**Listening Test1**

Text 1

M: How was your trip to London, Jane?

W: Very good, especially the weather there. The sun was shining brightly and there was no wind.

M: Yes, you went there just in the right season. It rains a lot during the autumn.

Text 2

W: I joined our country’s new program called Internet plus nursing services.

M: Really? Tell me more about it.

W: It was carried out in six provinces from February and it will run until the end of the year.

Text 3

M: I feel bad today. I have a sore throat and my nose is running. I don’t want to go to school.

W: Sounds like you have a cold. OK. Have a good rest and I’ll call your teacher to ask for leave.

Text 4

W: I suppose you’ve missed the last bus. Let me give you a ride.

M: Thank you. You are so kind. But Mary and I are going to take the subway home. It’s convenient.

Text 5

M: Oh, look at all the mess! What happened here?

W: We threw a party last night. It was very late when it was over and I didn’t clean it.

M: Then when will you clean it?

W: Right away.

Text 6

M: ⑥I don’t think I’d recommend that hotel to anyone.

W: You can’t expect luxury for that price. Anyway it was easy to get into the city center to see all the sights.

M: It was a good starting point for exploring, ⑥but the people working there weren’t terribly helpful when we asked them for directions.

W: The lady on the reception desk was nice, ⑦and you must admit she gave us a room overlooking the garden at the back.

M: ⑥It’s a shame about that tiny bathroom though. The beds could have been softer too.

W: Well, we should have read some reviews online before booking.

Text 7

W: So Jason, will you have a go(尝试) at the competition for young video game designers then?

M: It’d be really cool if I could, ⑧but I don’t know if I’m really up to(能胜任) it.

W: It’s for 11-to-16-year-olds, so it should be your sort of thing, don’t you think?

M: ⑧It’s more a question of whether I’ve got what it takes really.

W: But you know a lot about video games.

M: From the point of view of a player… yeah, absolutely… but as a designer, that’s a really different thing. I’ll definitely have a closer look at the competition rules though.

W: I’ve printed them off actually. ⑨You’d better have a look at them before you sign up for the competition.

M: ⑨I will. Thanks.

Text 8

W: So where should we start? This place is huge!

M: Why don’t we check out the transportation exhibition?

W: Right! I really want to see the high-speed train that travels along on air.

M: Sounds interesting. But let’s not miss the Reality Room. It’s really cool. No matter where you are, you just put on a video hat and you can be in New York — walk the streets, skate through Central Park and you never even leave the room.

W: It’s probably a lot safer to see New York that way. But I’d like to see the Genetic Engineering Room too.

M: What’s that about? Sounds frightening!

W: Well, they’ve developed some new tomatoes. They are supposed to be very sweet and juicy, and they don’t go bad as fast as normal tomatoes.

M: To be honest, I’m nervous when technology is mixed into our food.

Text 9

M: Can you tell me some interesting activities in the library?

W: Yes. We offer a lot of activities and the most popular one is Story Time for children. It takes place in the Children’s Room on Thursday mornings at eleven.

M: Isn’t there a family movie night?

W: Yes. But it’s not at night anymore. We used to have Family Movies on Fridays when the library is open until nine, but now we have a different activity at that time, so we had to switch Family Movies to the weekend — Saturday afternoon.

M: How much do you charge for the movies?

W: They’re all free. The movie starts at 2:30 in the Reference Room.

M: And what takes place on Friday evenings?

W: We’ve just started a weekly Lecture Series. We have a different speaker every week, and the lectures cover all different kinds of topics.

M: That sounds like something I’d be interested in. When does it start?

W: The lecture starts at 6:30 in the Meeting Room. But you’d better come early, or there will be no seats left for you.

M: I got it. Thanks.

Text 10

M: The English Camp Company organizes English Summer Camps for 7-to-14-year-olds. Our fun-loving teachers come from some of the best universities in the United States. They are well-qualified with backgrounds in teaching English.

This summer, we will take a trip to Canada. We will participate in some voluntary work. The most exciting one is that we will have an adventure trip into the green jungle. We will also go for a trip to Italy. We will visit famous museums there. You will be impressed by its architecture. We will live and learn together in Milan University. Our trip to Canada lasts for ten days and costs $1,000 and the one to Italy lasts for a week and costs $800.

We offer a fun and relaxing atmosphere for children to learn English. No one will ever learn a language without making mistakes. At our camps, we don’t ask the children to speak English perfectly. We only ask them to do their best. Join our 20-day camps for the summer of your life!

Listening Test2

Text 1

W: Jim, did you see the show last night?

M: Yes. But I don’t think it was worth the money.

W: I’m afraid I can’t agree with you. Didn’t you hear the audience clap their hands very often?

Text 2

W: Congratulations, Peter! I heard you got a job in an IT company.

M: Thanks, but it’s a little early for congratulations. All I got so far is an interview for next Monday.

W: I see. Good luck!

Text 3

M: Good afternoon, madam. What can I do for you?

W: I bought this laptop here last Friday. And it doesn’t work now.

M: I’m sorry. Let me have a check on it first.

Text 4

M: Have you visited Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge?

W: Yes. I went there as soon as it was opened. It looks wonderful and is 55 kilometers long.

Text 5

M: I’ve been watering my plants twice a week in the living room. But they are growing badly.

W: I think you should put them beside the window where they can absorb some sunlight.

M: I see. Thanks for your advice.

Text 6

W: ⑥John, what about going to the theater tomorrow afternoon? I heard there would be a good play on.

M: Sorry, Jane, but I already have plans.

W: So what’s your plan for tomorrow?

M: I’m going to the beach. I’m really interested in Texas SandFest.

W: What is it?

M: It’s an artistic sand festival. ⑦It was started in 1997 and has been held annually since then. It attracts talented amateurs(业余爱好者) and master sculptors(雕塑家) alike to beautiful beaches of Port Aransas on the Lone Star State’s Gulf Coast. ⑦It takes place in late April every year and lasts for three days. It features amazing sculptures, live music, food, shopping and fun in the sun.

W: Well, it really sounds more exciting than going to the theater. Can I go with you tomorrow?

M: Of course you can.

Text 7

M: Hi, Lucy, have you seen my history book? I can’t find it anywhere.

W: Oh, you are always so forgetful. Where have you been?

M: ⑧I went back to my dormitory at ten to four, one hour ago.

W: Maybe you left it there.

M: I looked there, but I didn’t see it.

W: Where else did you go after that?

M: When I came out from my dormitory, I met Jane and we went to the drawing room together.

W: You must have left it there.

M: No, I only found my cellphone there.

W: Oh, look! ⑨There it is, lying on the floor of the classroom!

Text 8

W: Could you spare me a few minutes, Mr. Cooper?

M: I’m rather busy, but what is it?

W: It’s a personal affair. My husband is a builder. Just now I was told that he fell off the wall and was sent to the hospital. I have to look after him.

M: Sorry to hear that. What can I do for you?

W: You know my daughter is little and she needs to be taken care of. My parents just traveled to Washington D. C. If I go to the hospital, she will be left alone.

M: Oh, I see. I will ask my wife to take care of her. You see, I will fly to Chicago and have an important signing ceremony.

W: Is your wife at home now?

M: Usually at this time, she goes shopping with friends or does the cleaning in our house. But today she is busy with her part-time work. However, I think she can take some time off.

W: You are so kind and I am very grateful.

M: Don’t mention it. Just bring your daughter to my house.

W: That’s very sweet of you!

Text 9

M: Excuse me. Do you work in the computer room?

W: Yes, I do. Can I help you?

M: Well, I’m a first year and I know that I’ll need to use the computer room for my work. So, I thought I’d get down here and see what I have to do.

W: OK. There are four computer labs open for undergraduates. The names are Wimborne, Court, Franklin and Salisbury. Wimborne and Court are in this building, the Johnson building. Franklin is in the Computer Science building and Salisbury is in the library. There’re also three more computer labs that can only be used by the staff.

M: So I can use them whenever I like?

W: Well, you can use them but not whenever you like. In each of the labs there is a reservation book and you can reserve your time on a computer for two hours daily. You can’t go on it straightaway.

M: Thank you. By the way, I’ve got to get a username and password. How do I go about that then?

W: Well, what I’ll do is pass you over to my colleague, Jane, as she’s in charge of all that. OK, please this way.

Text 10

W: Good morning, everyone! I’m Judy, the new manager of the Clark Sports Center. Our sports center was due to open on May 5th, but we had a problem with the roof. So it will actually open on May 12th. I do hope as many people as possible will come and join our party on the same day. The party starts at 10 o’clock.

We offer a variety of sports here. You can pay for membership for a week, a month or a year. For a year’s membership it costs ￡450, monthly membership is ￡40 and if you pay weekly, it will cost you ￡10. So you save money by paying for a whole year. You need to wear training shoes and suitable clothes, but you don’t need to bring a towel. That saves carrying a huge bag around with you. We are very lucky to have Sonia Smith joining us, who is going to give dance classes daily at 5:30. We will also have Tai Chi, Yoga and Pilates. You’d better check on our website to get more information about these classes. So that’s all I have to say for the moment.

Listening Test 25

Text 1

W: Jason, are you going downtown?

M: No. I’m going to Claires Court School. My son is going to school next year. I need to find him a good school now.

Text 2

M: Was everything all right?

W: Yes, it was wonderful. I especially liked the beef. May I have the check, please?

M: Sure thing. Coming right up.

Text 3

W: Mike, I heard you’re going to Charleroi. Are you visiting friends there?

M: No. You know, I’m really interested in photography. So I want to look at some great works of photography. I can do that at Charleroi Photography Museum.

Text 4

W: What would you like to drink, sir? Juice or milk?

M: Can I have a beer?

W: Sorry, sir, but we don’t provide beer on this plane.

M: Well, please give me a glass of fruit juice.

Text 5

M: Will you go to that middle school to teach?

W: I’m not really interested. I prefer to work at a restaurant.

M: Why?

W: I like dealing with different people.

Text 6

M: Linda, Christmas is getting close. When will you go and do Christmas shopping?

W: ⑥I read an article on the Internet the other day. It tells when we can avoid long lines when doing Christmas shopping. According to the article, two hours before noon is the best time in the day to do Christmas shopping.

M: Does it say on which day there are the shortest lines?

W: Yes. ⑦It’s usually on Sundays.

M: Great. ⑦In this case, let’s go shopping together tomorrow morning.

W: Why not! I’ve no special plans for tomorrow morning after all.

Text 7

W: Christopher, I heard you went to a wedding in India last week. How was it?

M: It was quite different from the weddings I had been to in the US. After the wedding, the food was displayed in a buffet style. And after I got my food, I found there was no spoon or fork.

W: What about chopsticks?

M: There were no chopsticks, either. ⑧When I looked around, I found the others eating using their hands. So I followed their example.

W: I heard people in that country eat that way. So how did you like the food?

M: Well, I didn’t get my hopes high before eating it. ⑨But I just couldn’t stop eating after I tried some. I finished all the food I had got.

Text 8

W: Henry, what about going to Cornwall for a coastal holiday next weekend?

M: That’s a brilliant idea. I really want to have a short getaway(短假) from London. I do want some relaxing time in a small town or village. What can we do in Cornwall? I have never been there before.

W: It has breathtaking scenery and beaches. The South West Coastal Path is great for hiking lovers, and many of the bays on the North Coast provide some of the best surfing spots in the UK.

M: That’s great. I especially look forward to the latter.

W: There is also a lot of history in Cornwall. We can go and explore the coastal ruins of the birthplace of King Arthur. We can also visit Michael’s Mount.

M: What’s Michael’s Mount?

W: A small island on the South Coast.

M: Is there a place for a drink there?

W: Certainly. We can do that at the Watering Hole on the beach.

M: I really cannot wait to go to that town.

W: Me, either.

Text 9

W: Mark, you work at a hospital, right?

M: No, I don’t. It’s my brother Mike that works at a hospital. He looks after patients there. I teach English at a school.

W: So what skills do you need for your profession, aside from(除了) English language skills?

M: First, I need interpersonal communication skills. Because teaching is all about teaching other people. I also need to have great organizational skills to organize materials, the classes, the student assignments and so on and so forth. Also having some leadership skills is also important.

W: So which of the three are you best at?

M: It’s the first.

W: How do you recommend that people develop their teaching skills? Is there a good resource for developing these skills?

M: The best resource is feedback from colleagues. I like listening to my colleagues for advice. Also, one should attend conferences in the field, read books about teaching and try out new things. I spend most of my leisure time reading.

W: So why did you become a teacher in the first place?

M: It’s because I really loved teaching. Though there is a huge amount of work for me every week, I enjoy my work.

W: So how long have you been teaching?

M: I’m thirty-eight now, which means I’ve been teaching for ten years.

Text 10

M: Vatican Radio recently began its first regular news broadcast in Latin. The broadcast is the latest effort to expand the use of Latin. The weekly Vatican Radio news broadcast lasts five minutes. It will be followed by a 30-minute show with Latin conversation. The radio’s news team, as well as the Vatican’s Latin translation department, will produce the program. Italian businessman Luca Desiata published a new book of crossword puzzles in Latin and ancient Greek this month. This book is thought to be the first with no help or explanations in modern languages. Desiata said the Internet has helped renew interest in Latin as more and more schools around the world stop teaching it. He said we now have Wikipedia in Latin, and about 40 Latin Facebook groups around the world. Many attempts have been made to bring Latin back to popular use. Some have tried to introduce new words for things that did not exist at the time of the Roman Empire. In the 1990s, for example, top Vatican Latin researcher Carlo Egger came up with some words for common objects in the home. Maybe given time, the dead language will come back to life.

Listening Test 26

Text 1

M: Did you receive my text?

W: Sorry! I was having a meeting and I didn’t check my phone.

M: OK. One of my clients is waiting for me in my office. I’ll catch you later.

Text 2

W: Glad you could join us.

M: Me too. Oh, do I have to carry the drinks?

W: No. I’ll put them and the food in this basket. You can just carry the blanket.

Text 3

M: Please help me find my key to the locker, Judy. I don’t have my glasses with me.

W: It’s so dark here. Why don’t you turn on the flashlight of your phone?

M: It’s in the locker.

Text 4

M: A quarter to twelve! We arrived in time.

W: That taxi driver is really good. He saved us twenty minutes.

M: Yeah. Now we still have half an hour before the train leaves.

Text 5

W: Peter said you wouldn’t go with us to the movies and you would go to a school to have lessons.

M: Actually I don’t have to go out. I take online classes and I only need an iPad and Wi-Fi.

Text 6

W: Henry, look at this picture. You were standing in front of an elephant. When and where did you take it?

M: ⑦I took it at the Atlanta Zoo at the age of twenty-four.

W: Were you visiting the zoo with your family or friends that day?

M: No. ⑥I was in a research team. We were studying how elephants ate different kinds of foods. I took the picture because a volunteer offered to take one for me.

W: Did you enjoy your time there?

M: Of course. ⑦Though it was already ten years ago, I remember the time at the zoo very clearly.

Text 7

W: Robert, was your phone out of order or has it run out of power? I couldn’t get through.

M: I tried to answer but my phone keeps freezing(屏幕冻结). I can hardly use it.

W: Have you checked your phone’s memory?

M: No, I haven’t. ⑧But I do have a lot of pictures and apps on my phone.

W: It is too full to work properly.

M: Really? What should I do?

W: Is there anything on it you don’t need? You could put most of your pictures online.

M: But I like to keep everything on my phone!

W: ⑨ Then you’ll need a larger memory card. That will solve the problem.

M: ⑨Great. I’ll get one after work.

Text 8

W: Mike, have you finished your work?

M: No. Are you going out to eat now?

W: Yes. It’s almost noon now. Do you want to go out with me or do you want to go back to your work?

M: I ate little this morning. My stomach is actually calling for food now. So I guess it’s better that I go and eat first. I can do the work after lunch.

W: Good. So do you want to try the new cafe around the corner? I heard it has a robot that serves customers coffee.

M: Really? I really want to give it a shot.

W: OK. Let’s find a place to eat first and then go to the cafe for a cup of coffee. You know, the robot can make up to 14 drinks at a time. It’s really good to have a robot like this. We can get our coffee more easily.

M: Yes. It’s really amazing. It can work much better than a human waiter.

W: But it’s not perfect. The robot is unable to control the strength(浓度) of the coffee well.

M: But it’s still worth a shot.

Text 9

W: Hello, this is MK Television Studios. May I help you?

M: Hello, I’m Roy! I’m calling because I saw an ad in the school newspaper. It says there is some work available for a student who wants to work on your local news program.

W: Right. But do you know the student we want for the job is a volunteer? It’s an unpaid job.

M: Oh, sure. I know that. I just want to gain some work experience.

W: Are you available on weekends? We are extremely busy at that time and need more hands(帮助).

M: Of course. I am free on weekends and I have no classes on Wednesday and Friday.

W: That’s great! Well, is your major media?

M: No, journalism. But I’ve taken some media courses.

W: I see. First you need to fill in an application form. Could you come here later this afternoon?

M: Of course.

W: That’s great. Then you have to talk with Mr. Smith. He is in charge of the program.

M: I know, and actually I can’t wait to see him.

W: Wish you good luck!

Text 10

M: As you are learning Chinese social problems now, I would like to share the result of a recent survey with you.

The researchers asked 20,000 young people in 20 countries, including China, the US and the UK, how they think and feel about the world. They found that 53 percent of those questioned in China think the world is becoming a better place. That’s the highest percentage among the countries in the survey, followed by India with 49 percent.

When asked why they felt hopeful for the future, 93 percent of those Chinese youth said it was because advances of technology like medicine, new energy and the Internet might make life in the future easier.

However, Chinese young people seem to worry about something else. As much as 82 percent of them worry about climate change. That’s a lot more than the number of people who care about the environmental problems in other countries. We can see that Chinese young people are quite different from their previous generations. I hope each of you can write a report on this problem after class.

Listening Test 49

Text 1

W: Do you have any plans for the weekend, Simon? Would you like to join us for a camping trip?

M: Thanks,but I’m going to watch a football match that I have been looking forward to. Harry Kane, the world’s most famous football star, will play in it.

Text 2

M: Welcome home, Jane!

W: Thank you, honey.

M: Did you enjoy your flight?

W: Yes. But I was scared at first. Luckily, my colleague had already traveled by plane before. He seemed very calm. He reduced my fear and I ended up having a great time.

Text 3

W: Jason, are you going to attend Jennifer’s party this afternoon?

M: Yes. It begins at 4:00 pm. I’m going out now.

W: Isn’t it a bit too early now?

M: Yes. But don’t you think my hair is a bit long?

Text 4

M: You go ahead and sit next to Alan. I don’t want him to talk to me throughout the whole movie.

W: And I do? No way!

Text 5

W: Can I help you, sir?

M: Yes, I’ve been a bit careless and left my driver’s license on a train.

W: Oh, dear. Well, let’s take some details and see what we can do.

Text 6

W: Tell me about what you do every day, Jeff.

M: Well, I usually wake up at 8 o’clock. Then I have a shower and have breakfast. I leave home at 8:45 and I walk to school with my friends. School starts at 9 o’clock and if we’re late, the teacher gets angry.

W: Really? Do you have lunch at school?

M: Yes, I do. We have lunch at 1:20.

W: What do you do after school?

M: ⑦School finishes at 3:45 and I get home at 4 o’clock. I usually have a snack like a piece of bread or some biscuits and then I do my homework. We have dinner when my parents get home and then at 8 o’clock we all watch TV together.

W: What time do you go to bed?

M: My sister goes to bed at 9 o’clock and I go to bed at 9:30.

Text 7

W: Mark, do you like reading news on the Internet?

M: Not really. I used to like watching news on TV. ⑧But now I usually read USA Today and The New York Times to learn about important events around the world.

W: Why don’t you read news online? Don’t you think it’s more convenient?

M: Well, there are just too many untrue news stories on the Internet. So do you like reading online news stories?

W: Yes. But I just use the major news sites. I dislike untrue news stories, too. ⑨I do think reporters have the biggest responsibility to reduce made-up stories.

M: Really? Don’t you think news reporting has its limits in its ability to prevent the spread of fake news?

W: So what’s your opinion?

M: I think technology companies such as Facebook and Google and the government should be responsible.

Text 8

M: Hello, is Susan there?

W: Yes, this is Susan.

M: This is Robbie. It’s about the shopping trip tomorrow. We’re going at half past nine instead of a quarter to nine.

W: OK. I’ve got that.

M: And would you mind my sister and her friend going with us? My sister’s going to drive us there in her car. She’ll bring us back too.

W: Of course not! Anything else?

M: Yes. You need to bring your bathing suit because there’s a really good pool next to the shopping center. And could you bring some food? Because we won’t have time to have lunch in a restaurant. But we can get a drink while we’re walking around the shopping center.

W: No problem. See you.

M: See you tomorrow.

Text 9

W: Hey, George! Where are you heading?

M: Hey, it’s you, Mary. I just came back from an exhibition.

W: A what?

M: An exhibition. To be exact, a fine art exhibition.

W: Really? Is it good?

M: Yeah, pretty good, I should say. You know, I don’t have any artistic ability, but I can appreciate the stuff there. There are portraits（肖像）, oil paintings and watercolors. It’s really amazing. Sometimes they can fool your eyes — you have to look really closely to see that’s not a photo or something real. It’s a great exhibition.

W: What paintings do you like best?

M: I would have to say the oil paintings. They’re just so colorful and alive.

W: Yeah, that’s one thing that I like about oil paintings. But I can’t stand the traditional style. I find it so boring.

M: Yeah, I’m a little tired of that style, too. I’m crazy about art, and I wish that I were able to paint as well as these artists. You should go and have a look at this exhibition if you can afford a day. It’s really great.

W: Well, I was just thinking about what to do for the weekend. Now you’ve given me a good idea. I’m really looking forward to it!

M: Trust me, it’s worthwhile and the ticket is not expensive.

W: OK. I’ve got to go and get the tickets now. See you.

Text 10

M: Welcome to Windsor Castle, one of the world’s oldest and largest castles. Windsor is one of the official houses of the Queen, who sometimes stays here.

We offer free tours for blind and poor-sighted visitors. We also provide guided tours. Visitors can explore the history of the castle with an expert guide. For those visiting with children, a special family tour and various safe activities are offered during school holidays and at weekends.

Tours start throughout the day from the Courtyard and finish at the entrance to the State Apartments. However, visitors arriving at the castle after 3:00 pm from March to October are advised to visit St. George’s Chapel（小教堂） first before it closes.

Shops offer many kinds of souvenirs, including books, postcards, jewelry and children’s toys. Please ask at the Middle Ward shops about our home delivery service. Bottled water can be bought from the Courtyard and Middle Ward shops. From April to September, ice cream is also available.

Listening Test 50

Text 1

M: Are you going downtown?

W: Yes. I need to go to some stores.

M: Are you going shopping there?

W: No. I bought too many things for Christmas. Now I need to have them returned.

Text 2

M: Honey, what about going to Banff National Park this weekend? My friend told me the Snow Days Festival is going to begin there this Saturday.

W: I love the idea. I’m sure our kids will love it, too. They just love having fun on ice.

Text 3

M: I’m afraid the flat on Main Street would be too noisy.

W: Look at the newspaper. All this section provides information about new flats.

M: I’m interested in this one. It is well-equipped with two big bedrooms.

W: Well, I’m calling to know more details.

Text 4

W: Tom, how is your life at college?

M: Well, I constantly find myself stressing out. I have to work to support myself while going to school. I always find myself running out of time, whether it’s writing a paper the night before it’s due or finishing a cover letter for an application.

Text 5

W: Did you watch Avengers: Endgame?

M: Yes. It was very nice to see the characters again, but it was also a little sad to say goodbye.

W: Yeah. It’s hard to believe we’ve lived with these characters and the actors playing them for more than 10 years.

Text 6

M: Jane, it seems Henry is learning to play the drum these days.

W: No, it’s not him. ⑥It’s a woman named Linda.

M: Why does she do that?

W: Henry hurt his foot last week. It brought him much pain. When the woman plays the drum, she can redirect his attention and reduce his pain.

M: Now I see. But it’s a bit annoying. The two houses are so close after all. Sometimes I even cannot focus when I’m reading a book.

W: ⑦Well, we can shut the windows.

M: I think we’ve no choice but to do that. ⑦Oh, I’m afraid I have to do that now.

Text 7

M: Are you ready to go shopping?

W: Just a few minutes. I need to make a list of things that we need.

M: Good idea. Have you written down potatoes, carrots and onions?

W: ⑧I don’t have onions on my list. I’ll add them.

M: OK. And I want to get some chocolate and cheese.

W: ⑨What kind of cheese do you want?

M: ⑨I’m not sure. I’ll decide at the market, when I can see what they have. Have we got enough money?

W: We don’t have enough cash. I’ll take my credit card.

Text 8

W: Look at this picture. Where did you take it?

M: I took it in Guilin. I was attending a college in Xi’an then. Before the Chinese New Year that year, some other foreign students and I decided to travel to Guilin for the festival.

W: How did you get there? By plane?

M: No. A flight ticket was too costly. So we decided to go there either by coach or train. But after comparing the costs, we chose the latter.

W: So how was your time in Guilin?

M: It was great. But the atmosphere of the festival also made us feel a little lonely. It made us homesick.

W: So when did you return to the US?

M: Well, I planned to return to the US in the year 2013. But I was offered a great job in Beijing. Since I was interested in the city, I accepted it and worked there for two years.

W: So you returned in the year 2015, right?

M: No. I went to Shanghai and worked there for another two years before I finally returned.

Text 9

W: Jason, do you love reading fantasy books?

M: Certainly. I just finished reading the first book of Thief’s Magic by Trudi Canavan recently.

W: Did you buy the book from a bookstore?

M: No. It was an Amazon suggestion one day on sale for a dollar. I immediately bought it and I was very glad I did that. The ending made me look forward to reading book two. So what about you?

W: I also love reading fantasy books. I finished the Protector of the Small series recently. It is about a young woman named Kel who wants to make her dream come true. The book taught me a good lesson. Because of the book, I didn’t give up my dream of becoming an actor.

M: So have you read Rhenwars Saga by ML Spencer?

W: No. It is worth reading?

M: Certainly. This is a true classic fantasy, about a war between light and darkness.

W: Do you have the book?

M: No. I found it in my school library. And I’ve recommended it to my students.

W: I’ll search the Internet for it and get a copy.

M: Believe me, you’ll love it!

Text 10

M: An all-white giant panda was discovered recently. It was spotted moving through a bamboo forest in China’s Sichuan Province. The all-white panda with red eyes was taken a photo by a camera set up in the Wolong National Nature Reserve to know about the wildlife. Wolong officials announced the discovery of the panda bear on May 25th, 2019. They said that the photo shoot occurred in an area about 6,500 feet above sea level. The panda’s sex is hard to determine from the photo. But they say it is between one and two years old. This is not the first time a panda bear having an uncommon color has been discovered. The Qinling mountain range in China’s southern Shaanxi province is home to some all-brown pandas. Among them is Qi Zai, a lovely nine-year-old brown bear who was found abandoned in the wild when he was just two months old. It looked as if it was dying. After being nursed back to health at the Shaanxi Rare Wildlife Rescue Center, Qi Zai was brought to the Foping Panda National Nature Reserve where he lived for three years. Since November 2017, the giant panda has been living at the Shaanxi Giant Panda Breeding Center.