonian Institution Archives. “It was noted as missing and likely taken by an intern, from what the FBI is telling us. Word got out that it was missing when someone asked to see the letter for research purposes,” and the intern put the letter back. “The intern likely took the letter again once nobody was watching it.”

Decades passed. Finally the FBI received a tip that the stolen document was located very close to Washington, D.C. Their art crime team recovered the letter but were unable to press charges because the time of limitations had ended. The FBI worked closely with the Archives to determine that the letter was both authentic and definitely Smithsonian’s property.

The letter was written by Darwin to thank an American geologist, Dr. Ferdinand Vandeveer Hayden, for sending him copies of his research into the geology of the region that would become Yellowstone National Park.

The letter is in fairly good condition, in spite of being out of the care of trained museum staff for so long.“It was luckily in good shape,” says Kapsalis,“ and we just have to do some minor things in order to be able to unfold it. It has some glue on it that has colored it slightly, but nothing that will prevent us from using it. After it is repaired, we will take digital photos of it and that will be available online. One of our goals is to get items of high research value or interest to the public online.”

It would now be difficult for an intern, visitor or a thief to steal a document like this. “Archiving practices have changed greatly since the 1970s,”says Kapsalis. “and we keep our high value documents in a safe that I don’t even have access to.”

51.What happened to Darwin’s letter in the 1970s?

A. It was recovered by the FBI.

B. It was stolen more than once.

C. It was put in the archives for research purposes.

D. It was purchased by the Smithsonian Archives.

52. What did the FBI do after the recovery of the letter?

A. They proved its authenticity.

B. They kept it in a special safe.

C. They arrested the suspect immediately.

D. They pressed criminal charges in vain.

53.What is Darwin’s letter about?

A. The evolution of Yellowstone National Park.

B. His cooperation with an American geologist.

C. Some geological evidence supporting his theory.

D. His acknowledgement of help from a professional.

54. What will the Smithsonian Institution Archives do with the letter according to Kapsalis?

A. Reserve it for research purposes only.

B. Turn it into an object of high interest.

C. Keep it a permanent secret.

D. Make it available online.

55.What has the past half century witnessed according to Kapsalis?

A. Growing interest in rare art objects.

B. Radical changes in archiving practices.

C. Recovery of various missing documents.

D. Increases in the value of museum exhibits.

51. B. It was stolen more than once. 根据文章第一段 being stolen twice可以得知Darwin的信件被偷了一次以上。

52. D. They pressed criminal charges in vain. 根据第三段第二句“Their art crime team recovered the letter but were unable to press charges because the time of limitations had ended.”意思是由于超过了时间限制，因此不能够起诉犯罪团伙了，选项中的in vain意思是无效 选项意思是FBI起诉犯罪团伙无效符合题意。

53. D. His acknowledgement of help from a professional. 根据第四段可以得知Darwin写这封信为了感谢地理学家提供给他一些相关地理方面的材料，D选项acknowledgement意思是感谢，他感谢来自专业人士的帮助，符合文章意思

54. D. Make it available online. 根据文章倒数第二段倒数第二句”After it is repaired, we will take digital photos of it and that will be available online. ” 意思是资料修复之后，我们将会拍一些照片放在网上。选项意思与此句完全符合

55. B. Radical changes in archiving practices. 选项意思是在实行归档方面发生了根本变化，根据文章最后一段Archiving practices have changed greatly since the 1970s可以得知从1970年开始在实行归档方面发生了巨大变化。符合题意

**Part IV                  Translation            (30 minutes)**

Directions: *For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to translate a passage from Chinese into English. You should write your answer on****Answer Sheet 2****.*

过去，乘飞机出行对大多数中国人来说是难以想象的。如今随着经济的发展和生活水平的提高，越来越多的中 国人包括许多农民和外出务工人员都能乘飞机出行。他们可以乘飞机到达所有大城市，还有许多城市也在筹建 机场。航空服务不断改进，而且经常会有特价机票。所年来，节假日期间选择飞机外出旅游的人不断增加。

【参考译文】

In the past, it was unimaginable to travel by plane for most Chinese. With the development of economy and the improvement of living standards, an increasing number of Chinese people, including many farmers and migrant workers, can travel by air. They can fly to all major cities, and we can see lots of cities are preparing to build airports. Airline services have been improved constantly and discounted tickets are often available. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of people choosing to travel by air during the holidays.

听力原文

Part II   Listening Comprehension

**News Report One**

A Message in a bottle sent out to sea by a New Hampshire man more than five decades ago was found 1,500 miles away and has been returned to his daughter. The long lost message was discovered by Clint Buffington of Utah while he was vacationing. Buffington says he found a soda bottle half buried in the sand that looked like it had been there since the beginning of time. The note inside the bottles said, “return to 419 Ocean Street and receive a reward of $150 from Richard and Tina Pierce, owners of the Beach comber motel.” The motel was owned by the parents of Paula Pierce in 1960. Her father had written the note as a joke and had thrown it into the Atlantic Ocean. Buffington flew to New Hampshire to deliver the message to Paula Pierce. She held up to her father’s promise giving Buffington that reward, but the biggest reward is the message in a bottle finding its way back home.

Q1. What is the news report mainly about?

Q2. Why did Pollard Pearce give Clint Buffington the reward?

**News Report Two**

Millions of bees have died in South Carolina during aerial insect spraying operations that were carried out to combat the Zika virus. The insect spraying over the weekend left more than 2 million bees dead on the spot in Dorchester County South Carolina, where four travel-related cases of Zika disease have been confirmed in the area. Most of the deaths came from flower town bee farm, a company in Summer-ville that sells bees and honey products, Juanita Stanley who owns the company said the farm looks like it’s been destroyed, the farm lost about 2.5 million bees. Dorchester County officials apologized for the accidental mass killing of bees. Dorchester County is aware that some beekeepers in the area that was sprayed on Sunday lost their bee colonies. County Manager Jason Ward said in a statement: I’m not pleased that so many bees were killed.

Q3. Why was spraying operations carried out in Dorchester County.

Q4. Why does the news reports say about flower town bee farm.

**News Report Three**

The world’s largest aircraft has taken to the skies for the first time. The Air-Lander 10 spent nearly two hours in the air, having taken off from Cardington airfield in Bedfordshire. During its flight, it reached 3000 feet and performed a series of gentle turns all over a safe area. The aircraft is massive as long as a football field and as tall as six double decker buses and capable of flying for up to five days. It was first developed for the U.S.government as a long-range spy aircraft but was abandoned following budget cutbacks. The aircraft cost 25 million pounds and can carry heavier loads than huge jet planes while also producing less noise and emitting less pollution. The makers believe it’s the future of aircraft and one day we’ll be using them to go places. But there’s still a long way to go. The air lander will need to have two hundred hours flying time before being allowed to fly by the Aviation Administration. If it passes though we can hope we’ll all get some extra leg room.

Q5. What do we learn about the first flight of the Air-Lander 10?

Q6. What caused the U.S. government to abandon the Air-Lander 10 as a spy aircraft?

Q7. What is the advantage of Air-Lander 10 over huge jet planes?

**Section B**

**Conversation One**

M:Do you feel like going out tonight?

W:Yeah, why not? We haven’t been out for ages.

M:What a shame. Well, there is a film about climate change. Does it sound good to you?

W:No, not really. It doesn’t really appeal to me. What is it about? Just climate change?

M:I think it’s about how climate change affects everyday life. I wonder how they make it entertaining.

W:Well, it sounds really awful. It’s an important subject, I agree. But I’m not in the mood for anything depressing. What else is on?

M:There’s a Spanish Dance Festival.

W:Oh, I love dance. That sounds really interesting.

M:Apparently, it’s absolutely brilliant. Let’s see what it says in the paper,“Anna Gomez leads in an exciting production of the great Spanish love story, Carmen.”

W:OK, then what time is it on?

M:At 7:30. Well, that’s no good. We haven’t got enough time to get there. Is there anything else?

M:There is a comedy special on.

W: Where’s it on? It’s at the City Theatre. It’s a charity comedy night with lots of different acts. It looks pretty good. The critic in the local papers says it’s the funniest thing he’s ever seen. It says here Roger Whitehead is an amazing host to a night of foreign performances.

W: Emm...I’m not keen on him. He’s not very funny.

M:Are you sure you fancy going out tonight? You’re not very enthusiastic.

W:Perhaps you’re right. OK. Let’s go see the dance. But tomorrow, not tonight.

M: Great. I’ll book the tickets online.

Q8.What does the woman think of climate change?

Q9.Why did the speakers give up going to the Spanish Dance Festival tonight?

Q10.What does the critic say about the comedy performed at the City Theatre?

Q11.What does the woman decide to do tomorrow?

**Conversation Two**

W:Good morning, Mr. Lee. May I have a minute of your time?

M:Sure, Catherine. What can I do for you?

W:I’m quite anxious about transferring over to your college. I’m afraid I won’t fit in.

M:Don’t worry, Catherine. It’s completely normal for you to be nervous about transferring schools. This happens to many transfer students.

W:Yes, I know, but I’m younger than most of the students in my year. And that worries me a lot.

M:Well, you may be the only younger one in your year, but you know, we have a lot of after-school activities you can join in. And so, this way you’ll be able to meet new friends of different age groups.

W:That’s nice. I love games and hobby groups.

M:I’m sure you do. So you’ll be just fine. Don’t worry so much and try to make the most of what we have on offer here. Also, remember that you can come to me anytime of the day if you need help.

W:Thanks so much. I definitely feel better now. As a matter of fact, I’ve already contacted one of the girls who’d be living in the same house as me and she seemed really nice. I guess living on campus I’ll have a chance to have a closer circle of friends since we’ll be living together.

M:All students are very friendly with new arrivals. Let me check who would be living with you in your flat. OK. There are Hannah, Kelly and Bree. Bree is also a new student here like you. I’m sure you two will have more to share with each other.

Q12.Why does Catherine feel anxious?

Q13.What does Mr. Lee encourage Catherine to do?

Q14.What does Mr. Lee promise to do for Catherine?

Q15.What do we learn about Catherine’s schoolmate Bree?

**Section C**

**Passage One**

Have you ever felt like you would do just about anything to satisfy your hunger? A new study in mice may help to explain why hunger can feel like such a powerful motivating force. In the study, researchers found that hunger outweighed other physical drives including fear, thirst and social needs to determine which feeling won out. The researchers did a series of experiments.

In one experiment, the mice were both hungry and thirsty. When given the choice of either eating food or drinking water, the mice went for the food the researchers found. However, when the mice were well-fed but thirsty they opted to drink according to the study.

The second experiment meant to pit the mice’s hunger against their fear. Hungry mice were placed in a cage that had certain Fox centered areas and other places that smelled safer. In other words, not like an animal that could eat them but also had food. It turned out that when the mice were hungry they ventured into the unsafe areas for food. But when the mice were well-fed they stayed in areas of the cage that were considered safe. Hunger also outweighed the mice’s social needs, the researchers found. Mice are usually social animals and prefer to be in the company of other mice according to the study. When the mice were hungry they opted to leave the company of other mice to go get food.

Q16. What is the researchers’ purpose in carrying out the Su’s experiments with mice?

Q17. In what circumstances do mice venture into unsafe areas?

Q18. What is said about mice at the end of the passage?

**Passage Two**

The United States has one of the best highway systems in the world. Interstate highways connect just about every large and mid-sized city in the country. Did you ever wonder why such a complete system of excellent roads exists? For an answer, you would have to go back to the early 1920s. In those years just after World War I, the military wanted to build an American highway system for national defense. Such a system could if necessary move troops quickly from one area to another. It could also get people out of cities in danger of being bombed, so-called roads of national importance were designated, but they were mostly small country roads. In 1944 Congress passed a bill to upgrade the system but did not fund the plan right away. In the 1950s, the plan began to become a reality. Over 25 billion dollars was appropriated by Congress and construction began on about 40,000 miles of new roads. The idea was to connect the new system to existing expressways and freeways. And though the system was built mostly to make car travel easier, defense was not forgotten. For instance, highway overpasses had to be high enough to allow trailers carrying military missiles to pass under them. By 1974, this system was mostly completed a few additional roads would come later. Quick and easy travel between all parts of the country was now possible.

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

Q19. What does the speaker say about the American highway system?

Q20. What was the original purpose of building a highway system?

Q21. When was the interstate highway system mostly completed?

**Passage Three**

Texting while driving was listed as a major cause of road deaths among young Americans back in 2013. A recent study said that 40 percent of American teens claimed to have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger. This sounds like a widespread disease but it’s one that technology may now help to cure. T.J. Evert, a 20-year-old inventor, has come up with a novel solution that could easily put texting drivers on notice. It’s called Smart Wheel and it’s designed to fit over the steering wheel of most standard vehicles to track whether or not the driver has two hands on the wheel at all times. Evert’s invention warns the drivers with a light and a sound when they hold the wheel with one hand only. But as soon as they place the other hand back on the wheel the light turns back to green and the sound stops. It also watches for what’s called “close by hands”where both hands are close together near the top of the wheel, so the driver can type with both thumbs and drive at the same time. All the data smart wheel collects is also sent to a connected app, so any parents who install smart wheel can keep track of the teen’s driving habits. If they try to remove or damage the cover, that’s reported as well.

Q22. What is a major cause of road deaths among young Americans?

Q23. What is Smart Wheel?

Q24. What happens if the driver has one hand on the wheel?

Q25. How do parents keep track of their teen’s driving habits?

【翻译原文】

公交车曾是中国人出行的主要交通工具。近年来，由于私家车数量不断增多，城市的交通问题越来越严重。许 多城市为了鼓励更多人乘坐公交车出行，一直努力改善公交车的服务质量。车辆的设施不断更新，车速也有了 显著提高。然而，公交车的票价却依然相当低廉。现在，在大多数城市，许多当地老年市民都可以免费乘坐公交车。

【参考译文】

Buses used to be one of the main vehicles for Chinese people. Recently, due to the increasing number of private cars, the traffic problems in cities become more serious. In order to encourage the public to take buses instead of private cars, many cities manage to improve their buses’ quality of service.The facilities of buses have been upgraded, and the speed increased significantly. Meanwhile, the prices of buses remain rather low. Now, in most cities, many local senior citizens can take buses for free.

**【题目】Directions:** For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to translate a passage from Chinese into English. You should write your answer on **Answer Sheet 2**.

近年来，中国有越来越多的城市开始建造地铁。发展地铁有助于减少城市的交通拥堵和空气污染。地铁具有安全、快捷和舒适的优点，越来越多的人选择地铁作为每天上班或上学的主要交通工具。如今，在中国乘坐地铁正变得越来越方便。在有些城市里，乘客只需用卡或手机就可以乘坐地铁。许多当地老年市民还可以免费乘坐地铁。

**【参考译文】**

In recent years, a considerable number of cities in China have begun to build subways. Developing subways can help reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in cities. Owing to the fact that the subway has the advantages of safety, speed and comfort, a host of people choose subway as the main means of transportation to work or school every day. Nowadays, it is becoming increasingly convenient to take the subway in China. In some cities, passengers can take the subway simply by using a card or cell phone. Many older residents can also take the subway for free.

**阅读能力The importance of reading ability and how to develop it.**

As increasing significance is attached to well-rounded quality, the role played by reading has never been more highly regarded than nowadays due to its subtle yet profound influence toward the prosperity of personal growth, which serves as an indispensable part in the process of self education.

So why has the importance of reading attracted so much attention? The hidden reasons behind the phenomenon are as following: Primarily, it is worth noticing that the benefit derived from reading is obviously remarkable, enabling the reader to enrich his knowledge. What is more, we can not afford to overlook the fact that the role played by reading is essential, which ensures that the reader can keep up with the news.  To a larger extent, there is no exaggeration to say that the importance of reading can not be more emphasized, which undoubtedly exerts positive effect toward habit of lifelong study.

To sum up, it boils down to that in order to keep pace with the development of the society, it is sensible for every individuals to enhance the awareness of reading as well as take practical measures, such as taking advantage of taking note and planning the reading list on monthly basis, so as to maintain the welfare and prosperity of personal improvement.

**口语能力【参考范文】**

It is well known that speaking is one of the most practical abilities for us with the current trend of communication becoming necessary and indispensable in this ever-changing modern society. As a result, we, university students, should pay more attention to the significance of speaking.

In order to cultivate the ability of speaking, initially, we are supposed to take more activities related to speaking to improve our communicating skill. Additionally, It is imperative that education--related organizations and Mass Media should provide more opportunities to develop this ability for students. What’s more, another vital step we should not overlook is that the essence of speaking is expected to be promoted.

If we do not hold speaking in high esteem, or treat it mindlessly, we will encounter different difficulties in expressing in our roads to the success. Therefore, it is advisable for us to stress the importance of speaking ability.

**【参考译文】**

在日新月异的现代社会中，诚如我们所知，交流已经变得不可或缺，口语表达能力是最为重要的能力之一。因此，作为大学生，我们应该重视表达能力。

为了培养我们的表达能力，首先，我们应该参与更多与表达相关的活动来提高我们的沟通能力；此外，教育相关的组织及大众媒体应该给学生提供更多的锻炼机会；再来，我们不应该忽视的另外重要一步是对表达能力的推广。

如果我们不重视表达能力或者对其随意对待，我们可能在通往成功的路上遇到不同的困难。因此，我们应该重视表达能力。