

## Section A

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### News Report One

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

1. ☒ A. It is the biggest TV manufacturer in China. *acquire v.*  
☐ B. It is the second biggest smart TV maker in China. *acquisition n.*  
☐ C. It is China's first TV manufacturer going global.  
☒ D. It is China's leading online streaming site with various businesses.
2. ☒ A. LeTV has announced its acquisition of Vizio.  
☐ B. LeTV has agreed to cooperate with Vizio in TV industry.  
☐ C. LeTV has been taken over by Vizio.  
☐ D. LeTV has acquired a large market share in North America.

### News Report Two

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

3. ☐ A. Travelling into space.  
☐ B. Intelligent civilizations on other worlds.  
☒ C. Searching for life on stars closest to the Earth.  
☐ D. Successful reception of signals from many stars near the Earth.
4. ☒ A. Some of the chief space researchers support it.  
☐ B. Few scientists believe humans are alone in the universe.  
☒ C. Many scientists feel it's time to search for life beyond Earth.  
☐ D. Many scientists consider it quite possible to get signals from other space.

### News Report Three

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

5. ☒ A. iPhone SE. *lower price*      B. iPhone 5s.      C. iPhone 5. *same size*      D. iPhone 6s. *better hardware*
6. ☒ A. iPhone SE has a better hardware than iPhone 5s. *more reason*  
☐ B. iPhone SE has the same design and materials as the 5 and 5s.  
☐ C. iPhone SE has a color of rose gold.  
☒ D. iPhone SE is much larger than iPhone 5 and 5s.
7. ☐ A. Texas.      B. New York.      ☒ C. California.      D. Kansas.

## 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.

### Conversation One

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

8. A. To support one of the candidates.  
B. To remind people to vote.  
C. To write a newspaper article.  
D. To hear more about the speakers' ideas.
9. A. He is too busy to go to the debate.  
B. He is not interested in debating at all.  
C. He doesn't have transportation.  
D. He feels it doesn't make a difference.
10. A. The way the government supports businesses.  
B. The election process for representatives.  
C. The amount of money used for campaigns.  
D. The news coverage of debates.
11. A. Open a restaurant.  
B. Attend the upcoming debate.  
C. Make a speech in the debate.  
D. Become a political candidate.

### Conversation Two

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

12. A. How light bounces off things.  
B. How heavy light is.  
C. How people get frightened.  
D. Why people can see things.
13. A. Darkness is not scary at all.  
B. People can't see things without light.  
C. People can imagine light in the darkness.  
D. People's eyes can get used to darkness.
14. A. The light bounces off things.  
B. The light moves very fast.  
C. The light shines on things, and lights them up.  
D. The light moves from one thing to another.
15. A. The woman convinced the man.  
B. The man convinced the woman.  
C. The man confused the woman.  
D. Neither of them convinced the other.



## Section C

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some 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.

### Passage One

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

16. A. The relationship between tornadoes and thunderstorms.  
B. How to measure the strength of tornadoes.  
☒ C. Ways to protect buildings from tornadoes.  
D. The formation and force of tornadoes.
17. A. They can predict exactly when and where tornadoes will occur.  
☒ B. They do not have a complete understanding of tornadoes.  
C. They are using new technology to track tornadoes.  
D. They conducted research on tornadoes in the Gulf of Mexico.
18. ☒ A. They create differences in air pressure inside and outside the house.  
☒ B. Humid air rises rapidly toward the top of the house.  
C. Rotating air enters the house.  
D. Lower air pressure inside the house causes it to collapse.

### Passage Two

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

19. A. Wild bees.  
B. Wax and honey.  
C. Beekeeping in Africa.  
☒ D. A helper of honey lovers.
20. A. Because it's small in size.  
☒ B. Because it's hidden high in the trees.  
C. Because it's covered with wax.  
D. Because it's hard to recognize.
21. ☒ A. The way it gets its food.  
B. The way it eats honey.  
C. The way it sings in the forest.  
D. The way it reaches into bees' nests.

### Passage Three

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

22. A. Allow for local students' summer visits.  
B. Offer summer work to a local teenager.  
C. Give more academic lectures.  
D. Help disadvantaged students in neighboring communities.
23. A. About two years.  
B. Nearly twenty years.  
C. Approximately twelve years.  
D. Ten years.
24. A. Setting up networks.  
B. Gaining firsthand work experience.  
C. Helping local teenagers form good working habits.  
D. Getting a clear perspective of various education systems.
25. A. Giving back to the neighboring community.  
B. Obtaining more government funds.  
C. Winning more support from local companies.  
D. Recruiting more qualified staff.



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1. ☒ A. Increased risk of <sup>0</sup>cancer development.      B. Rise of the body temperature.  
C. Failure of the immune system.      D. Serious damage to the nerve system.
2. A. 100 degrees Celsius.      B. 50 degrees Celsius and above.  
☒ C. 65 degrees Celsius and above.      D. 80 degrees Celsius and above.

### News Report Two

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

3. A. To increase retail activity in the area.      *pedestrian*  
☒ B. To reduce serious air pollution in the area.  
C. To enable tourists to walk to the Arc de Triomphe.  
D. To make sure that local residents can be free from noise.
4. ☒ A. Every Sunday.      B. Every Monday.  
C. The first day of each month.      ☒ D. The first Sunday of each month.

### News Report Three

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

5. ☒ A. The sales situation of Apple Watch since its launch.      *plump ↔ descend*  
B. Market prospects of Apple, Samsung, Lenovo and LG Electronics.      *forecast*  
C. Introduction of an updated operating system for Apple Watch.      *foresee*  
D. Price competition among Apple, Samsung, Lenovo and LG Electronics.
6. A. Apple will cooperate with other businesses to develop a smart watch.  
B. Apple will considerably lower its smart watch price to win more customers.  
☒ C. Smart watch market will boom in the near future.  
D. Apple Watch will remain its current market level due to fierce competition.
7. A. Apple released its sales figures for Apple Watch.  
☒ B. Apple made no comments on the IDC report.      *deny*  
C. Apple showed greater confidence in the market prospects of smart watches.  
D. Apple denied what was revealed in the IDC report.

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8. A. Signing up for voluntary work.                      B. Making donations.  
C. Planning a trip.                                              D. Keeping a warehouse.
9. A. Public relations.                                          B. Fund raising.  
C. Handing out food.                                          D. Grass cutting.
10. A. On Sunday.                                                B. On Friday.  
C. On Thursday.                                               D. On Monday.
11. A. Because they are very inefficient in their work.  
B. Because the food bank is quite understaffed.  
C. Because the clients usually arrive earlier.  
D. Because he wants to make sure that things run smoothly.

## Conversation Two

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

12. A. Mary's poor performance in her mid-term exams.  
B. The courses that Mary is currently taking.  
C. Mary's difficulties in writing essays.  
☒ D. Mary's problems with pre-registering for classes online and possible solutions.
13. A. Because something went wrong with her computer.  
B. Because her Internet connection was not stable.  
☒ C. Because there were too many people trying to do the same thing.  
D. Because the school's server crashed after a hacking incident.
14. A. She should wait until later to pre-register.  
☒ B. She should get the professor's approval to take the course she wanted.  
C. She should get advice from her tutor.  
D. She should take a course with less reading requirements.
15. ☒ A. He is not worried about it.  
B. He thinks it is difficult to do it.  
C. He will enroll in a couple of weeks.  
D. He thinks it is impossible to get all his courses registered.



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☐ B. Because she made a large sum of money with shares.  
☐ C. Because she built up a large company of stocks and shares.  
☐ D. Because she was unusually cruel.
17. ☐ A. She sent him to a large prestigious hospital.  
☐ B. She sent for a doctor.  
☒ C. She took him to a charity hospital.  
☐ D. She didn't pay the bill for the doctor.
18. ☐ A. Hatty Green died a poor woman.  
☐ B. Hatty Green contributed a lot to the poor.  
☐ C. Hatty Green disliked her son.  
☒ D. Hatty Green preferred money to anything else.

### Passage Two

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

19. ☐ A. Embarrassed.  
☒ B. Isolated.  
☐ C. Confused.  
☐ D. Delighted.
20. ☒ A. Math and reading skills.  
☐ B. Drawing.  
☐ C. Sports.  
☐ D. Music lessons.
21. ☐ A. Becoming a better person.  
☐ B. Making her think about her place in the world.  
☒ C. Improving her academic performance.  
☐ D. Making her think about who she is.

### Passage Three

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

22. A. Places where camels look for food in the desert.  
B. How camels survive in the desert.  
C. New kinds of food discovered in the desert.  
D. Why temperatures change quickly in the desert.
23. A. That they run very fast.  
B. That they are found only in hot regions.  
C. That they can easily find water in the desert.  
D. That they store water in their humps.
24. A. It is full of fat.  
B. It dries out quickly.  
C. It is difficult to find.  
D. It contains a lot of water.
25. A. Drinking too much water.  
B. Storing much fat.  
C. Going too long without rest.  
D. Spending much time in the sun.