

答题时间: 00:55

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#1231 Shanghai International Studies University

disarmed

解除武装

答题时间: 00:13

Life in the UK 2012 provides a unique overview of well-being in the UK today. The report is the first snapshot of life in the UK to be **delivered** (答案: delivered) ? by the Measuring National Well-being program and will be **updated** (答案: updated) ? and published annually. Well-being is discussed in terms of the economy, people and the environment. Information such as the unemployment rate or **number** (答案: number) ? of crimes against the person are presented alongside data on people's thoughts and feelings, for example, satisfaction with our jobs or **leisure** (答案: leisure) ? time and fear of crime. Together, a richer picture on 'how society is doing' is provided.

#1226 Well-being

overview 全面审查

distorted 扭曲的

distort v. 扭曲, 使失真; 歪曲, 曲解

span 跨度

Leisure time 休闲时间

plea n. 恳求, 请求; (法庭上所作的) 有罪 (无罪) 陈述; 借口, 托辞

答题时间: 00:23

At the height of summer in the Antarctic, tourist ships move gently around the coast. Even 30 years ago such sights would have been unthinkable, but today people are willing to pay large sums of money to see the last real wilderness in the world. In the Arctic, careless human exploitation **in the past** (答案: in the past) ? has damaged the fragile ecosystem. Today concerned governments are trying to find ways to develop the region **while** (答案: while) ? caring for the very special natural environment. **Besides** (答案: Because) ? the Antarctic is less accessible than the Arctic, it is still largely undamaged by humans, although holes in the ozone layer above the Antarctic have **already been ...** (答案: already been discovered) ?. Many people believe that one way to preserve the area is to make the whole region into a world park, with every form of exploitation internationally **expanded** (答案: banned) ?.

#1224 Antarctic

ever before**whereas**

span

n.

时间跨度, 一段时间; (桥或拱的) 墩距, 跨距; 宽度, 翼展; 范围

V.

持续, 贯穿; 包括 (广大地区), 涵盖 (多项内容); 横跨, 跨越

#1221 Discrimination against Women

解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (95)

答题时间: 00:17

Discrimination against women has been alleged in hiring practices for many occupations, but it is extremely difficult to demonstrate sex-biased hiring. A change in (答案: in) ? the way symphony orchestras recruit musicians provides an unusual way to test for sex-biased hiring. To overcome possible biases in hiring, most orchestras revised their audition policies in the 1970s and 1980s. A major change involved the use of 'blind' auditions with a 'screen' to conceal (答案: to conceal) ? the identity of the candidate from the jury. Female musicians in the top five symphony orchestras in the United States were less than 5% of all players in 1970 but are 25% today. We ask whether women were more likely to be advanced and/or hired with the use of 'blind' auditions. Using data from actual auditions in an individual fixed-effects framework, we find that the screen increases by 50% the probability a woman would advance (答案: will be advanced) ? out of certain preliminary rounds. The screen also enhances, by several fold, the likelihood a female contestant will be the winner in the final round. Using data on orchestra personnel, the switch to 'blind' auditions can explain between 30% and 55% of the increase (答案: increase) ? in the proportion female among new hires and between 25% and 46% of the increase in the percentage female in the orchestras since 1970.

#1221 Discrimination against Women

allege

5386

英

/ə'ledʒ/

美

/ə'ledʒ/

V.

(未经证实地) 宣称, 指控

allergy

7343

英

/'ælədʒi/

美

/'ælərdʒi/

n.

过敏反应, 过敏症; 厌恶, 反感

#1185 Eureka

解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (316)

答题时间: 00:34

The king had commissioned the crafting of a crown as a tribute to the gods. He gave a carefully weighed amount of gold to a smith, who produced a beautiful crown within due course. The king became suspicious, however, that (答案: that) ? the craftsman had not used all of the gold he had been given in the crown. It was a common trick to alloy gold with cheaper silver, but the King knew no way of proving that the craftsman had been dishonest. He called upon his close friend Archimedes to solve the problem. Archimedes knew that gold and silver have different densities, meaning (答案: meaning) ? that a lump of gold will weigh about twice as much as a lump of silver the same size. The trouble was that no one knew how to work out the size of an irregularly shaped object like a crown. Whilst he was pondering this conundrum, Archimedes went to the public baths to relax. As he slipped into the water he noticed some spilling over the edge, and he had a sudden flash of inspiration. The displaced (答案: displaced) ? water must have exactly the same volume as him. And if you know the volume of an object you can easily calculate its density. All Archimedes had to do was find out whether a lump of pure gold, with the same volume as the crown, weighed more. The crown would be lighter than it should be if the craftsman had deviously used some silver instead. Archimedes, in a fit of jubilation, leapt straight out of the bath and ran naked down the streets shouting "Eureka!" – "I've found it!". The goldsmith soon confessed (答案: confessed) ? and was dealt with by the King.

#1185 Eureka

conjure / 'kʌndʒə(r) / 7876 召唤、变戏法

condemn / kən'dem / 4179 遣责，严厉指责；宣判，

confess 3987 承认

#1182 Durkheim 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (316)

答题时间: 00:19

Durkheim found humanistic studies uninteresting, ✓ turning his ... (答案: turning his attention) ? from psychology and philosophy to ethics and eventually, sociology. He graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1882. Durkheim's views
✓ could not get ? (答案: could not get) ? him a major academic appointment in Paris, so from 1882 to 1887 he taught philosophy at several provincial schools. In 1885 he ✓ left for ? (答案: left for) ? Germany, where he studied sociology for two years.
Durkheim's period in Germany ✓ resulted in ? (答案: resulted in) ? the publication of numerous articles on German social science and philosophy, which ✓ gained ... ? (答案: gained recognition) ? in France, earning him a teaching appointment at the University of Bordeaux in 1887.

#1182 Durkheim

juggle 9809 玩杂耍 (连续向空中抛接多个物体) ; 力图使平衡, 尽力应付

flick through 快速浏览

flick

6955

英

/ flɪk /

美

/ flɪk /

V.

(尤指用手指或手快速地) 轻击, 轻弹;

be down to 由 (某人) 负责; 由.....引起

remain modest 保持谦虚

#1178 Avid Readers 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (217)

答题时间: 02:27

Victorians were avid readers. Just as we bury our faces in our mobile devices on the morning commute, ✗ as well ?

(答案: so too) ? did Victorians with the latest penny fiction. Perhaps the best known serialized novels were the "Penny Dreadfuls".

✓ Costing ? (答案: Costing) ? just one old penny, they focused on the exploits of detectives, criminals, or supernatural entities.

The price of new books — often only available as a set of three — was out of reach for most working-class people, so they borrowed from circulating libraries ✓ such as ? (答案: such as) ? Mudie's (founded 1842), which dispatched books all over Britain for a modest subscription fee. For the wealthier classes who ✓ could afford ? (答案: could afford) ? first editions, reading from their own collection would be an everyday occurrence.

#1178 Avid Readers

avid

英

/ 'ævɪd /

美

/ 'ævɪd /

adj.

热心的，热衷的；渴望的，渴求的

#1177 Subsidies 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (96)

答题时间: 00:17

Governments also frequently subsidize local industries to help them compete in the global market. Subsidies come in the form of

(答案: in the form of) tax credits or direct payments. The most commonly used are farm subsidies. That allows producers to lower the price of local goods and services. This makes (答案: makes) the products cheaper even

(答案: even) when shipped overseas. Subsidies work even better than tariffs. This method works best for countries that rely mainly on exports. On the contrary (答案: On the contrary) sometimes subsidies can have the opposite effect. The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 allowed the government to pay farmers not (答案: not) to grow crops or livestock, which let their fields rest and regain nutrients. It helped the agriculture industry but raised food costs during the Depression.

#1175 Mercury 解析 预测 机经题 中等

考过 (296)

答题时间: 00:13

Mercury is not found in many common products that we buy because it can be very dangerous. The most common products that

contain (答案: contain) mercury are batteries, powerful outdoor lights, disinfectants and thermometers, which are used to detect (答案: measure) our body's temperature. It can also be found in barometers, which are used to measure air pressure and show changes (答案: changes) in weather, and thermostats, which conclude (答案: regulate) the temperature of buildings. Mercury can also be found in printer and photocopy toners.

#1175 Mercury

disinfectant

英

/dɪsɪn'fektənt/

美

/dɪsɪn'fektənt/

n.

消毒剂

adj.

消毒的

thermometer

英

/θə'mɔːmɪtə(r)/

美

/θər'maːmɪtə(r)/

n.

温度计，寒暑表，体温计

depict

英

/dɪ'pɪkt/

美

/dɪ'pɪkt/

v.

描述，描绘

注意音标

regulate 控制，管理；调节，调整；监控，监管；校准，对准

Modern technology has enhanced the study of language by making its sounds observable in greater detail and with greater accuracy than ever before, but the thoughts associated with those sounds remain problematic. Currently developing ✓ technologies ✓

(答案: technologies) ? of brain imaging are allowing us to observe for the first-time which parts of the brain are active in different circumstances. They do not, however, show experiences themselves, which may always remain ✗ hideous ✓ (答案: hidden) ? from public observation. There is a sense in which each of us knows what we are thinking, ✓ although ✓ (答案: although) ? we may not always have a good way of verbalizing it. But the only way we can know what someone else is thinking is through what that person says, or through some other overt action, a ✓ facial ✓ (答案: facial) ? expression or gesture, perhaps from which that person's thoughts may be inferred, or from imagining what we ourselves would be thinking ✓ in ✓ (答案: in) ? similar circumstances.

#1174 Modern Technology

hideous

11205

英

/ 'hɪdɪəs /

美

/ 'hɪdɪəs /

adj.

极丑的，面目狰狞的；非常可怕的，令人难以忍受的

with enthusiasm / ɪn'θju:ziæzəm / 充满热情地

#1173 Wrist Watch 解析 预测 机经题 中等

考过 (119)

答题时间: 00:21

The wrist watch works by ✓ tracking ✓ (答案: tracking) ? information such as a person's pulse or movement. When it ✓ detects ✓ (答案: detects) ? a change in a person's health, the watch sends information to a touchscreen hub ✓ located ✓ (答案: located) ? in the home. The hub then ✓ alerts ✓ (答案: alerts) ? pre-determined contacts and calls for help immediately.

#1170 Freud's Theory 解析 预测 机经题 中等

考过 (120)

答题时间: 00:12

Freud's psychosexual theory, leaving questions about its validity, is necessary to be tested scientifically. ✓ However ✓ (答案: However) ? , he never did experiments. Another concern is that the theory is based on case studies versus research. Some have issues with Freud's theory being focused more on male psychosexual development, ✓ offering ✓ (答案: offering) ? very little insight into females. It also refers to homosexual preferences as a deviation of normal psychosexual development, though many psychologists today feel that sexual orientation is more biological in nature and Freud's theory is ✗ right ✓ (答案: one-sided) ?

#1170 Freud's Theory

prolific

英

/ prə'lɪfɪk /

美

/ prə'lɪfɪk /

adj.

多产的，多育的；作品丰富的，多产的；

deviation

英

/ 'di:vɪ'eɪʃn /

美

/ 'di:vɪ'eɪʃ(e)n /

n.

偏离，违背；离差，偏差

one-sided

13151

英

/ ,wʌn 'saɪdɪd /

美

/ ,wʌn 'saɪdɪd /

adj.

片面的，单方面的；不公正的

#1168 UK Universities

prescribe / prɪ'skraɪb / 开药方、开处方

summon

5771

英

/ 'sʌmən /

美

/ 'sʌmən /

v.

召唤；召集（会议）；传唤，传讯（出庭）；

注意音标

collective 集体的

predictable 可预见的

collateral 附属的

expenditure /ɪk'spendɪtʃə(r)/[n] 开支；费用；消费；消耗

preferential

12384

英

/ ,prefə'renʃ(ə)l /

美

/ ,prefə'renʃ(ə)l /

adj.

优先的，优待的，优惠的；

ratification

14585

英

/ ,rætɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n /

美

/ ,rætɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n /

n.

批准，认可

annexation

15800

英

/ ,ænek'seɪʃn /

美

/ ,ænek'seɪʃn /

n.

合并，吞并；吞并物，附加物

benevolence

19645

英

/'bɛ'nɛvələns/

美

/ bɛ'nɛvələns /

n.

慈善，仁慈

#1168 UK Universities 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (161)

答题时间：00:32

The research, commissioned by HEDQF, asked 1,000 students from UK universities for their views on the quality of their university campus and sheds new light on how students make decisions as they go through the application process. When asked what the most important factors were when deciding where to study, 76% of students X claimed (答案: ranked) ? campus facilities as either 'quite' or 'very' important, with only 8% saying it was 'not very' or 'not at all' important in their choice. This was the fourth most important factor after course, location and reputation. Estate quality increases in importance once a student has chosen a university, with 86% of students saying that it is 'quite' or 'very' important in their first year of studies. However, the importance students ✓ attach (答案: attach) ? to estates decreases to 79% for third years students. The research also highlighted how factors such as demographics, region and type of university X augmented (答案: attended) ? have an impact on how students view the university buildings. Students in Russell Group universities are much more likely to describe their buildings as 'inspiring', closely followed by students in newer universities such as Lincoln, Gloucestershire and Ravensbourne College. This pattern was repeated when students were asked to rate the overall quality and design of estate, with Russell Group students, and students from newer universities, more likely to rate the estates as excellent. ✓ Existing (答案: Existing) ? data shows capital expenditure on estates has been the highest amongst the Russell Group universities during 2001-2011. When asked where they would invest money in their universities, the top three areas in order of ✓ preference (答案: preference) ? were: smaller class sizes, bursaries for poorer students and new buildings and facilities. When their expenditure options were restricted to estates-only items, the repair and ✓ maintenance (答案: maintenance) ? of existing buildings came out top with 77%, which suggests that new buildings should not be at the ✓ expense (答案: expense) ? of the rest of the estate, and may even highlight the deficiencies of tired and outmoded facilities.

#1167 UK Drivers 解析 预测 机经题 中等

考过 (92)

答题时间：00:23

In the UK, it is recommended that drivers should turn off their car engines when they expect to be stationary for more than 1 minute. To encourage drivers ✓ to turn off (答案: to turn off) ? their engines while waiting at rail crossings, the Kent city council placed a permanent sign at the crossing asking drivers to "please switch off your engine when barriers are down to help improve air quality." ✓ On average (答案: On average) ?, drivers had to wait between 2 and 3 minutes to cross after the barrier had gone down. However, the sign didn't seem to be convincing the ✓ majority (答案: majority) ? of drivers to switch off their engines. " X Since (答案: Although) ? some research suggests that signs ✓ alone (答案: alone) ? can change behavior, the message on this sign was designed simply to be an informational request and was not guided by any particular behavioral theory," the researchers explain. So the research team, led by Rose Mellady of the University of East Anglia, designed an intervention study.

#1167 UK Drivers

#1165 Pop Art

revolt 反抗；叛逆；违抗

reckon on

期望，指望：指对某事物的发生有所期待或计划。

依赖，依靠：指依赖某人或某事物来实现预期的结果。

muster up

鼓起勇气，集中精力：

#1165 Pop Art 解析 预测 机经题 中等



考过 (332)

答题时间：00:12

Emerging in the mid 1950s in Britain and late 1950s in America, pop art reached its peak in the 1960s. It began as a revolt

✓ against (答案: against) ? the dominant approaches to art and culture and traditional views on what art ✓ should be ?

(答案: should be) ? . Young artists felt that what they were taught at art school and what they saw in museums did not have anything

✓ to do with (答案: to do with) ? their lives or the things they saw around them every day. Instead they ✓ turned to ?

(答案: turned to) ? sources such as Hollywood movies, advertising, product packaging, pop music and comic books for their imagery.

#1164 Bentham 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (251)

答题时间：00:31

By the 1820s Bentham had become a well-known figure, both in Britain and in other parts of the world. His ideas were to influence the

reforms of public administration ✗ happened (答案: made) ? during the nineteenth century, and his writings are still at the

centre of academic debate, especially ✗ in case of (答案: as regards) ? social policy, legal positivism, and welfare economics.

Bentham died on 6 June 1832, a day before the first Reform Act was given Royal Assent. As per the ✓ directions ?

(答案: directions) ? in his will, Bentham's body was dissected by his friend, the surgeon Thomas Southwood Smith, and his skeleton

preserved as the Auto-Icon. Research into Bentham's thought and life continues today at UCL's Bentham Project, set up in the early 1960s

with the aim ✗ for (答案: of) ? producing the first scholarly edition of his works and correspondence. This edition is

projected to run to ✗ almost (答案: some) ? eighty volumes. Members of the public are invited to assist in this massive

editorial task by helping to transcribe Bentham's manuscripts via Transcribe Bentham.

#1164 Bentham

as regards 关于

dissect v. 解剖（人或动物的尸体）；剖析，详细评论（某事物）；把（田地）分成小块

the aim of的目的/目标：

some 约莫，大约

#1158 Willful Blindness 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (374)

答题时间：00:14

Willful blindness had started life as a legal concept in the nineteenth century. A judge in Regina v. Sleep ruled that an accused could not

be convicted for possession of government property ✓ unless (答案: unless) ? the jury found that he either knew the goods

came from government stores or had "willfully shut his eyes to the fact." Thereafter, English judicial authorities referred to the state of

mind that accompanied one who "willfully shut his eyes" as "connivance" or "constructive knowledge." Over time, lots of other phrases

came into play—"deliberate or willful ignorance," "conscious avoidance," and "deliberate indifference." What they all have in

✓ common (答案: common) ? is the idea that there is an opportunity for knowledge and a responsibility to be informed, but it

is shirked. Nowadays, the law is ✓ most (答案: most) ? often applied in cases of money laundering and drug trafficking: if

you've been paid a large amount of money to carry a suitcase, then you are being willfully blind if you don't check what is inside.

#1158 Willful Blindness

thereby 因此，从而

Thereafter 其后，此后

答题时间: 00:11

Coral reefs support (答案: support) ? more marine life than any other ocean ecosystem and are, not surprisingly (答案: surprisingly) ?, a favorite pursuit for many divers. But as well as being physically and biologically spectacular, coral reefs also sustain the livelihoods of over half a billion people. What is more, this number is expected to double (答案: double) ? in coming decades while the area of high-quality reef is expected to halve. In combination with the very real threat of climate change, which could lead to increased seawater temperatures and ocean acidification , we start to arrive at some quite frightening scenarios.

#880 Coral Reefs

coral reef 珊瑚礁:**curb**

V.

控制, 抑制; 勒住 (马)

n.

控制, 抑制; <美>路缘, 马路牙子;

specifically

英

/ spə'sifɪkli /

美

/ spə'sifɪkli /

adv.

特意, 专门地; 明确地, 具体地; 具体来说, 确切地说

countdown

英

/ 'kaʊntdaʊn /

美

/ 'kaʊntdaʊn /

n.

倒计时, 倒数读秒;

unravel

英

/ ʌn'ræv(ə)l /

美

/ ʌn'ræv(ə)l /

V.

(使) 解开, (使) 松开;

答题时间: 00:19

What killed off the dinosaurs? The end of the Cretaceous Period saw one of the most dramatic mass extinctions the Earth has ever seen.

The fossil record shows that throughout their 160-million-year existence (答案: existence) ?, dinosaurs took on a huge variety of forms as the environment changed and new species evolved that were suited to these new conditions. Others that failed to adapt

went (答案: went) ? extinct. But then 66 million years ago, over a relatively short time, dinosaurs disappeared

completely (答案: completely) ? (except for birds). Many other animals also died out, including pterosaurs, large marine

reptiles, and other sea creatures such as ammonites. Although (答案: Although) ?, the number of dinosaur species was already declining, this suggests a sudden catastrophic event sealed their fate, causing unfavorable changes to the environment more quickly than

dinosaurs and other creatures could adapt. The exact nature of this catastrophic event is still open (答案: open) ? to

scientific debate. The catastrophe could have been an asteroid impact, volcanic eruptions or the effect of both, together with more

gradual (答案: gradual) ? changes in the Earth's climate over millions of years. Whatever the causes, the huge extinction that

ended the age of the dinosaur left gaps in the ecosystem that were subsequently filled by mammals and birds, allowing them to evolve rapidly.

#878 Dinosaurs

partially

英

/ 'pɑ:ʃəli /

美

/ 'pɑ:rʃəli /

adv.

不完全地，部分地；

excessively

英

/ ɪk'sesɪvli /

美

/ ɪk'sesɪvli /

adv.

过分地，过量地；极度

#876 World Map of Happiness

解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (334)

答题时间：00:15

Bhutan used to be one of the most isolated nations in the world. Developments including direct international flights, the Internet, mobile phone networks, and cable television have ✓ increasingly (答案: increasingly) ? | modernized the urban areas of the country.

Bhutan has ✓ balanced (答案: balanced) ? modernization with its ancient culture and traditions under the guiding philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH). Rampant ✓ destruction (答案: destruction) ? of the environment has been avoided. The government takes great ✓ measures (答案: measures) ? to preserve the nation's traditional culture, identity and the environment. In 2006, Business Week magazine rated Bhutan the happiest country in Asia and the eighth-happiest in the world,

✓ citing (答案: citing) ? a global survey conducted by the University of Leicester in 2006 called the "World Map of Happiness".

#876 World Map of Happiness

mechanically

14378

英

/ mə'keənɪklɪ /

美

/ mə'keənɪklɪ /

adv.

机械地；呆板地；物理上地

juggle 同时处理多个事务

opt 选择

embodiment

英

/ ɪm'bɒdɪmənt /

美

/ ɪm'bɑ:dimənt /

n.

体现，化身；象征

vanity 虚荣

execution 执行，实施

cite 引用，援引；引证，引以为例；传唤，传讯

答题时间: 00:38

Spanish is spoken by more than 300 million people in over 20 countries and is rapidly becoming one of the most popular

choices (答案: choices) ? for language learners around the world. A popular course for beginners, Suenos World Spanish is designed to meet (答案: meet) ? the varied needs of adult learners, whether (答案: whether) ? learning at home or in a class. From the very beginning it encourages you to develop your listening and speaking skills with confidence and

provides (答案: provides) ? many opportunities to practice reading in Spanish. Using the extensive range (答案: range) ? of media available, from the course book to the audio CDs or cassettes, to the popular accompanying television series and free online activities (答案: activities) ?, Suenos World Spanish can help you reach the equivalent level of a first qualification, such as GCSE.

#874 Spanish

commodity

英

/ kə'mɒdəti /

美

/ kə'mɑ:dəti /

n.

商品，货物；有用的东西，必需品

encroach 15920 侵入、越界

initiate 3557 发起、开始

breach

英

/ bri:tʃ /

美

/ bri:tʃ /

n.

违反，破坏；（关系）中断，终止；缺口

v.

违反，破坏；

binge

13046

英

/ bɪndʒ /

美

/ bɪndʒ /

n.

狂欢作乐，大吃大喝

v.

放纵，大吃大喝

答题时间: 00:11

Originally a nanny, Mewes is now a parenting consultant, advising couples privately on changing their child's behavior, X in spite of

(答案: as well as) ? doing corporate seminars for working parents. Her clients find they are unprepared for the chaos and unpredictability that having a child can entail. "Parents are getting older, and they have been in control of their ✓ whole

(答案: whole) ? lives and been successful. Suddenly a baby turns up and life turns on its head." Nicknamed the "Three-Day Nanny" X according to (答案: because of) ? her pledge to fix behavioral problems in children under the age of 12 within three days, she is filming a new Channel 4 television series demonstrating her techniques. The ✓ role (答案: role) ? of the parenting consultant — distinct from that of a nanny — has developed, she says, as people are used to buying in expertise, such as personal trainers or, in her case, parenting advice.

#866 Kathryn Mewes

pledge 保证; 抵押; 诺言; 誓约

consultant 咨询顾问; 咨询者; 商议者

答题时间: 00:09

Dance has played an important role in many musicals. In some ✓ cases (答案: cases) ?, dance numbers are included as an excuse to add to the color and spectacle of the show, but dance is more effective when it forms an integral part of the ✓ plot

(答案: plot) ?. An early example is Richard Rodgers On Your Toes(1936) in which the story about classical ballet meeting the world of jazz enabled dance to be introduced in a way that X crumples (答案: enhances) ?, rather than interrupts the drama.

#862 Dance

plot 情节 2992**prowess** / 'prəʊəs / |11339 英勇; 超凡技术; 勇猛**roundabout** 环岛

encumber 妨碍

level v.使平整; 推倒, 夷平

crumple 12132 弄皱

答题时间: 00:22

Your teenage daughter gets top marks in school, captains the debate team, and volunteers at a shelter for homeless people. But while driving the family car, she text-messages her best friend and rear-ends another vehicle. How can teens be so clever, accomplished, and responsible-and reckless ✓ at the same time (答案: at the same time) ?? Easily, according to two physicians at Children's

Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School (HMS) who have been ✓ exploring (答案: exploring) ? the unique structure and chemistry of the adolescent brain ."The teenage brain is not just an X adulthood (答案: adult) ? brain with fewer miles on it,"

says Frances E. Jensen, a professor of neurology. "It's a paradoxical time of ✓ development (答案: development) ?. These are people with very sharp brains, but they're not quite sure what to do with them." Research during the past 10 years, powered by technology such as functional magnetic resonance imaging, has revealed that young brains have ✓ both (答案: both) ? fast-growing synapses and sections that remain unconnected. This leaves teens easily influenced by their environment and more prone to impulsive behavior, even without the ✓ impact (答案: impact) ? of souped-up hormones and any genetic or family predispositions.

#861 Teenage Daughter

for the time being 暂时**as ever** 像往常一样

in good time 及时

enumerate

英

/ ɪ'nju:məreɪt /

美

/ ɪ'nu:məreɪt /

vt.

列举；枚举；计算

adult 成年的

ample 充足的

adulthood 成年期

enrichment 丰富

adoration 崇拜

resonance 共振；回声；反响；回响

#514 Digital Media 解析 预测 机经题 简单

考过 (103)

答题时间：00:16

Digital media and the internet have made the sharing of texts, music and images easier than ever, and the ✓ enforcement ✓

(答案: enforcement) ? of copyright restriction harder. This situation has encouraged the growth of IP law, and ✓ prompted ✓

(答案: prompted) ? increased industrial concentration on extending and 'policing' IP protection, while also leading to the growth of an

'open access', or 'creative commons' movement which ✗ compelled ✗ (答案: challenges) ? such control of knowledge and

✓ creativity ✗ (答案: creativity) ? .

#514 Digital Media

detrimental

11121

英

/ 'dətri'ment(ə)l /

美

/ 'dətri'ment(ə)l /

adj.

有害的，不利的

n.

有害的人（或物）

equate

英

/ ɪ'kweɪt /

美

/ ɪ'kweɪt /

8162

v.

(使) 等同；使（两个或两个以上事物）相等，使平衡

grapple

8513

英

/ 'græpl /

美

/ 'græpl /

v.

扭打，搏斗；努力解决问题

compel

4499

英

/ kəm'pel /

美

/ kəm'pel /

V.

强迫，迫使；使发生，促使

#447 Lionfish 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (169)

答题时间: 00:12

"Until now, few sightings (答案: sightings) ? of the alien lionfish Pterois miles have been reported in the Mediterranean and it was questionable (答案: questionable) ? whether the species could invade this region like it has in the western Atlantic." Demetris Kletou, co-author of the paper said in a statement. "But we've found that lionfish have recently shown (答案: increased) ? in abundance, and within a year have colonized almost the entire south eastern coast of Cyprus, assisted by sea surface warming." Lionfish were originally found in the waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans. They likely ended up in the Caribbean and Western Atlantic after being released (答案: being released) ? from home aquariums. The invasion of the Mediterranean has different roots. The expansion of the Suez Canal has given lionfish even more access to the Mediterranean Sea and warming water temperatures have provided the perfect (答案: perfect) ? environment for the invasive species.

#447 Lionfish

questionable 值得怀疑的，不确定的

somewhat 以某种方式

invasive 扩散性的，侵入的

#444 Sound Speed 解析 预测 机经题 中等



考过 (405)

答题时间: 00:16

The speed of sound (otherwise known as Mach 1) varies with temperature. At sea level on a 'standard day', the temperature is 59°F, and Mach 1 is approximately 761 mph. As the altitude increases, the temperature and speed of sound both (答案: both) ? decrease until about 36,000 feet, after which the temperature remains (答案: remains) ? steady until about 60,000 feet. Within that 36,000 – 60,000 foot range, Mach 1 is about 661 mph. Because of the variety (答案: variation) ?, it is possible for an airplane flying supersonic at high altitude to be slower than a subsonic flight at sea level. The transonic band (the 'sound barrier') extends from (答案: from) ? around Mach 0.8 — when the first supersonic shock waves diverge from (答案: form on) ? the wing — to Mach 1.2, when the entire wing has gone supersonic.

#444 Sound Speed

form on 在.....上形成

diverge from 偏离

#158 Facial Appearance 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (157)

答题时间: 00:26

Research demonstrates that facial appearance affects social perceptions. The current research investigates the reverse likelihood (答案: possibility) ? : Can social perceptions influence facial appearance? We examine a social tag that is associated with us early in life — our given name. The hypothesis is that name stereotypes can be manifested in facial appearance, producing a face-name matching effect, despite (答案: whereby) ? both a social perceiver and a computer are able to accurately match a person's name to his or her face. In 8 studies we demonstrate the existence (答案: existence) ? of this effect, as participants examining an unfamiliar face accurately select the person's true name from a list of several names, significantly above chance level. We replicate the effect in 2 countries and find that it extends beyond (答案: beyond) ? the limits of socioeconomic cues. We also find the effect using a computer-based paradigm and 94,000 faces. In our exploration of the underlying mechanism, we show that existing name stereotypes produce the effect, as its occurrence is culture-dependent. A self-fulfilling preference (答案: prophecy) ? seems to be at work, as initial evidence shows that facial appearance regions that are controlled by the individual (e.g., hairstyle) are inadequate (答案: sufficient) ? to produce the effect, and socially using one's given name is necessary to generate the effect.

Together, these studies suggest that facial appearance represents social expectations of how a person with a specific name should look. In this way a social tag may influence one's facial appearance.

#158 Facial Appearance

stereotype

4990

英

/ 'sterɪətaɪp /

美

/ 'sterɪətaɪp /

n.

模式化的思想，老一套；公式化人物；铅版，铅版浇铸，铅版印刷

v.

对.....形成刻板的看法，（尤指）对.....有成见；使用铅版

whereby 通过，靠

notwithstanding 尽管，虽然

prophecy

9633

英

/ 'prɒfəsi /

美

/ 'prɑ:fəsi /

n.

预言；预言能力

stipulation

16681

英

/ ,stɪpjju'leɪʃ(ə)n /

美

/ ,stɪpjju'leɪʃn /

n.

条款，约定（规定）的条件

scant

9349

英

/ skænt /

美

/ skænt /

adj.

不足的，缺乏的

#438 Panic-stricken Climate

解析 捡测 机经题 困难



考过 (273)

答题时间: 00:16

First, the scientific community that studies climate change is quietly panic-stricken, because things are moving much

(答案: much) faster than they expected. Greenhouse gas emissions are going up faster than predicts

(答案: predicted) both from industrializing countries in Asia and from melting permafrost in Siberia and Canada. The Arctic Sea ice is melting so fast that the whole ocean may be ice-free in late summer in five years' time. Most climate scientists now see last year's report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, whose forecasts are used by most governments for planning purposes, as a

firmly (答案: purely) historical document. Second, the biggest early impact of global warming will be on the food supply, both locally and globally. When the global average temperature hits one and a half degrees hotter - and it will; the carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere commits (答案: commits) us to that much warming - some countries will no longer be able to feed their people. Others, further from the equator, will still have enough food for themselves, but none to spare (答案: spare) .

#438 Panic-stricken Climate

purely 纯粹地

disproportionately 不成比例地

firmly 坚定地

#421 Tokyo Skytree 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (336)

答题时间: 00:16

Team Lab's digital mural at the entrance to Tokyo's Skytree, one of the world's monster skyscrapers, is 40 meters long and immensely detailed. However (答案: However) ? massive this form of digital art becomes — and it's a form related with (答案: subject to) ? rampant inflation — Inoko's theories about seeing are based on more modest and often pre-digital sources. An early devotee of comic books and cartoons (no surprises there), then computer games, he recognized when he started to look at traditional Japanese art that all those forms had something in common (答案: in common) ? : something about the way they captured space. In his discipline of physics, Inoko had been taught that photographic lenses, along with (答案: along with) ? the conventions of western art, were the logical way of transforming three dimensions into two, conveying the real world onto a flat surface. Therefore (答案: But) ? Japanese traditions employed 'a different spatial logic', as he said in an interview last year with j-collabo.org, that is 'uniquely Japanese'.

#421 Tokyo Skytree

mural 壁画

immensely 非常; 极端地; 极大地

subject to 受到.....的影响或制约

along with 并列、伴随

further afield 在更远的地方、脱离主题

out of 由于、出于

employ 使用; 雇用; 运用; 应用

|

#397 Flowers and Bees 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (48)

答题时间: 00:17

Most people assume, correctly, that flowers look the way they do to attract insects that pollinate them. But that's not the whole story.

Scientists have now discovered that plants have another 'trick up their leaves' to make themselves irresistible (答案: irresistible) ? to even the most choosy insect. Cambridge University's Beverley Glover and her colleagues (答案: colleagues) ? recently set up some fake flowers filled with a sugar solution, which they kept at different temperatures.

Unleashing a team of bumblebees on their floral organisms (答案: offerings) ? , they watched as the insects visited the flowers

to drink the surrogate nectar. Very quickly, it became obvious that the bees were concentrating on the flowers with the warmest nectar.

Just in case it was something to do (答案: do) ? with the color of the fake flowers, the scientists also tried a different

color combination (答案: combination) ? and got the same result.

#397 Flowers and Bees

irresistible 不可抗拒的、令人无法抗拒的

contour / 'kɒntʊə(r) / [科技] 轮廓、边界线、外形、等位线

leash / li:ʃ / 11156 拴住, 牵狗; (喻) 约束; 狗绳

unleash / ʌn'li:ʃ / v. 释放出, 发泄(力量、感情等); 解开皮带放开(动物);

#395 Giant Exoplanets 解析 预测 机经题 中等

考过 (188)

答题时间: 00:12

Giant exoplanets, like the so-called 'hot Jupiters' that are similar in shapes (答案: characteristics) ? to the solar system's biggest planet (答案: planet) ? and orbit very close to their host stars, are excellent targets for astronomers (答案: astronomers) ?

(答案: astronomers) ? in their search for their extrasolar worlds. The size and proximity of these planets is easy to detect (答案: detect) ?

(答案: detect) ? as they create a large decrease in brightness when passing in front of their parent stars.

#395 Giant Exoplanets

characteristic 2049 / ,kærəktə'rɪstɪk / n. 特征, 特点, 特色

extrasolar 太阳系外的

proximity /prək'siməti/ 6690 [n] 邻近

denounce 谴责

deflect 偏转

depict 偏转

#389 Selfies 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过(844)

答题时间：00:14

To better understand selfies and how people form their identities online, the researchers combed through 2.5 million selfie posts

✓ on (答案: on) ? Instagram to determine what kinds of identity statements people make by taking and sharing the photos. Nearly 52 percent of all selfies ✓ fell (答案: fell) ? into the appearance category: pictures of people showing off their make-up, clothes, lips, etc. ✗ However (答案: Overall) ? , an overwhelming 57 percent of selfies on Instagram were posted by the 18-35-year-old crowd, something the researchers say isn't too surprising ✓ considering (答案: considering) ? the demographics of the social media platform. The under-18 age group posted about 30 percent of selfies.

#389 Selfies

selfie / 'selfi / 自拍照

combed 7459 梳；搜寻；仔细搜索；梳理；梳子

along with 伴随着

demographic [adj] 人口的；人口学的[n] 人口统计数据；同类客户群体

#388 Shrimp Farm 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过(414)

答题时间：00:22

Over the past two decades around a third of the world's mangrove swamps have been ✓ converted (答案: converted) ? for human use, with many turned into valuable shrimp farms. In 2007 an economic study of such shrimp farms in Thailand showed that the commercial profits per hectare were \$9,632. If that were the only ✓ factor (答案: factor) ? , conversion would seem an excellent idea. However, proper ✗ aggregation (答案: accounting) ? shows that for each hectare government subsidies formed \$8,412 of this figure and there were costs, too: \$1,000 for pollution and \$12,392 for losses to ecosystem services. These

✓ comprised (答案: comprised) ? damage to the supply of foods and medicines that people had taken from the forest, the loss of habitats for fish, and less buffering against storms. And because a given shrimp farm only stays ✓ productive (答案: productive) ? for three or four years, there was the additional cost of restoring them afterwards: if you do so with mangroves themselves, add another \$9,318 per hectare. The overall lesson is that what looks ✓ beneficial (答案: beneficial) ? only does so because the profits are retained by the private sector, while the problems are spread out across society at large, appearing on no specific balance sheet.

#388 Shrimp Farm

conserve 保护，保存；节省，节约；使（量，如能量、质量）守恒；

convert （使）转变，（使）转换；（使）改变信仰

aggregation 总和或聚集

augment / ɔ:g'ment / v. 增加，增大；加强，补充

immediate / ɪ'mi:dɪt / 立刻的，即时的；目前的，紧迫的；附近的，紧接的

retain 保留；保持；持有；继续拥有

#363 Plants and Animals 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过 (240)

答题时间：00:17

From the earliest civilisations, plants and animals have been portrayed as a means of understanding and recording the potential uses, such as their economic and healing properties. From the first illustrated ✓ catalogue (答案: catalogue) ? of medicinal plants, De Materia Medica by Dioscorides, in the first century through to the late fourteenth century the illustration of plants and animals changed very little. Woodcuts in instructional manuals and herbals were often repeatedly copied over the centuries, resulting in a loss of definition and accuracy so that they became little more than stylized decoration. With the growing ✓ popularity (答案: popularity) ? of copperplate engravings, the traditional use of woodcuts declined and the representation of plants and animals became more accurate. Then, with the ✓ emergence (答案: emergence) ? of artists such as Albrecht Durer and Leonardo Da Vinci, naturalists such as Otto Brunfels, Leonhard Fuchs in botany and Conrad Gesner and Ulisse Aldrovandi in zoology, nature began to be depicted in a more realistic style. Individual living plants or animals ✗ observed (答案: were observed) ? directly and their likeness was rendered onto paper or vellum.

#300 Internet Use 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过 (236)

答题时间：00:16

People are spending twice as much time online compared to 10 years ago, fueled by increasing use of tablets and smartphones. The biggest increase has been ✓ among (答案: among) ? young adults, with time spent online almost tripling from 10 hours and 24 minutes each week in 2005 to 27 hours and 36 minutes in 2014. In total, the average adult spends more than 20 hours online a week, which includes time spent on the internet at work. ✗ Despite (答案: Meanwhile) ? the average person spends 2.5 hours every week 'online while on the move' - away from their home, work or place of study. This is a five-fold ✓ increase (答案: increase) ? from 2005, when the figure was just 30 minutes. Overall, the proportion of adults using the internet has risen by half - from six in ten in 2005 to almost nine in ten today. ✓ according (答案: according) ? to Ofcom's Media Use and Attitudes 2015 report, which questioned 1,890 adults aged 16 and over about their internet consumption habits.

#300 Internet Use

tablet / 'tæblət / 片剂；药片；碑；丸；平板电脑；平板装置；平板计算机

five-fold 五倍地

prominence 8595 / 'prəmɪnəns / n.重要，著名；突起，凸出；

roughly 2680 / 'rʌflɪ / 大致

#284 Learning from History 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (13)

答题时间：00:11

The prospect of learning something from history is what makes sociologists tick. It is through ✓ developing (答案: developing) ? a systematic understanding of the forces which shape our lives that we ✓ can (答案: can) ? exercise control over them. The founding thinkers of sociology, who ✓ came (答案: came) ? to prominence during the development of what we are pleased to call modernity, thought so. It is the intimate relationship between the development of sociology and the development of modernity that the course begins with. This relationship is an intimate one, because it is ✗ roughly (答案: only) ? with the social change instituted in the development of the modern world that a discipline such as sociology and social science in general could either exist or have anything to study.

答题时间: 00:15

To learn the speech of alchemy, an early form of chemistry in which people attempted to turn metals into gold, it helps to think back to a time when there was no science: no atomic number or weight, no periodic chart, no list of elements. To the alchemists the

material (答案: universe) ? was not made of leptons, bosons, gluons, and quarks. Instead it was made of substances, and one substance—say, walnut oil—could be just as pure (答案: pure) ? as another—say, silver—even though modern scientists (答案: scientists) ? would say one is heterogeneous and the other homogeneous. Without knowledge of atomic structures, how would it be possible (答案: possible) ? to tell elements from compounds?

#115 Speech of Alchemy

wholesome / 'həʊlsəm / adj. 有益健康的; 有益身心健康的, 增进身心健康的; (显得) 健康的, 朝气蓬勃的

答题时间: 00:15

Genius, in the popular conception, is inextricably tied up with precocity – doing something truly creative, we're inclined to think, requires the freshness and exuberance and energy of youth. Orson Welles made his masterpiece, "Citizen Kane", at twenty-five. Herman Melville wrote a book a year at (答案: through) ? his late twenties, culminating, at the age (答案: age) ? of thirty-two, with "Moby-Dick". Mozart wrote his breakthrough Piano Concerto No. 9 in E-Flat-Major at the age of twenty-one. In some creative forms, like lyric poetry, the structure (答案: importance) ? of precocity has hardened into an iron law. How old was T. S. Eliot when he wrote "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" ("I grow old ... I grow old")? Twenty-three. "Poets peak young," the creativity researcher James Kaufman maintains. Mihály Csíkszentmihályi, the author of "Flow", agrees: "The most creative lyric verse is believed to be that written by the young." According to the Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner, a leading authority (答案: authority) ? on creativity, "Lyric poetry is a domain where talent (答案: talent) ? is discovered early, burns brightly, and then peters out at an early age."

#259 Genius

inextricably 15126 / ˌɪnɪkˈstrɪkəbli / adv. 不可分开地, 密不可分地; 逃不掉地; 解不开地, 解决不了地

be inclined to

倾向于

culminate 7829 / 'kʌlmɪneɪt / (以.....) 结束, 告终; 到达顶点, 达到高潮;

junction 13607 / 'dʒʌŋkʃ(ə)n / n. 交叉口, 岔道口; 汇合处, 交叉点;

inferiority 15714 / ɪn,fɪəri'ɔrəti / n. 低等, 劣等; 自卑

authority / ɔ:'θɔ:rəti / n. 专家, 权威人士; 行政机构; 权利, 权限; 权威, 威信;

supremacy / su:'preməsi; sju:'preməsi / n. 霸权, 至高无上; 优势

adept / ə'dept / adj. 熟练的, 擅长的 n. 能手, 内行

cleric / 'klerɪk / n. (基督教的) 教牧人员; (任一宗教的) 牧师

clerk / klerk / klɜ:k / n. 办事员, 职员; 售货员, 店员; (宾馆) 接待员

offender 罪犯、冒犯者

答题时间: 00:13

Cells are now acceptable (答案: acceptable) ? as a unifying concept. A cell is the smallest unity (答案: unit) ? of structure and function. Thus, cells are the basic building blocks of all organisms. Cells vary in size. With few exceptions, individual cells are very (答案: so) ? small they cannot be seen unaided. In 1665, a British scientist named Robert Hooke observed cells for the first (答案: first) ? time using a microscope. A microscope is an instrument that magnifies an object. Most images of cells are taken with a microscope and are called micrographs.

#243 Cell

magnifies 放大; 扩大; 增强; 夸大

答题时间：00:13

Even after thousands of years exploring Earth, we're still uncovering new things like an ancient 'superhighway' in the Guatemalan rain forest. Hidden beneath a thick layer of vegetation, the network (答案: network) of roads stretches over 150 miles and was most likely built by the Mayan empire some 2,000 years ago. The newly mapped roads are connected to the ruins of El Mirador (sometimes called the Kan Kingdom) in northern Guatemala. Archaeologists believe El Mirador was founded (答案: was founded) around the 6th century BCE, and was at its most powerful around the early first century CE. At that time, it had a population of as many as a quarter of a million, a quarter the size of Rome itself at the time. It also has some of the largest pyramids in the world. It was the heart (答案: heart) of the Mayan civilization, and naturally needed some major roadways. The roads of El Mirador have been known about since 1967, but scientists had no idea how extensive they were until now. The thick jungle obscured the remnants of the road, making (答案: making) it difficult to see from the air.

#235 Ancient Superhighway

volume / 'vɔlju:m / 体积, 容积; 总数, 总量; 音量, 响度

column / 'kɔləm / 圆柱, 纪念柱; 柱状物; (报纸、杂志上的) 栏

facet / 'fæsɪt / 部分, 方面; (宝石的) 琢面, 刻面; 注意音标

obscure

[n] 朦胧; 黑夜

[adj] 无名的; 鲜为人知的; 费解的; 难以理解的

[v] 使模糊; 使隐晦; 使费解

答题时间：00:16

A renewed interest in well-being, especially among baby boomers, as well as rising personal incomes, led to more spending on health and fitness in 2005. This prompted an expansion (答案: expansion) in the number of fitness and recreation centres across the country. Golf courses also allowed (答案: enjoyed) renewed success, as the sport increased in popularity, possibly the result of retiring baby boomers heading to the links. In 2005, households (答案: households) spent an average \$3,918 on recreation, up slightly from \$3,678 in 2004. Items included in the 2005 figure are: an average \$166 on sports and athletic equipment; \$665 to buy and fund (答案: operate) recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles, bicycles and trailers; and \$299 for the use of sports and recreation facilities.

#230 Health and Fitness

portion

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n. (某物的) 一部分; (尤指餐馆中食物的) 一份, 一客; (责任、过失、职责等的) 一份, 一部分;

<法律> (根据法律赠与或遗留给继承人的) 一份财产

v.分配;

confiscate

10815

英

/ 'kɒnfɪskeɪt /

V.

没收, 查抄 (某人的财产); 充公, 罚没 (某物, 尤指土地)

con 共同+fisc 钱包, 引申为"国库"+ate使→都放到国库里→充公→confiscate v. 充公

答题时间: 00:12

The universality of story feature films are narratives - they tell stories. Even films based on true (答案: true) ② events will fictionalize them in order to produce drama, to telescope time, to avoid being filled up with too many minor

(答案: minor) ② characters ,or simply to be more entertaining. Even in the current welter of special-effect movies, feature films are usually summarized by their plots - in their first 'treatment' (or outline of the script idea), in the advance publicity, in the TV guide, in reviews, and in conversations. Films may differ from other kinds (答案: kinds) ② of narrative - literary fiction or television drama, for instance - in the medium used and the representational conventions. They do, however, share (答案: share) ② with literary fiction and television drama the basic structure and functions of narrative. Much work has been done by researchers in the field known as 'narratology' on exactly what constitutes the structures and functions of the narrative. Their conclusions are of great use to students of the feature film.

#222 Feature Films

prehistoric / .pri:hɪ'stɔrɪk / adj. 史前的, 有文字记载以前的

harsh / hɑʃ / adj. (环境) 恶劣的, 艰苦的; 严厉的, 残酷的; 刺耳的, 难听的;

sheer 4238 / ſɪə(r) / 纯粹的

spare 4639 多余的、节省、备用的、空闲的

abide 8616 忍受、遵守、容忍、坚持

conform 7067 v. 遵守, 符合; 顺从

答题时间: 00:21

People in parts of western Africa and southwestern Asia were the first to realize that the dark-silvery rocks poking out of the earth could be worked into tools and weapons, sometime around 1500 B.C., evidence shows. The metal was probably discovered there

in (答案: by) ② accident when some ore was dropped into a fire and cooled into wrought iron, historians think. The eureka moment didn't reach Europe for another (答案: another) ② 500 years, traveling slowly north and west through Greece, Italy, central Europe and finally to the British Isles with (答案: with) ② the spread of the famous Celtic tribes. The Celts diffused iron technology over much of the continent through warfare, where their victory was assured due to the strength of iron weapons . Perhaps not the most peaceful of cultural exchanges, but where the technology did travel, it caught on fast. Iron made

(答案: made) ② life a lot easier in those days, when just living to the age of 45 was a feat. By that time, much of Europe had settled into small village life, toiling (答案: toiling) ② the soil with bronze and stone tools. Iron farming tools, such as sickles and plough tips, made the process more efficient and allowed farmers to exploit (答案: to exploit) ② tougher soils, try new crops and have more time for other activities.

#220 Dark-silvery Rock

by accident

diffuse 弥漫; 漫射; 传播; 散布

toil

13410

/ tɔɪl /

(长时间地) 苦干, 辛勤劳作; 艰难缓慢地移动, 跋涉

(尤指体力上的) 苦工, 苦活; 网, 捕捉野兽的陷阱

sickle / 'sɪkl / 镰刀

答题时间: 00:14

We now know through the work of neuroscientists that the human brain is wired to mimic other people, and this mimicry involves actual involuntary physiological expression (答案: experience) ? in the observer. Human beings tend to imitate (答案: imitate) ? actions that they see. Physiologically, our brains include mirror neurons, which refer (答案: react) ? to actions that are seen as if we are doing the action ourselves. It is largely an unconscious and automatic experience. When we hear people speak, observe their vocal volumes (答案: nuances) ?, watch their posture, gestures, and facial expressions, etc, neural networks in our brains are stimulated by the 'shared representations' generating feelings within us that reflect (答案: reflect) ? the experience of those we are observing.

#205 Human Brain

nuance 9313 / 'nu:a:ns / n. 细微差别

答题时间: 00:11

London's National Portrait Gallery is currently celebrating the fifty-year career (答案: career) ? of photographer Sandra Lousada. The twenty one portraits on display depict key figures (答案: figures) ? in literature, film and fashion from the early 1960s. Subsequent to the acquisition of forty portraits by Lousada, the display at The National Portrait Gallery highlights shots taken between 1960 and 1964, many of which feature in Lousada's book Public Faces Private Places (2008). Formal commissioned portraits are shown alongside behind-the-scenes photographs taken on film sets (答案: sets) ? and unguarded portraits of sitters captured at home.

#203 Sandra Lousada

gadget 9305 / 'gædʒɪt / n. 小器具, 小玩意儿

genre 4547 / 'genrə / n. 体裁, 类型; 风俗画

aisle 4535 / aɪl / n. 走廊, 过道; (教堂)耳堂, 侧堂

答题时间: 00:13

Gauss was a child prodigy. There are many anecdotes (答案: anecdotes) ? concerning his precocity as a child, and he made his first ground-breaking mathematical discoveries (答案: discoveries) ? while still a teenager. At just three years old, he corrected (答案: corrected) ? an error in his father's payroll calculations, and he was looking after his father's accounts on a regular basis by the age of 5. At the age of 7, he is reported to have amazed his teachers by summing the integers from 1 to 100 almost instantly (having quickly spotted that the sum was actually 50 pairs of numbers, with each pair summing to 101, total 5,050). By the age of 12, he was already attending gymnasium and criticizing Euclid's geometry.

#192 Gauss

denial

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n. 否认; 拒绝接受, 拒不承认; 剥夺, 拒绝给予

答题时间: 00:19

Participating regularly in physical activity has been shown to benefit an individual's health and wellbeing (答案: wellbeing) ?. Regular physical activity is important in reducing the risk of chronic (答案: chronic) ? diseases, such as heart disease and stroke, obesity, diabetes and some forms of cancer. The National Physical Activity Guidelines for Adults recommends (答案: recommends) ? at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity, preferably (答案: preferably) ? every day of the week, to obtain (答案: obtain) ? health benefits.

#190 Physical Activity

immortality 13284 / ,ɪmɔ:'tæləti / n. 不朽; 不朽的声名; 不灭

denote 9959 / dɪ'nəʊt / v. 标志, 预示; 表示, 意指

defy / dɪ'faɪ / v. 违抗, 不服从; 挑战

#189 Studying Law 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (234)

答题时间: 00:15

It is important to emphasize the need for hard work as an essential part of studying law, because far too many students are tempted to think that they can succeed by relying on what they imagine to be their natural ability, without bothering to add the X exhaustion

(答案: expenditure) ? of effort. To take an analogy some people prefer the more or less instant X temptation

(答案: gratification) ? which comes from watching television adaptation of a classic novel to the rather more ✓ laborious

(答案: laborious) ? process of reading the novel itself. Those who ✓ prefer X watching television to reading the book are less likely to study law successfully, unless they rapidly acquire a X knowledge ✓ taste ? for text-based materials.

#189 Studying Law

expenditure 5240 / ɪk'spendɪtʃə(r) / n. 经费, 支出额; (时间、金钱、精力等的) 消耗, 花费

exhaustion 8307 / ɪg'zo:stʃən / n. 筋疲力尽; 耗尽, 枯竭

gratification 12676 / ,grætɪfɪ'keɪʃən / n. 满足, 令人喜悦的事物

gratitude 7175 / 'grætɪtu:d / n. 感激之情, 感谢

obsession 5628 / əb'seʃn / n. 痴迷, 困扰; 令人着迷的人 (或事物)

motivation 3151 / ,mou'tr'veɪʃən / n. 动力, 诱因; 积极性, 干劲;

#180 HK Marine 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (50)

答题时间: 00:18

Understanding the number of species we have in our marine environment is a ✓ basic X ? (答案: basic) ? need if we are to protect and conserve our biodiversity. X As X ? (答案: This) ? is vital in today's rapidly changing world, not just here in Hong Kong, but especially in Southeast Asia which holds the world's most diverse marine habitats. SWIMS is playing a major role in trying to measure and conserve these important resources, both within Hong Kong but also, together with its regional collaborators, in Southeast Asia." said Professor Gray A. Williams, the leader of this study and the Director of HKU SWIMS. The enormous array of marine life in Hong Kong, however, has yet to receive its desirable level of conservation as currently only less than 2% of Hong Kong's marine area

✓ ? (答案: is protected) ? as marine parks or reserves as compared with approximately 40% of our terrestrial area. The Government has committed to designate more new marine parks in the coming years. The Brothers Marine Park in the northern Lantau waters X will be launching X ? (答案: will be launched) ? soon, which will bring Hong Kong's total protected marine area to more than 2%. The research team welcomed the initiative of the new marine park ✓ while X ? (答案: while) ? also urging the Hong Kong government to move towards the global target of at least 10% marine protected area by the year 2020 under United Nation's Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

#180 HK Marine

far-fetched 牵强的, 难以置信的

residual / rɪ'zɪdʒuəl / 残留的; (数量) 剩余的;

designate

/ 'dezɪgnet /

design (指定) +ate (做) → 指定...做 → 指派 → designate. 指定, 指派; 命名; 指明, 标明

注意音标

答题时间: 00:19

Many tests have shown that, in a very broad way, peoples in most parts of the world have similar color preferences. Blue is the most preferred and popular hue, followed in order by red, green, purple, yellow and orange. Overlaying this basic order of color preference,

however (答案: however) ? , are the responses of individuals, which of course vary widely (答案: widely) ? and may also be very powerful. Children are likely to have strong preferences (答案: preferences) ? for some colors and aversions to others, but sometimes will not admit to them, since outside factors (答案: factors) ? may be influential in determining both color preferences and the way that they are expressed or suppressed. Current fashions in clothes and accessories, gender-stereotyping and peer-group pressure may all play a significant part. Boys in particular may be reluctant to admit to any strong preferences for colors together with (答案: other than) ? those of favorite football teams, because color awareness may be regarded by their peer-group as feminine.

#171 Colour Preference

hue / hju: / n. 颜色, 色调, 色度

overlay / əʊvə'leɪ / v. 覆盖

whatsoever 6190 任何, 无论什么

divergences 15140 / daɪ've:dʒəns / n. 差异, 不同;

答题时间: 00:15

From the time of the very earliest civilisations man has wondered about the world he lives in, about how it was created and about how it will end. In these distant times the sun was seen to make its daily journey (答案: journey) ? across the sky. At night the moon appeared. Every new night the moon waxed or waned a little and on a few nights it did not appear at all. At night the great dome of the heavens was dotted with tiny specks of light. They became (答案: became) ? known as the stars. It was thought that every star in the heavens had its own purpose and that the imaginations (答案: secrets) ? of the universe could be discovered by making a study of them. It was well known that there were wandering stars, they appeared in different nightly positions against their neighbours and they became known as planets. It took centuries, in fact it took millennia, for man to determine (答案: determine) ? the true nature of these wandering stars and to evolve a model of the world to accommodate them and to predict (答案: predict) ? their positions in the sky.

#170 Sun and Moon

wane 10269/ weɪn / / weɪn / v. (月亮) 缺, 亏; 衰落 注意音标

millennium 5733 / mɪ'leniəm / n. 一千年; 千周年纪念日, 千禧年

millennia / mɪ'leniə / n. 千年期; 千周年纪念日

distort 6724 / dɪ'stɔ:t / v. 扭曲, 使失真; 歪曲, 曲解

答题时间: 00:13

Omniscience may be a foible of men, but it is not so of books. Knowledge, as Johnson said, is of two stages (答案: kinds) ? , you may know a thing yourself, and you may know where to find it. Now the amount which you may actually know yourself must, at its best, be limited, but what you may know of the sources (答案: sources) ? of information may, with proper training, become almost boundless. And here come the values (答案: value) ? and use of reference books-the working of one book in connection with another-and applying your own intelligence (答案: intelligence) ? to both. By this means we get as near to that omniscient volume which tells everything as ever we shall get, and although the single volume or work which tells everything does not exist, there is a vast number of reference books in existence, a knowledge and proper use of which is essential to every intelligent person. Necessary as I believe reference books to be, they can easily be made to be contributed (答案: contributory) ? to idleness, and too mechanical a use should not be made of them.

#165 Omniscience

typeset / 'taɪpset / v. 为.....排字 (或排版)

fabrication 11795 / fæbri'keɪʃ(ə)n / n. 捏造的故事, 虚构的信息

contributory / kən'trɪbju:tɔ:ri / adj. 捐助的; 贡献的; 有助于.....的 n. 捐助者; 贡献人 注意音标

答题时间: 00:13

Away from the rumble of Shanghai's highways and the cacophony of the shopping districts, stroll down side streets filled with rows of tall brick houses (答案: houses) ? . In the early evening or on a weekend morning, you'll hear the sound (答案: sound) ? of classical music drifting from a piano, played by a 10-year old or a grandmother in her seventies. Wander down another alley toward concrete courts (答案: skyscrapers) ? and you'll hear Beethoven or Mozart flowing from a violin, or perhaps a cello, accordion or flute. In China, classical music is booming (答案: booming) ? as mightily as the 1812 Overture. Commanding Y100-200 (512.50425) per hour, private music teachers in Shanghai can readily earn more than five times the average per capita monthly income.

#154 Classical Music

hut 5392 / hʌt / n. (简陋的) 小屋; (花园中的) 木屋

drift 3634 / / drɪft / v. 飘移, 漂流

skyscraper 10892 / 'skaɪskrɪpər / n. 摩天大楼

crater 6992 / 'kreɪtər / n. (撞击或爆炸形成的) 坑, 弹坑; 火山口; 穴, 洞; (古希腊用的) 调酒碗
v. 在 (地面或行星) 上形成坑loom 12213 / /lu:mɪŋ / adj. (不希望或不愉快的事情) 迫近的, 逼近的 v. (突然地) 出现; 赫然
耸现; 逼近 (尤用于不好或吓人的事物) (loom 的现在分词)

bluff 7989 / blʌf / v. 虚张声势, 唬人 n. 虚张声势的举动, 唬人

booming 9246 / 'bu:mɪŋ / adj. 飞速发展的, 繁荣的; (声音) 低沉洪亮的; 奋力撞击的 v. 发出巨
响, 轰鸣; 增长, 繁荣 (boom 的现在分词)

答题时间: 00:13

Children who skip school are increasingly on family holidays, government figures revealed today. More (答案: Fewer) ? children played truant this spring term compared with the spring term last year. Children missed 3m unauthorised days of school last term, compared with 3.7m days of school in the same period last year. But a hardcore (答案: hardcore) ? group of truants - 6% of the school population - who account for more than three-quarters of all those on unauthorised absence, are more likely to be on a family holiday than they were in the same time (答案: period) ? last year. Some 1.2% of all absence was for family holidays not contradicted (答案: agreed) ? by their school last term, compared with 0.9% for the same term last year. More than 60% of all absences were for illness, the same figure as last year.

#150 School-skipping

residual 7922 / rɪ'zɪdʒuəl / adj. 残留的; (数量) 剩余的

flimsy 13372 / 'flɪmzi / adj. 脆弱的; 浅薄的

答题时间: 00:26

Mechanical engineering was at the heart of Taylor's theorizing, providing the context for its development, the world view by which it was sustained and, finally, the justification for its widespread application. Scientific management aimed to analyse and control the activities of people in the same ... (答案: in the same way that) ? engineers analysed and controlled machines. Central of (答案: to) ? Taylor's system was the desire for rationalizing (答案: to rationalize) ? and standardize production techniques in the interests of economy, efficiency and mutual prosperity. His primary point of interest was the individual worker pursuing (答案: pursuing) ? individual goals and motivated by incentive payments. Undoubtedly (答案: Undoubtedly) ? Taylor's view of human motivation was somewhat simplistic and his apprehension of the significance of groups was limited and generally negative.

#144 Mechanical Engineering in the same way that central to 对...主要的 central to the plan 规划中最重要的部分

#143 Noble Gas 解析 预测 机经题 简单

考过 (190)

答题时间: 00:12

The six gases: helium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon and radon have a myriad of modern uses. When they were first discovered, their strangely stand-offish properties were a mystery. Uniquely stable, they insisted (答案: seemed) to participate in no chemical reactions. But by understanding the stability of the noble gases, physicists discovered the key to chemical bonding itself (答案: itself) . Dmitri Mendeleev added the noble gases to his periodic table in 1902, where he arranged the elements in rows and columns according (答案: according) to their atomic weight. Mendeleev was able to see repeating (or periodic) patterns in their properties. The noble gases appeared regularly (答案: regularly) in the periodic table, occurring in every eighth position, at least amongst the lighter elements.

#143 Noble Gas

myriad 7222 / 'mɪriəd / n. 无数, 大量; (多用于古典历史剧中) 一万 adj. 无数的, 大量的
disproportionate 10527 / ,dɪsprə'pɔ:rʃənət / adj. 不成比例的
regularity 12589 / ,regju'lærəti / n. 规律性, 经常性; 匀称, 端正; 有规则的东西, 有规律的事物
regulatory 3977 / 'regjələtɔ:ri / adj. 管理的, 控制的, 监管的

#130 Small Lakes 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (178)

答题时间: 00:21

Small lakes with a surface area of less than 100 square meters represent the majority of global freshwater ecosystems. Many of these lakes were found (答案: are found) in remote, often mountainous areas with no inflow and outflow. Yet in most of these lakes, there are fish. So how (答案: how) do fish reach lakes and ponds that are not connected to other bodies of water? This question was already (答案: was already) addressed by some of the leading natural scientists of the 19th century such as Charles Darwin, Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Lyell, who all came to the same conclusion—water birds must be responsible for (答案: responsible for) fish dispersal. And they had a plausible explanation for this: fish eggs of some species are sticky and can survive for some time out of water. The theory is thus that the fish eggs sticking (答案: stick) to water birds' feathers or feet; the birds then fly from one body of water to the next, where the fish hatch from their eggs.

#130 Small Lakes

plausible 7245 / 'plɔ:zəb(ə)l / / 'plɔ:zəb(ə)l / adj. 似乎是真的, 貌似有理的

#125 Cultural Studies 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (85)

答题时间: 00:22

Cultural studies is a new way of engaging in the study of culture. In the past, many academic subjects including anthropology, history, literary studies, human geography and sociology have brought their own disciplinary concerns to the study of culture. Subsequently (答案: However) , in recent decades there has been a renewed (答案: renewed) interest in the study of culture that has crossed disciplinary boundaries (答案: boundaries) . The spontaneous (答案: resulting) activities and cultural studies have emerged as an intriguing and exciting area of intellectual inquiry which has already shed important new light on the character of human cultures and which promising (答案: promises) to continue to do so. While there is a little doubt that cultural studies are coming to be widely ... (答案: be widely recognized) as an important and distinctive field of study, it does seem to encompass a potentially enormous area. This is because the term 'culture' has a complex history and range of usages, which have provided a legitimate dispersion (答案: focus) of inquiry for several academic disciplines.

#125 Cultural Studies

subsequently 5070/ 'sʌbsɪk'wəntli / adv. 后来, 随后

consistently 3631/ kən'sɪstəntli / adv. 一贯地, 始终; 一致地

renew 5598/ rɪ'nju:/ (英), / rɪ'nu:/ (美) v. 重新开始, 中止后继续; 恢复, 重新建立 (关系)

renewable 7437/ /rɪ'nju:əb(ə)l / (英), / /rɪ'nu:əb(ə)l / (美) adj. 可延期的, 可续期的; 可更新的, 可再生的; n. 再生性能源, 可再生资源

discrimination 3194/ /dɪ'skrɪmɪ'nейʃn / n. 歧视, 区别对待; 区分, 辨别; 辨别力, 鉴赏力

similarity 4709/ /sɪmɪ'lærəti / n. 相似性; 相似点, 类似的地方

boundary 2800/ /'baʊndri / n. 边界

differentiation 10794/ /dɪfə'renʃi'eɪʃn / n. 区分, 差异化

simultaneous 8883/ /sɪm(ə)'lteɪniəs / (英), / /saɪm(ə)'lteɪniəs / (美) adj. 同时发生的, 同步的

simultaneously 3696/ /sɪm(ə)'lteɪniəslɪ / (英), / /saɪm(ə)'lteɪniəslɪ / (美) adv. 同时地

spontaneous 6673/ /spɔ:n'teɪniəs / (英), / /spa:n'teɪniəs / (美) adj. 自发的, 非筹划安排的

derivative 11038/ /dɪ'rɪvətɪv / n. 派生物, 衍生物; 派生词; 衍生工具 (产品); 导数, 微商; adj. 非独创的, 模仿他人的

intrigue 8046/ /ɪn'tri:g / v. 激起.....的兴趣, 引发.....的好奇心; 密谋; n. 密谋策划, 阴谋; 秘密的恋情, 秘密关系; 神秘力量, 神秘气氛

intriguing 5977/ /ɪn'tri:gɪŋ / adj. 非常有趣的, 引人入胜的

dispersion 16616/ /dɪ'spɜ:ʃn / (英), / /dɪ'spɜ:rʒn / (美) n. 传播, 散布; 分布; 弥散, 扩散

disperse 7547/ /dɪ'spɜ:s / (英), / /dɪ'spɜ:rs / (美) v. 分散, 散布; 疏散, 驱散; 使 (光) 色散; adj. 分散的

supreme 1627/ /su:pri:m / (英), / /sju:pri:m / (英), / /su'pri:m / (美) adj. 最高的, 至高无上的

tally 11883/ /'tæli / n. 记录, 得分; 账单; 符木; 标签; v. 相符, 吻合; 计算, 合计

amend 7498/ /ə'mend / v. 修改, 修订; 纠正, 改正; 改善

purview 18275/ /'pɜ:vju:/ (英), / /'pɜ:rvju:/ (美) n. 范围, 权限; 视界; 条款

permission 3261/ /pɜ:miʃ(ə)n / n. 同意, 许可; 许可证, 书面许可

auction 4687/ /'ɔ:kʃ(ə)n / n. 拍卖; 叫牌阶段; v. 拍卖

speculation 4481/ /spekju'leɪʃ(ə)n / n. 投机, 投机买卖; 猜测, 推测, 推断

invalidate 14999/ /ɪn'velɪdɪt / v. 驳斥, 证明是谬误的; 使无效, 使作废

validate 7647/ /'vælɪdɪt / v. 批准, 确认.....有效; 证实, 确认; 使生效

#105 Constitutional Interpretation 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过 (204)

答题时间: 00:15

One of the Supreme Court's most important responsibilities (答案: responsibilities) ? is to decide cases that raise questions of constitutional interpretation. The Court decides if a law or government auction (答案: action) ? violates the Constitution.

This is known as judicial review and enables the Court to invalidate both federal and state laws when they conflict

(答案: conflict) ? with the Constitution. Since the Supreme Court stands as the ultimate authority in constitutional interpretation, its decisions can be changed (答案: changed) ? only by another Supreme Court decision or by a constitutional amendment.

#77 Kiwi 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过 (48)

答题时间: 00:14

A Massey ecologist has teamed up with a leading wildlife photographer to produce the definitive book on New Zealand's national bird, the kiwi. Kiwi: A Natural History was written by Dr Isabel Castro and featured (答案: features) ? photographs by Rod Morris.

Dr Castro has been working with kiwi since (答案: since) ? 1999, with a focus on their behaviour. 'I've specifically been

looking at the sense of smell that kiwi uses when foraging, but also (答案: also) ? in their interactions with their

environment and other kiwi,' she says. The book covers all aspects of kiwi, from their evolution, prehistory and closest relatives to their

feeding and breeding behaviour and current conservation issues, making (答案: making) ? this the perfect introduction for anyone with an interest in these fascinating birds. The book is the second title in a new series (答案: series) ? on New

Zealand's wildlife, targeted at a family readership.

答题时间: 00:18

Lucy was a single hominid skeleton found in Ethiopia. First, she was a bunch of broken fragments lying in Ethiopia. She was found by

Donald Johanson and Tom Gray, who headed out to the area looking for rocks, and then drove back. X For

(答案: During) ? that return journey, Johanson spotted a forearm bone, identified it -- and then kept looking, where the two found a

huge set of bones that would eventually ✓ represent (答案: represent) ? 40 per cent of the entire skeleton. The discovery was so

important because it entirely X undermined (答案: upset) ? our understanding of the process of evolution. She showed that

people had been wrong to think that we became intelligent before we stood up-- Lucy and her contemporaries were better suited for

walking ✓ upright (答案: upright) ? than we were, but appeared to have been much less ✓ intellectually

(答案: intellectually) ? advanced. That was important because it changed our understanding of the story of evolution, implying that

walking was one of the most important things in moving us towards our current state, and that brainpower might not have been the most

important thing.

#59 Lucy

skeleton 6570/ 'skelɪt(ə)n / n. 骨骼, 骨架; 梗概, 提纲

reproduce 5044/ ,ri:p're'dju:s / (英), / ,ri:prə'du:s / (美) v. 复制, 翻印; 模拟; 再制造, 再现

assimilate 9655/ ə'sɪməleɪt / v. 融入, (使) 同化; 吸收, 理解

contemporary 1960/ kən'temp(ə)rəri / (英), / kən'tempərəri / (美) adj. 当代的, 现代的; 同时期的, 同时代的; n. 同时代的人; 同龄人, 同辈

outright 9046/ 'aʊtrət / adj. 完全的, 彻底的; 公开的, 直率的; 绝对的, 全面的; adv. 公开地, 直率地; 完全地, 彻底地

upright 7615/ 'ʌprait / adj. (人) 直立的, 挺直的; 直立的, 垂直的, 立式的; 正直的, 诚实的; (椅子) 直靠背的, 没有扶手的; adv. 笔直地, 直立地, 垂直地; 平稳地

intentionally 7890/ ɪn'tenʃnəlɪ / adv. 故意地, 有意地

instantaneously 18930/ ,ɪnstən'teɪnɪəslɪ / adv. 即刻; 突如其来地

instantaneous 14672/ ,ɪnstən'teɪnɪəs / adj. 瞬间发生的, 瞬间完成的

intellectually 9065/ ,ɪntə'lektʃuəlɪ / adv. 智力上; 理智地; 知性上

technologically 12834/ ,teknə'lɒdʒɪkəlɪ / (英), / ,teknə'lɑ:dʒɪkəlɪ / (美) adv. 科技地; 技术上地

答题时间: 00:11

Twenty years ago, not so long before B-15 broke off from Antarctica, 'we didn't even know that icebergs made noise,' says Haru

Matsumoto, an ocean engineer at NOAA who has studied these sounds. But in the past ✓ few (答案: few) ? years, scientists

have started to learn to distinguish the eerie, haunting sounds of iceberg life — ice cracking, icebergs grinding ✓ against

(答案: against) ? each other, an iceberg grounding on the seafloor — and measure the extent to X what (答案: which) ?

those sounds contribute to the noise of the ocean. While they're just now learning to listen, the sounds of ice could help them understand the behavior and breakup of icebergs and ice shelves as the poles warm ✓ up (答案: up) ?.

#43 Icebergs' Sound

haunt 5073/ hɔ:nt / v. (鬼魂) 出没; 萦绕在.....心头; (长期) 困扰; 常去 (某地); n. 常去的地方; 栖息地

haunting 14726/ 'hɔ:ntɪŋ / adj. 不易忘怀的, 萦绕于心头的; n. 对 (某地的) 经常光顾; v. (鬼魂) 出没; 萦绕在.....心中; (长期) 困扰

warm up / 'wɔ:m ʌp / 热身

grind against 磨擦

答题时间: 00:16

When that happens, staff will help the person — stunned (答案: strung) ? out and now a little stressed — fish their drugs out of the rubbish. On their way out, they might have a blood test, their first relative (答案: dental) ? check-up in years, or just a hot cup of Milo. 'We enable people to inject in the centre because that's what they do,' the medical director, Nico Clark, tells Guardian Australia during a recent visit to the North Richmond Community Health Centre. 'The majority are dependent on their minds (答案: substances) ? . The purpose is not to be a place that facilitates (答案: facilitates) ? injection per se, the purpose (答案: purpose) ? is to keep people alive.' The center is a response to a coroner's report that noted the heroin-related deaths in the area in 2016.

#38 Drugs

strung out / ,strʌŋ 'aʊt / adj. 吸毒成瘾

stunned 9059/ stʌnd / adj. (因惊讶、震惊而) 目瞪口呆的

stung / stʌŋ / v. 刺; 蝉; 使疼痛 (sting 的过去式及过去分词)

sting 8303/ stɪŋ / v. (昆虫、动植物) 叱, 刺, 蝉

reciprocity 14172/ ,rɪsɪ'prɒsəti / (英), / ,rɪsɪ'prə:səti / (美) n. 互惠, 互换

facilitate 3604/ fə'sɪlɪteɪt / v. 使更容易, 使便利; 促进, 推动

patronize / 'pætrənaɪz / (英), / 'peɪtrənaɪz / (美) v. 表现出高人一等的姿态, 以高人一等的态度对待; 光顾, 惠顾 (餐馆、酒店或其他生意); 赞助, 资助

"尽管...但是...": 在英语中, "尽管" (although, though, even though) 和"但是" (but) 通常不会同时出现在同一个句子中。

"Notwithstanding": 可以作为副词或介词使用, 常用于句首表示"尽管"或"虽然"的意思。

答题时间: 00:21

Throughout the 18th century, mathematicians, scientists and philosophers researched, discussed, and published their investigations into how the world worked, while engineers and inventors developed new and successful machines and processes. The latest (答案: latest) ? theories inspired greater invention, and more technology encouraged theoretical scientists to make further discoveries

in medicine, biology, mechanics, physics, and chemistry. By 1800, the new machines had (答案: had) ? brought revolutionary changes to the workplace, transportation and communications, and eventually to the home. Some of these inventions simply made it easier to produce things on a large scale such as textile machines and foundries, which (答案: which) ? produced large quantities of cloth and metal objects quickly and cheaply. But some inventions brought (答案: brought) ? completely new possibilities such as the first batteries, steamboats, and locomotives. It would take decades for some of these inventions

to make (答案: to make) ? a big impact on the world. Notwithstanding (答案: Yet) ? their creation, and the sheer amount of imagination and risk-taking involved (答案: involved) ? , marked the beginning of a modern, global, technologically based economy of the kind that we live in today.

答题时间: 00:15

Affordable early years education and childcare potentially enables parents, particularly mothers, to be in paid employment. International studies have found (答案: have found) ? that countries with greater enrolment rates in publicly funded or provided childcare also have higher maternal employment rates, although untangling causal relationships is complex. From the point of view of the household additional income, especially for the less well-off, is itself associated with better outcomes for children, as child poverty

has been shown (答案: has been shown) ? to be a key independent determinant of children's outcomes. From the point of view of the public purse, as mothers entering (答案: enter) ? employment, they are likely to claim fewer benefits and to generate extra revenues through (答案: through) ? income tax and national insurance contributions.

#35 Mothers' Employment

untangle 19781/ ,ʌn'tæŋgl / vt. 清理; 整顿; 解开.....纠结

determinant 11307/ dɪ'tɜ:mɪnənt / (英), / dɪ'tɜ:rmɪnənt / (美) n. 决定性因素, 决定条件

答题时间: 00:14

It would be reassuring to think that the electorate choose who to vote for based on the candidates' track records and future policy promises. Therefore (答案: In truth) ? , many of us are swayed simply by the way that politicians look. Consider a 2009 study that asked Swiss students to look at multiple pairs of unfamiliar French political candidates and in each case to select the one who looked most competent. Most of the time, the candidate selected by students for (答案: as) ? looking the most competent was also the one who'd had real life electoral success, the implication proving (答案: being) ? that voters too had been swayed by the candidates' appearance (there's little evidence that appearance and competence actually overlap (答案: correlate) ?). Unsurprisingly, being attractive also helps win votes, especially in war time (in peace time, looking trustworthy is more of an advantage). Other research has shown that we're more likely to vote for male and female candidates with deeper voices.

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#27 Looking Trustworthy

in truth

the implication is that

correlate

overlap

cooperate

diverge

答题时间: 00:23

The writer, or, for that matter, the speaker conceives his thought whole, as a unity, but must express it in a line of words; the reader, or listener, must take this line of symbols and from it reconstruct (答案: reconstruct) ? the original wholeness of thought. There is more (答案: little) ? difficulty in conversation, because the listener receives innumerable cues from the physical expressions of the speaker; there is a dialogue, and the listener can get (答案: cut) ? in at any time. The advantage of group discussion is that people can overcome linear sequence of words by conveying (答案: converging) ? on ideas from different directions; which makes for wholeness of thought. But the reader is confronted by line upon line of printed symbols, without benefits of physical tone (答案: tone) ? and emphasis or the possibility of dialogue or discussion.

#18 Wholeness of Thought

wholeness

There is little difficulty in

innumerable

cue

intrude 闯入；侵入；打扰；扰乱

cut in 打断

tone 音调、语气或者情感色彩

tune 音乐曲调

答题时间: 00:15

Timing is important for revision. Have you noticed that during the school day you get times when you just don't care any longer? I don't mean the lessons you don't like, but the ones you usually find OK, but on some occasions, you just can't be bothered with it. You

may (答案: may) ? have other things on your mind, be tired, restless or looking forward to what comes next. Whatever the reason, that particular lesson doesn't get 100 percent effort (答案: effort) ? from you. The same is true of revision. Your mental and physical concern (答案: attitude) ? is important. If you try to revise when you are tired or totally occupied with something else, your revision will be inefficient and just about worthless. If you approach it feeling fresh, alert and happy, it will be so much easier, and you will learn more, faster. However, if you make no plans and just slip in a little bit of revision when you feel like it, you probably won't do much revision! You need a revision timetable, so you don't keep giving it up (答案: putting it off) ? .

#110 When to Revise?

effort 努力

concern 关心; 忧虑; 涉及; 影响; 牵涉; 与...有关

put out 熄灭, 发布

put off 推迟

答题时间: 00:18

Great engineers have a passion to improve life; a burning conviction that they can make life better for everyone. Engineers need to have a talent within (答案: for) ? invention and innovation, but what (答案: what) ? drives them is the conviction that they can find a better way to do things; a cheaper and more efficient solution for (答案: to) ? the problems of human existence on this planet of limited (答案: limited) ? resources that we call Earth. Many of us spend a lot of time complaining (答案: complaining) ? about the difficulties and problems of life. It is easy to find fault with things that make daily life arduous. For an engineer, these difficulties can be opportunities. How can this be made to work (答案: to work) ? better? How can that process be made more efficient? How can components be made more cheaply, more accurately and more fit-for-purpose? Great engineers are convinced that everything can be improved. Instead of complaining, they think of ways to make things better.

#90 Great Engineers

conviction 坚信; 深信; 定罪; 判罪

solution to的解决方案

arduous 艰苦的; 艰难的

答题时间: 00:13

Of the more than 1,000 bat species worldwide, 22 are residential (答案: native) ? to North America. And while there are no pollinator bats in our area, gardeners should champion (答案: champion) ? those that do live here, because they're insectivorous. These bats consume (答案: consume) ? moths, beetles and mosquitoes, and can eat up to 500 mosquito-sized insects per hour. They also protect gardens and crops from such pests (答案: pests) ? as cucumber beetles, cutworms and leafhoppers.

#78 Native Species in North America

be native to 原产于.....; 源于.....的

residential 适合居住的; 住宅的

champion 冠军; 捍卫者; 拥护者; 冠军; 捍卫者; 拥护者;

答题时间：00:11

The recipe for making any creature is written in its DNA. So last November when geneticists published the near-complete DNA sequence of the long-extinct woolly mammoth, there was much speculation (答案: speculation) ? about whether we could bring this behemoth back to life. Creating a living, breathing creature from a genome sequence that exists only in a computer's memory is not possible right now. But someone someday is sure to try it, predicts (答案: predicts) ? Stephan Schuster, a molecular (答案: molecular) ? biologist at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, and a army (答案: driving) ? force behind the mammoth genome project.

#95 DNA Sequence

mammoth 11288 庞然大物；【动】猛玛(象)

speculation 猜测，推测，推断

worship 崇拜或尊敬

behemoth 13657 [adj] 巨大的

contradict 反驳，否认；相抵触，相矛盾

censure 15975 严厉批评，谴责

molecular 分子的

driving force 推动力

答题时间：00:12

Deciding to go to business school is perhaps the simplest part of what can be a complicated process. With nearly 600 accredited MBA programs on offer (答案: offer) ? around the world, the choice of where to study can be overwhelming. Here we explain how to choose (答案: choose) ? the right school and course for you and unravel the application and funding process. "Probably the most (答案: majority) ? of people applying to business school are at a point in their careers where they know they want (答案: want) ? to shake things up, but they don't know exactly what they would like to do with their professional lives," says Stacy Blackman, an MBA admissions consultant based in Los Angeles. "If that's the case with you, look at other standards (答案: criteria) ? : culture, teaching method, location, and then pick a place that's a good fit for you with a strong general management program. Super-defined career goals don't have to be a part of this process."

#68 MBA Programs

unravel

the majority of

criteria

standard

答题时间：00:11

With the increase in women's attendance (答案: participation) ? in the labour force, many mothers have less time available (答案: available) ? to undertake domestic activities. At the same time, there has been increasing recognition (答案: recognition) ? that the father's role and relationship (答案: relationship) ? with a child is important. A father can have many roles in the family, ranging from income provider to teacher, carer, playmate and role model. Therefore, balancing paid work and family responsibilities can be an important issue for both fathers and mothers in families.

#99 Women in Labour Force

attendance 参加或出席，参加某一特定活动或事件**participation** 参与或参加**worship** 崇拜

答题时间: 00:22

Colorful poison frogs in the Amazon owe their great diversity (答案: diversity) ? to ancestors that leapt into the region from the Andes Mountains several times during the last 10 million years, a new study from The University of Texas at Austin suggests. This is the first study to show that the Andes have been a major (答案: major) ? source (答案: source) ? of diversity for the Amazon basin, one of the largest territories (答案: reservoirs) ? of biological diversity on Earth. The finding runs along (答案: counter) ? to the idea (答案: idea) ? that Amazonian diversity is the result (答案: result) ? of evolution only within the tropical forest itself. "Basically, the Amazon basin is 'melting pot' for South American frogs," says graduate student Juan Santos, lead author of the study. "Poison frogs there have come from multiple places of living (答案: origin) ?, notably the Andes Mountains, over many millions of years. We have shown that you cannot understand Amazonian biodiversity by looking only in the basin. Adjacent regions have played a major role."

#736 Amazon Basin

division 分割、部门

diversification 多元化、多样化经营

diversify 使多样化

dump 倾倒、丢弃

reservoir 水库, 蓄水池; 储藏, 蓄积

territory 领地、领域、境内

run counter to 违反; 与.....背道而驰

myth 广为流传但并非事实的故事或观念

origin 起源

答题时间: 00:11

The narrative of law and order is located fundamentally at the level of individual guilt and responsibility. Criminal acts are seen as individual issues of personal responsibility and guilty (答案: culpability) ?, to which the state responds by way of policing, prosecution (答案: prosecution) ?, adjudication and punishment. This is but one level at which crime and criminal justice can be analyzed. The problem is that so often analysis ends there, at the level of individual action, combined (答案: characterized) ? in terms of responsibility, guilt, evil. In few other areas of social life does individualism have this hold. To take but one instance (答案: instance) ?, it would be absurd to restrict analysis of obesity, to individual greed.

#734 Guilt and Responsibility

capability 能力; 才能; 性能; 容量

culpability 可责; 有罪; 有罪性

prosecution 诉讼; 原告; 实施; 从事

persecution 困扰; 苛求; 迫害; 残害

adjudication 裁决; 裁定; 裁判

characterize 以...为特征

legitimacy 合法性、正当性

答题时间: 00:14

The purpose of this paper is to consider the claim, often made, that computer simulation exercises provide an excellent source of speaking practice. In so doing I shall first consider the properties of computer simulations from a theoretical aspect

(答案: point of view) , then describe the experience of using (答案: using) a particular simulation with a general EFL class. On the basis of this experience, and of some very straightforward pedagogical considerations, I shall argue that the claim is justified, subject (答案: subject) to a very important caveat: computer simulations can form the basis of excellent speaking exercises , provided you do not expect the computer to do all the work. Put in another way, many computer simulations only obtain

(答案: attain) their full potential as language exercises if they are participated (答案: integrated) into a larger, planned, teacher-managed activity.

#728 Computer

state of mind 心态

shape or form 以任何方式

basis 基础; 基准; 基点; 方式

pedagogical 教育学的; 教师的

subject to 受到...的限制或条件

attain 达到, 实现

obtain 获得, 得到

retain 保持, 保留; 保存, 储存

nor 也不 (通常与 neither 连用) ; (用于肯定动词前, 表示同意刚提及的否定命题) 也不

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答题时间: 00:13

That Sigmund Freud became a major intellectual presence in twentieth-century culture is not in doubt. Nor (答案: Nor)

is there any doubt that at all times there was both fervent enthusiasm over and bitter hostility to his ideas and influence. But the exact

means by which (答案: by which) Freud became, despite this hostility, a master of intellectual life, on a par, already in the

1920s, with Karl Marx, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie and Bertrand Russell, has not been sufficiently explored. Strikingly, Freud emerged as a

twentieth-century icon without the endorsement and support of (答案: of) an institution or a profession (in contrast

to Einstein, Curie and Russell). Where are we to look for the details of this story of an emergent - and new - figure of immense cultural

authority? One of the principal aims of this book is to show how this happened in one local, parochial yet privileged, site - Cambridge,

then as now a university town stranded in the English Fens with a relatively small fluctuated (答案: fluctuating) population.

#725 Sigmund Freud

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V.

波动, 起伏不定; 使波动, 使动摇

答题时间: 00:18

Populations can change through three processes: fertility, mortality and migration. Fertility ✓ involves (答案: involves) ? the number of children that women ✗ rear (答案: have) ? and differs from fecundity (a woman's childbearing potential).

Mortality is the study of the causes, consequences and measurement of processes affecting death in a population. Demographers most commonly study mortality using the Life Table, a statistical ✗ means (答案: device) ? which provides information about the mortality conditions (most notably the life expectancy) in the population. Migration refers to the movement of persons from an origin place to a destination place across some pre-defined political boundary. Migration researchers do not designate movements as migrations, ✗ though (答案: unless) ? they are somewhat permanent. Thus demographers do not consider tourists and travelers to be migrating. While demographers who study migration typically do so through census data on place of ✓ residence (答案: residence) ?, indirect sources of data including tax forms and labor force surveys are also important. Demography is today widely taught in many universities across the world, ✓ attracting (答案: attracting) ? students with initial training in social sciences, statistics or health studies.

#724 Population Change

rear 抚养

slander 诽谤

designate /'dezɪgnɪt/ 指定; 指派;

permanent 永久性; 一直; 坚持; 不变的

答题时间: 00:13

A new interdisciplinary center for the study of the frontiers of the universe, from the tiniest subatomic particle to the largest chain of galaxies, has been formed at The University of Texas at Austin. The Texas Cosmology Centre will be a way for the university's departments of Astronomy and Physics to ✗ separate (答案: collaborate) ? on research that concerns them both. 'This center will bring the two departments together in an area where they ✗ overlapped (答案: overlap) ? — in the physics of the very early universe,' said Dr. Neal Evans, Astronomy Department chair. Astronomical observations have ✓ revealed (答案: revealed) ? the presence of dark matter and dark energy, discoveries that challenge our knowledge of fundamental physics. And today's leading theories in physics involve energies so high that no Earth-bound particle accelerator can test them. They need the universe as their ✓ laboratory (答案: laboratory) ?. Steven Weinberg, Nobel laureate and professor of physics at the university, called the Center's ✗ approach (答案: advent) ? a very exciting development for that department.

#722 Interdisciplinary Centre

overlap [科技] 重叠

deluded 18196 欺骗; 哄骗

advent 8282 出现, 到来, 问世

lightly 轻轻地; 轻率地; 轻柔地; 轻微地

slightly 稍微，轻微地；（指某人身材）纤弱地，瘦小地

#721 Life Expectancy 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (79)

答题时间：00:17

Life expectancy at birth is one of the most widely used and internationally recognised indicators of population health. It focuses on the length of life ✓ rather × (答案: rather) ? than its quality, and provides a useful summary of the general health of the population. While an indicator describing how long Australians live that simultaneously takes into account quality of life would be a desirable summary measure of ✓ progress × (答案: progress) ? in the area, currently no such measure exists, and this is why life expectancy at birth is used as the Main Progress Indicator here. During the decade 1999 to 2009, life expectancy at birth improved for both sexes. A girl born in 2009 could expect to reach 83.9 years of age, ✓ while × (答案: while) ? a boy could expect to live to 79.3 years. Over the decade, boys' life expectancy increased × dramatically × (答案: slightly) ? more than girls' (3.1 compared with 2.1 years). This saw the gap between the sexes' life expectancy decrease by one year to 4.6 years. In the longer term, increases ✓ in × (答案: in) ? life expectancy also occurred over ✓ most × (答案: most) ? of the 20th century. Unfortunately, life expectancy isn't shared across the whole population though, being lower in Tasmania and the Northern Territory, and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

#645 Progressive Enhancement 解析 预测 机经题 简单

考过 (139)

答题时间：00:17

Progressive enhancement is a design practice based on the idea that instead of × comparing with × (答案: designing for) ? the least capable browser, or mangling our code to make a site look the same in every browser, we should provide a core set of functionality and information to all users, and then ✓ progressively ... × (答案: progressively enhance) ? the appearance and behavior of the site for users of more capable browsers. It's very productive development practice. × In addition to ... × (答案: Instead of spending) ? hours working out how to add drop shadows to the borders of an element in every browser, we simply use the standards-based approach for browsers that support it and don't even attempt to implement it in browsers that don't. After all, the users of older and less capable browsers won't know what they are missing. The ✓ biggest ... × (答案: biggest challenge) ? to progressive enhancement is the belief among developers and clients that websites should look the same in every browser. As a developer, you can simplify your life and dedicate your time to more interesting challenges if you let go of this outdated notion and embrace progressive enhancement.

#715 Snails 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过 (104)

答题时间：00:23

Snails are not traditionally known for quick thinking, but new research shows they can make complex decisions using just two brain cells in × decisions × (答案: findings) ? that could help engineers design more efficient robots. Scientists at the University of Sussex attached electrodes to the heads of freshwater snails × although × (答案: as) ? they searched for lettuce. They found that just one cell was used by the mollusc to tell ✓ if × (答案: if) ? it was hungry or not, while another let it know when food was present. Foodsearching is an example of goal-directed behavior, × through × (答案: during) ? which an animal must integrate information about both its external environment and internal state while using as little energy as possible. Lead researcher Professor George Kemenes, say "This will eventually help us design the 'brain' of robots based on the principle of using the ✓ fewest ... × (答案: fewest) ? possible components necessary to perform complex tasks." What goes on in our brains when we ✓ make ... (答案: make) ? complex behavioral decisions and carry them out is poorly understood." Our study reveals for the first time how just two neurons ✓ can ... (答案: can) ? create a mechanism in an animal's brain which drives and optimizes complex decision-making tasks.

#715 Snails

在这个句子中，“as”是用来表述在某个事件发生的同时，另一个事件也在进行。其实，“as”也可以被理解为“while”，意思是“当……时候”。

答题时间: 04:47

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Friday at 1845 GMT (1445 EDT), reaching orbit 9 minutes later. The rocket lofted an uncrewed X base (答案: mockup) ? of SpaceX's Dragon capsule, which is designed to one-day carry both crew and cargo to orbit. 'This has been a good day for SpaceX and a ✓ promising (答案: promising) ? development for the US human space flight program,' said Robyn Ringuette of SpaceX in a webcast of the launch. In a teleconference with the media on Thursday, SpaceX's CEO, Paypal co-founder Elon Musk, said he would consider the flight 100 percent successful if it reached X circulation (答案: orbit) ?. 'Even if we prove out just that the first stage functions correctly, I'd still say that's a good day for a test,' he said. 'It's a great day if both stages work correctly.' SpaceX hopes to win a NASA X award (答案: contract) ? to launch astronauts to the International Space Station using the Falcon 9. US government space shuttles, which currently make these trips, are scheduled to be ✓ retired (答案: retired) ? for safety reasons at the end of 2010.

#713 SpaceX

mockup

[网络] 样机；生产模式；手板制作

orbit

是指一颗卫星或者行星等天体围绕其中心天体

track

通常用于描述地面或海面的路径

circulation

液体、气体的循环，例如血液循环或空气循环

trajectory

7885

一个物体在空间中移动的路径

contract

合同

case

用于法律或研究的情况

bid

初步的竞标阶段

retired

退役

fixed

固定或者修复

答题时间: 00:17

What history books tell us about the past is not everything that happened, but what historians ✓ have selected (答案: have selected) ? . They cannot put in everything: choices have to be made. Choices must similarly be made about which aspects of the past should be formally taught to the next generation in the shape of school history lessons. So, ✓ for example (答案: for example) ? , when a national school curriculum for England and Wales was first discussed at the end of the 1980s, the history curriculum was the subject of considerable public and media X realization (答案: interest) ? . Politicians argued about it; people wrote letters to the press about it; the Prime Minister of the time, Margaret Thatcher, ✓ intervened (答案: intervened) ? in the debate. Let us think first about the question of content. There were two main camps on this issue: those who thought the history of Britain should take pride of X culture (答案: place) ? , and those who favored what was referred to as 'world history'.

#708 History Books

considerable

[adj] 相当多（或大、重要等）的

[网络] 相当大的；值得考虑的；重要的

take pride of place

居于首要或突出的位置

#707 Platypus 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过(37)

答题时间: 00:16

The platypus looks like no other creature on Earth. Physically, it appears to be a hybrid blend of a bird, beaver, reptile and otter, with additional characteristics not contained in any of these four. On cursory examination, the platypus has a bill that most resembles (答案: resembles) that of a waterfowl, not the mouth of any known mammal. Yet it is not an ordinary bill. It is actually a well-designed sensory organ. Not a nose, but a highly sensitive electro-location sensor, detecting minuscule electrical impulses generated by its food source of small crustaceans and worms. No other mammal has a sensor so highly developed (答案: developed) — in fact; only one other mammal has this ability at all. Then here (答案: there) are the webbed feet, similar to those found on otters. Unlike an otter, however, the webbing is far more pronounced on the front feet of the platypus, which it uses like paddles for swimming. While (答案: While) in the water, the back feet are tucked into its body and hardly used at all.

#707 Platypus

cursory

[adj] 粗略的；仓促的

thereby

adv.

因此，从而

hereby

adv.

以此，特此

whereby

adv.

凭此，借以

conj.

凭此，借以，与.....一致；<非正式>在.....的情况下，处于.....的位置

| #687 Distance Learning 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过(144)

答题时间: 00:18

Distance learning can be highly beneficial to a large variety of people from young students wanting to expand their horizons to adults looking for more job security. With programs that allow learners of all ages to take courses for fun, personal advancement and degrees (答案: degrees) , distance learning can meet (答案: meet) the needs of a diverse population. Perhaps one of the most notable and often talked about advantages (答案: advantages) of distance learning is the flexibility. The majority of programs allow students to learn when and where it's convenient for them. For them (答案: those) who are struggling to balance their distance learning goals with working a fulltime job and taking care of a family this kind of flexibility can allow many people to pursue (答案: pursue) education who would not otherwise be able to do so. Since (答案: Since) there are no on-campus courses to attend, students can learn from their own homes, at work on their lunch breaks and from virtually anywhere with internet access. For some it can even be a big source of savings on the fuel costs and time required to commute to classes.

#687 Distance Learning

For those who are struggling to

#686 Language 解析 预测 机经题 中等



考过(80)

答题时间: 00:16

Language comes so naturally to us that it is easy to forget what a strange and miraculous gift it is. All over the world members of our people (答案: species) fashion their breath into hisses and hums and squeaks and pops and listen to others do the similarity (答案: same) . We do this, of course, not only because we like the sounds but because details of the sounds contain information about the intentions (答案: intentions) of the person making them. We, humans, are fitted with a means of sharing (答案: sharing) our ideas, in all their unfathomable vastness. When we listen to speech, we can be led to think thoughts that have never been thought before and that never would have happened (答案: occurred) to us on our own.

答题时间: 00:14

Film is where art meets commerce. As (答案: As) ? Orson Welles said: "A painter just needs a brush and the writer just needs a pen, but the producer needs an army." And an army needs money. A producer is just like an entrepreneur, and we raise (答案: raise) ? money to make films. First, we need to find an original idea or a book or a play and purchase the rights, then we need money to develop that idea, often not a reasonably small sum. Besides (答案: Besides) ?, to commission a writer for the screenplay isn't something you would want to gamble your own money on, so you find a partner. We are lucky here in the UK, as we have Film 4, BBC Films and the UK Film Council, all of them (答案: which) ? are good places to develop an idea. Producing in Britain is very different to producing in America or even (答案: even) ? Europe because the economic dynamic is different.

#683 Film

raze

英 /reɪz/ 美 /reɪz/

vt.

夷为平地；破坏；消除；拆毁

答题时间: 00:18

The foreign policy of a state, it is often argued, begins and ends with the border. No doubt an exaggeration, this aphorism nevertheless has an evidence (答案: element) ? of truth. A state's relation with its neighbors, at least in the early (答案: formative) ? years, are greatly influenced by its frontier policy, especially when there are no settled (答案: settled) ? borders. Empire builders in the past sought to extend imperial frontiers for a variety of reasons; subjugation of kings and princes to gain their prestige (答案: allegiance) ? (as well as handsome tributes or the coffers of the state), and, security of the core of the empire from external attacks by establishing a string of buffer states in areas declaring (答案: adjoining) ? the frontiers. The history of British empire in India was no different. It is important to note in this connection that the concept of international boundaries (between two sovereign states), demarcated and delineated (答案: delineated) ?, was yet to emerge in India under Mughal rule.

#682 Foreign Policy

element

[n] 要素；基本部分；典型部分

[n] 少量；有点；有些

exertion

英

/ɪg'zɜːʃn/

美

/ɪg'zɜːrʃn/

n.

费力，努力；运用，行使**formative**

英

/ˈfɔːmətɪv/

美

/ˈfɔːrmətɪv/

形成阶段的

tranquility

15547

英

/træŋ'kwɪləti/

美

/ træŋ'kwɪləti /

n.

宁静, 安宁

allegiance

7355

allegiance

n.

(对政党、宗教、统治者的) 忠诚, 效忠, 拥戴

adjoining

12294

adhere

6620

v.

黏附, 附着; 遵守, 遵循 (规定或协议); 拥护, 持有 (观点或信仰)

sovereign

8196

英

/ 'səvrɪn /

美

/ 'sə:vriն /

n.

君主, 元首;

sovereignty

4907

英

/ 'səvrənti /

美

/ 'sə:vrenti /

n.

主权, 最高统治权, 最高权威; 独立自主; 主权国家, 自治州

delineate

10812

英

/ dɪ'lɪniɪt /

美

/ dɪ'lɪniɪt /

v.

(详细地) 描述, 解释; 标明

#680 Allergies 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过 (185)

答题时间: 00:14

What are allergies? Allergies are abnormal immune system reactions to things that are typically harmless to most people. When you're allergic to something, your immune system ✓ mistakenly ? (答案: mistakenly) ? believes that this substance is harmful to your body. Substances that cause allergic reactions- such as certain foods, dust, plant pollen, or medicines- are known as allergens. In an attempt to ✓ protect ? (答案: protect) ? the body, the immune system produces IgE antibodies to that allergen. Those antibodies then cause certain cells in the body to ✓ release ? (答案: release) ? chemicals into the bloodstream, one of which is histamine (pronounced: HIS-tuh-meen). The histamine then X targets ? (答案: acts) ? on the eyes, nose, throat, lungs, skin, or gastrointestinal tract and causes the symptoms of the allergic reaction. Future exposure to that same allergen will trigger this X antigen ? (答案: antibody) ? response again. This means that every time you come into contact with that allergen, you'll have some form of allergy symptoms.

答题时间: 00:17

Leadership is all about being granted permission by others to lead their thinking. It is a bestowed moral authority that gives the right to organize and direct the efforts of others. But moral authority does not come from simply managing people effectively or communicating better or being able to motivate. It comes from many sources (答案: sources) , including being authentic and genuine, having integrity, and showing a real and deep understanding of the business in question. All these factors (答案: factors) build confidence. Leaders lose moral authority for three reasons: they behave unethically (答案: unethically) , they become plagued by self-doubt and lose their conviction, or they are blinded by power, lose self-awareness and thus lose connection (答案: connection) with those they lead as the context around them changes. Having said all this, it has to be assumed that if someone becomes a leader, at some point they understood the difference between right and wrong. It is up to them to conform (答案: abide) by a moral code and up to us to ensure that the moment we suspect they do not, we fire them or vote them out.

#678 Leadership

bestow

英

/ bɪ'stəʊ /

美

/ bɪ'stuə /

vt.

赠予, 授予 (财产、权力或荣誉)

authentic

5061

英

/ ə.'θentɪk /

美

/ ə:'θentɪk /

adj.

原作的, 真迹的; 传统的, 正宗的; 逼真的, 仿真的; 真实的, 可靠的

genuine

[adj] 真的; 名副其实的; 真诚的; 诚实的

integrity

英

/ ɪn'tegrəti /

美

/ ɪn'tegrəti /

n.

正直, 诚实; 完整, 完全

outrageous

6166

英

/ aʊt'reɪdʒəs /

美

/ aʊt'reɪdʒəs /

adj.

骇人的, 无法容忍的; 反常的, 令人惊讶的; 极其夸张的, 不可能的

plague

6742

英

/ pleɪg /

美

/ pleɪg /

n.

瘟疫，传染病；鼠疫

v.

困扰，折磨；烦扰，纠缠；使得灾祸

convection

16802

英

/ kən'vekʃn /

美

/ kən'vek(ə)n /

n.

[气体、液体的] 对流；传送

contempt

6373

英

/ kən'tempt /

美

/ kən'tempt /

n.

轻视，蔑视；忽视，不顾；藐视法庭

abide

abide by后面通常接laws、rules或者principles

8616

英

/ ə'baid /

美

/ ə'baid /

v.

遵守 (abide by) ；容忍，忍受；

conform

7067

英

/ kən'fɔ:m /

美

/ kən'fɔ:rm /

v.

遵守，符合；顺从，随潮流；一致，相吻合

#670 Student-run Restaurant 解析 预测 机经题 中等



考过 (315)

答题时间: 00:14

The rest of Taylor's restaurant is student-run. Students in quantity food production and service management classes ▼

(答案: classes) ? make the articulate and detailed dishes. "We teach students to understand where a product comes from and to respect that product," Garmy said. Skeptics might doubt the X quantity ▼ (答案: quality) ? of a student-run restaurant, but one visit to Taylor's will immediately change their outlook. Dishes such as orecchiette and butternut squash, pappardelle with duck and bistro chicken will please any appetite while imparting the need to ✓ return ▼ (答案: return) ? for a second taste. Students are taught to use ratios and proportions rather than recipes when creating dishes. "Understanding ratios and proportions when creating dishes instead of recipes makes students think and ✓ actually ▼ (答案: actually) ? teaches them how to cook, rather than just reading a recipe and not learning from it," Garmy said. Garmy said he believes in using all aspects of a product, which Taylor's X utensil ▼ (答案: menu) ? reflects.

#670 Student-run Restaurant

quality 质量

quantity 数量

qualification 资格

quantification 量化

relatively

英

/ 'relətɪvli /

美

/ 'relətɪvli /

adv.

相当地, 相对地

cuisine

6498

英

/ kwi'zi:n /

美

/ kwi'zi:n /

指的是某一地区或国家的所有菜肴,

utensil

13019

英

/ ju:'tens(ə)l /

美

/ ju:'tens(ə)l /

指的是烹饪工具

#665 Ironbridge Gorge

解析

预测

机经题

中等

考过 (393)

答题时间: 00:18

The Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage property covers an area of 5.5 km² (550ha) and is located in Telford, Shropshire, approximately 50km north-west of Birmingham. The Industrial Revolution had its 18th ... (答案: had its 18th century roots)  in the Ironbridge Gorge before spreading across the world, bringing with it some of the most far-reaching changes in human history. The site

incorporates a ... (答案: incorporates a 5km length of)  the steep-sided, mineral-rich Severn Valley from a point immediately west of Ironbridge downstream to Coalport, together with two smaller river valleys extending northwards to Coalbrookdale and Madeley.

The Ironbridge Gorge offers a ... (答案: offers a powerful insight)  into the origins of the Industrial Revolution and also contains extensive remains of that period when the area was the focus of international attention from artists, engineers, and writers. The site contains substantial remains of mines, foundries, factories, workshops, warehouses, ironmasters' and workers' housing, public buildings, infrastructure, and transport systems, together with traditional ... (答案: traditional landscape and forests)  of the Severn Gorge. In addition, there also remain extensive ... (答案: extensive collections)  of artifacts and archives relating to the individuals, processes, and products that made the area so important.

#665 Ironbridge Gorge

overturned 6822 the fascinating image

fuse a 5km width of 融合了5公里宽的

incorporate a 5km length of 包含一个5公里长的

add a finishing touch to 添加画龙点睛之笔

conventional woods and stuff 传统的木材和材料

答题时间: 00:16

The emperor is the giant of the penguin world and the most iconic of the birds of Antarctica. Gold patches on their ears and on the top of their chest brighten (答案: up) their black heads. Emperors and their closest relative, the king penguin, have unique breeding cycles, with very long chick-rearing periods. The emperor penguins breed the furthest south of any penguin species, forming large colonies on the sea-ice surrounding the Antarctic continent. They are true Antarctic birds, rarely (答案: seen) in the subantarctic waters. So that the chicks can fledge in the late summer season, emperors breed during the cold, dark winter, with temperatures as low at - 50°C and winds (答案: up) to 200 km per hour. They trek 50–120 km (30–75 mls) over the ice to breeding colonies which may include thousands of individuals. The female lays a single egg in May then passes it over to her mate to incubate (答案: whilst) she goes to sea to feed. For nine weeks the male fasts, losing 45% of his body weight. The male balances the egg on his feet, which are (答案: covered) in a thick roll of skin and feathers. The egg can be 70°C warmer than the outside temperature.

#644 Emperor Penguin

icon

4404

英

/ 'aɪkɒn /

美

/ 'aɪkən /

n.

图标;

iconic

12673

英

/ aɪ'kɒnɪk /

美

/ aɪ'kə:nɪk /

[adj] 符号的; 图标的; 图符的; 偶像的

brighten

v.

使明亮, 使鲜艳; 开颜, 高兴; (使) 好转,
brighten up 让某物变得更加明亮或更加生动

fledge

13167

英

/ fledʒ /

美

/ fledʒ /

vi.

长羽毛

#639 Tutankhamun 解析 预测 机经题 中等



考过(164)

答题时间: 00:12

The last tourists may have been leaving the Valley of the Kings on the West Bank in Luxor but the area in front of the tomb of Tutankhamun remained far from deserted. Instead of the X chaos (答案: tranquillity) ? that usually descends on the area in the evening it was a hive of activity. TV crews trailed masses of equipment, journalists milled and photographers held their cameras at the ready. The reason? For the first time since Howard Carter ✓ discovered (答案: discovered) ? the tomb in 1922 the mummy of Tutankhamun was being prepared for public display. Inside the subterranean burial chamber Egypt's archaeology supremo Zahi Hawass, X accomplished (答案: accompanied) ? by four Egyptologists, two restorers and three workmen, were slowly lifting the mummy from the golden sarcophagus where it has been rested -- mostly undisturbed -- for more than 3,000 years. The body was then placed on a wooden stretcher and X transmitted (答案: transported) ? to its new home, a high- tech, climate-controlled plexi-glass showcase located in the outer chamber of the tomb where, covered in linen, with only the face and feet exposed, it now greets visitors.

#629 Corn People 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过(119)

答题时间: 00:12

Descendants of the Maya living in Mexico still sometimes refer to themselves as "the corn people." The phrase is not intended as metaphor. Rather, it's meant to ✓ acknowledge (答案: acknowledge) ? their abiding dependence on this miraculous grass, the X range (答案: staple) ? of their diet for almost 9,000 years. Forty percent of the calories a Mexican eats in a day comes directly from corn, most of it in the form of tortillas. So when a Mexican says I am maize or corn walking, it is simply a statement of fact: The very substance of the Mexican's body is to a considerable extent a ✓ manifestation (答案: manifestation) ? of this plant.

#629 Corn People

staple

7118

英

/ 'steɪpl(ə)l /

美

/ 'steɪpl(ə)l /

n.

(某国的) 主要产品, 支柱产品; 主食; 主要部份

v.

用订书钉订住; 把.....分级

manifestation

6686

英

/ ,mænɪfə'steɪʃ(ə)n /

美

/ ,mænɪfə'steɪʃ(ə)n /

简明柯林斯

n.

表现, 显现; 表现形式;

to a considerable extent

相当程度上: 表示在很大程度上, 用于强调某事物的影响或重要性

答题时间: 00:17

Researchers already know that spending long periods of time in a zero-gravity environment (答案: environment) ? —such as that inside the International Space Station (ISS) — results in loss of bone density and damage (答案: damage) ? to the body's muscles (答案: muscles) ?. That's partly why stays aboard the ISS are restricted (答案: restricted) ? at six months . And now, a number of NASA astronauts are reporting that their 20/20 vision (答案: vision) ? faded (答案: faded) ? after spending time in space, with many needing glasses once they returned to Earth.

#606 Zero-gravity

deteriorate

7724

英

/ dɪ'trɪəri'reɪt /

美

/ dɪ'trɪəreɪt /

V.

恶化, 变坏

答题时间: 00:16

Sales jobs allow for a great (答案: great) ? deal of discretionary time and effort on the part of the sales representatives - especially when compared with managerial, manufacturing, and service jobs. Most sales representatives work independently and outside the immediate presence of their sales managers. Therefore, some form of goals needs to be in place to help ... (答案: to help motivate and guide) ? their performance. Sales personnel are not the only professionals with performance goals or quotas. Health care professionals operating in clinics have daily, weekly, and monthly goals in terms of patient visits. Service personnel are assigned a number of service calls they should perform (答案: must perform) ? during a set time period. Production workers in manufacturing have output goals. So, why are achieving sales goals or quotas such a big deal? The answer to this question can be found by examining how a firm's other departments are affected by how well the company's salespeople achieve their performance goals. The success of the business leads to (答案: hinges on) ? the successful sales of its products and services. Consider all the planning, the financial, production and marketing efforts that go into consuming as (答案: producing what) ? the sales force sells. Everyone depends on the sales force to sell the company's products and services and they eagerly anticipate knowing things are going.

#618 Sales Jobs

hinge

8987

英

/ hɪndʒ /

美

/ hɪndʒ /

n.

铰链, 合叶; 枢纽, 关键; 铰合部

V.

给 (某物) 装铰链

hinge on

取决于: 由 (某事物) 决定或确定: 依赖于 (某事物)

答题时间: 00:13

Currently, there is concern about the increasing amount of time children spend wasted (答案: engaged) in sedentary activities, the number of children who fail to achieve minimum (答案: minimum) daily physical activity guidelines (i.e. 60 min of moderate-to-vigorous intensity activities every day), and the apparent increase in obesity prevalence as a result of such sedentary times (答案: behavior) . Screen-based activities, including television viewing and playing computer games, are part (答案: part) of the most frequently observed sedentary activities that children partake with children spending 2.5–4 h per day participating in such activities. The introduction of “active video games” (AVGs) into the gaming market presents an opportunity to convert traditional, sedentary screen-time into active screen-time and thus increases total daily energy expenditure (EE). Modern AVGs utilize cameras and motion sensors to allow the gamer to physically perform a variety of actions, dependent on the console, such as swinging a tennis racquet or running. The most demanding AVGs provided similar responses to walking and, based on international standards, should be classified as low-intensity activities. Whilst AVGs may provide children with a better alternative to sedentary gaming, they are not a sufficient replacement (答案: replacement) for normal physical activity, e.g. sports and outdoor play.

#613 EE and AVG

sedentary

14228

英

/ 'sed(ə)ntri /

美

/ 'sed(ə)nterɪ /

adj.

(人) 惯于久坐不动的;

engaged 忙于、雇佣、参加、从事

moderate-to-vigorous 中等到剧烈

whilst <英, 正式>当.....的时候; 与...同时; 然而, 但是; 虽然, 尽管;

答题时间: 00:17

Organizations need to integrate their sales activities more both internally and with customers' needs according to a new book co-authored by an academic at the University of East Anglia. The book addresses (答案: addresses) how sales can help organizations to become more customer-oriented and considers how they are responding to challenges such as increasing competition, more demanding (答案: demanding) customers and a more complex selling environment. Many organizations are facing escalating costs and a growth in customer power, which (答案: which) makes it necessary to allocate resources more strategically. The sales function can provide critical customer and market knowledge to help inform both innovation and marketing. However, the authors say that within the industry there (答案: there) is still uncertainty about the shape a future sales team should take, how it should be managed, and how it fits (答案: fits) into their organization's business model.

#581 Sales Activities

addresses

处理、讨论

stipulate

11227

英

/ 'stɪpjuleɪt /

美

/ 'stɪpjuleɪt /

V.

规定，明确要求

#577 Enough Exercise 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过(55)

答题时间: 00:18

One thing is certain. Most people do not get enough exercise in their ✓ daily (答案: daily) ? routines. All of the advances of modern technology — from ✗ electronic (答案: electric) ? can openers to power steering have made life easier, more comfortable and much less physically ✓ demanding (答案: demanding) ?. Yet our bodies need activities, especially if they are carrying around too ✓ much (答案: much) ? fat. Satisfying this need requires a sustainable plan, and a commitment. There are two ✓ main (答案: main) ? ways to increase the number of calories you spend: start a regular exercise program if you do not have one already. Increase the amount of physical activity in your daily routine.

#579 Settlement 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过(207)

答题时间: 00:16

Over the last ten thousand years there seem to have been two separate and conflicting building sentiments throughout the history of towns and cities. ✓ One (答案: One) ? is the desire to start again, for a variety of reasons: an earthquake or a tidal wave may have demolished the settlement, or fire destroyed it, or the new city ✗ starts (答案: marks) ? a new political beginning. The other can be likened to the effect of a magnet: established settlements attract people, who ✗ turn (答案: tend) ? to come whether or not there is any planning for their arrival. The clash between these two sentiments is evident in every established city ✗ whereas (答案: unless) ? its development has been almost completely accidental or is lost in history. Incidentally, many settlements have been planned from the beginning but, for a variety of reasons, no settlement followed the plan. A good example is Currowan, on the Clyde River in New South Wales, which ✓ was surveyed (答案: was surveyed) ? in the second half of the 19th century, in expectation that people would come to establish agriculture and a small port. But no one came.

#579 Settlement

protrude

12126

英

/ prə'tru:d /

美

/ pru'stru:d /

V.

伸出, 突出; (动物) 使 (身体部位) 突出

sentiment

4092

英

/ 'sentɪmənt /

美

/ 'sentɪmənt /

n.

观点, 看法, 情绪; 多愁善感, 伤感情绪

#576 Teen Writing 解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过(194)

答题时间: 00:11

Teens write for a variety of reasons—as part of a school assignment, to ✓ get (答案: get) ? a good grade, to stay in touch with friends, to share their artistic creations with others or simply to put their thoughts to paper (whether virtual or otherwise). In our focus groups, teens said they are motivated to write when they can ✓ select (答案: select) ? topics that are relevant to their lives and interests, and report greater enjoyment of school writing when they have the opportunity to write creatively. Having teachers or other adults who challenge them, ✗ introduce (答案: present) ? them with interesting curricula and give them detailed feedback also serves as a motivator for teens. Teens also ✗ learn (答案: report) ? writing for an audience motivates them to write and write well.

#576 Teen Writing

present

出现；提出；显示；提交

#559 Definition of Country

single occupancy

只有一个人居住的住宅

denounce

6070

英

/dɪ'naʊns/

美

/dɪ'naʊns/

V.

谴责，痛斥；检举，告发

#559 Definition of Country 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过(133)

答题时间：00:11

What is a country, and how is a country defined? When people ask how many countries there are in the world, they expect a simple answer. After all, we've explored the ✓ whole (答案: whole) ? planet, we have international travel, satellite navigation and plenty of global organizations like the United Nations, ✓ so (答案: so) ? we should really know how many countries there are! However, the answer to the question varies according to whom you ask. ✓ Most (答案: Most) ? people say there are 192 countries, but others point out that there could be more like 260 of them. So why isn't there a straightforward answer? The problem arises because there isn't a universally agreed definition of 'country' and because, for political reasons, some countries find it convenient to recognize or not recognize ✓ other (答案: other) ? countries.

#545 Social Isolation 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过(25)

答题时间：00:13

Sound depressing, even apocalyptic? Well, it could be the future. If government ✗ prediction (答案: forecasts) ? are right, about 20 years from now, two out of five households will be single ✗ family (答案: occupancy) ?. And there is evidence the situation is already ✓ deteriorating (答案: deteriorating) ?. According to a report, Social Isolation in America, published in the American Sociological Review in 2006, the average American today has only two close friends. Twenty-five per cent of those surveyed said they do not have anyone to talk with about important things—And yet, while some are ✗ denouncing (答案: declaring) ? a crisis in our ability to make friends, others are saying exactly the opposite. For example, MSN's Anatomy of Friendship Report, published last November, suggests that the average Briton has 54 friends—a ✓ spectacular (答案: spectacular) ? rise of 64 per cent since 2003.

#545 Social Isolation

forecasts 描述对未来的量化预测，如人口统计、经济趋势等。

prediction 更常用于个人的猜测或者不太正式的预测，而不是基于详细的数据和分析的预测

#544 Pinker 解析 预测 机经题 困难

考过(234)

答题时间：00:14

In a sequence of bestsellers, including The Language Instinct and How the Mind Works, Pinker has argued the swathes of our mental, social and emotional lives may have ✗ regarded (答案: originated) ? as evolutionary adaptations, well suited to the lives our ancestors eked out on the Pleistocene savannah. Sometimes it seems as if nothing is ✗ protected (答案: immune) ? from being explained this way. Road rage, adultery, marriage, altruism, our tendency to reward senior executives with corner offices on the top floor, and the smaller number of women who become mechanical engineers — all may have their ✓ roots (答案: roots) ? in natural selection, Pinker claims. The controversial implications are obvious: that men and women might ✓ differ (答案: differ) ? in their inborn abilities at performing certain tasks, for example, or that parenting may have ✗ more (答案: little) ? influence on personality.

#544 Pinker

assimilate

9655

英

/ ə'sɪməleɪt /

美

/ ə'sɪməleɪt /

V.

融入，(使)同化；吸收，理解；使相似，成为相似

#570 Egg-eating Snakes

解析 预测 机经题 困难



考过(452)

答题时间：00:13

Egg-eating snakes are a small group of snakes whose diet (答案: diet) ? consists only of eggs. Some eat only small eggs, which they have to swallow entire (答案: whole) ? , as the snake has no teeth. Instead, some other snakes eat bigger eggs, but it requires special supplement (答案: treatment) ? . These snakes have spines that stick out (答案: out) ? from the backbone. The spines crack down (答案: open) ? the egg as it passes through the throat.

#570 Egg-eating Snakes

whole 这个词可以用来描述单个整体的事物

entire 通常描述的也是一组或多个事物

treatment 可以理解为特殊的处理方式或方法

supplement 补充物

stick out 突出，伸出

#267 Fire

解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过(16)

答题时间：00:12

Some scientists say the use of fire helped make us modern humans—it dramatically changed what and how we eat and may have even altered our anatomy. But University of Utah anthropologist Polly Wieler thinks that fire was also important in shaping human social interactions and cultural traditions (答案: traditions) ? . Her conclusions are in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Weissner evaluated day and night activities and conversations (答案: conversations) ? of Bushmen from Botswana and Namibia. These communities still live by hunting and gathering, as most humans did over evolutionary (答案: evolutionary) ? history. During the day, nearly a third of the conversations dealt with economic issues such as hunting strategies and foraging plans. Another third covered complaints, criticisms and gossip. But at night around the fire, more than 80 percent of group conversations were storytelling, often about people living far away or in the spirit world. Weissner says that humans are unique in that we

create ties to others outside of our immediate group. Gathering at the fire expanded (答案: expanded) ? listeners' imaginations and allowed for the development of cognitive processes that made it possible to form those links to distant communities.

Which makes fire the precursor to Facebook.

#267 Fire

ridge

英

/ rɪdʒ /

美

/ rɪdʒ /

n.

山脊，山脉；

rebellion

6425

英

/ rɪ'beljən /

美

/ rɪ'beljən /

n.

叛乱，反抗；

tricky

6485

英

/ 'trɪki /

美

/ 'trɪki /

adj.

难对付的，棘手的；狡猾的，诡计多端的

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#17 Great Listeners

解析

预测

机经题

简单



考过 (52)

答题时间：00:14

Dogs make great listeners. And that may be because man and man's best friend use analogous brain regions to process voices.

Researchers ✓ collected (答案: collected) ? almost 200 sound samples, including human and canine ✓ vocalizations

(答案: vocalizations) ?, as well as environmental noises and silence. They played these clips to 22 people and 11 dogs while the subjects' brains were ✓ undergoing (答案: undergoing) ? functional MRI scans. Human brains tuned in most to vocal sounds.

Dog brains were most sensitive to environmental noises. But they still had a lot in common. A dedicated brain area reacted

✓ strongly (答案: strongly) ? to the vocalizations of their own species. And that area also ✓ responded

(答案: responded) ? to the voices of the other species. Meanwhile, a different brain region noted emotion in a voice, with a strong response to cheery sounds like laughter and a weaker reaction to unhappy noises like canine whining. The study is in the journal Current Biology. Seems that thousands of years of domestication have made our furry friends sensitive to the same vocal cues we are. You can confide in Fido.

#17 Great Listeners

analogous

10475

英

/ ə'næləgəs /

美

/ ə'næləgəs /

adj.

相似的，类似的；

splat

14946

英

/ splæt /

美

/ splæt /

n.

纵长背板；啪嗒声

v.

(使) 发啪嗒声

shoplift

18496

英

/ 'ʃɒplɪft /

美

/ 'ʃa:plɪft /

v.

在商店中偷窃

horny

18041

英

/ 'ho:nɪ /

美

/ 'ho:rni /

adj.

<非正式> (引起) 性冲动的, 欲火中烧的; <非正式>性感的; 角制的, 角质物制成的; (皮肤等) 粗硬的

#33 Clown Fish 解析 预测 机经题 简单



考过 (13)

答题时间: 00:15

Clown fish became famous thanks to the movie Finding Nemo. In real life, their social hierarchy is simple: larger fish dominate their smaller

✓ counterparts (答案: counterparts) ? Now we know that to reinforce this social structure, the fish communicate with

aggressive and submissive audio signals. The new info is in the journal PLoS ONE. Researchers ✗ unfolded (答案: recorded) ?

clown fish calls, ✓ capturing (答案: capturing) ? this noise as one chased a smaller fish. These popping sounds function as an

aggression signal. When a clown fish has been chased and wishes to submit, it shakes its head in a submissive gesture and produces

clicking noises like these. The researchers ✓ compared (答案: compared) ? the aggressive and submissive calls, and found that

the sound pulses in a submissive signal were shorter and more high-pitched. Unlike many animals that use sound to draw in

✗ exponential (答案: potential) ? mates, clown fish appear to use their calls only as labels of social status. When a little fish

makes submissive sounds to a larger one, neither has to invest in a physical confrontation. Which is good news for small-fry like Nemo.

#33 Clown Fish

deport

11103

英

/ dɪ'pɔ:t /

美

/ dɪ'pɔ:rt /

v.

驱逐 (非本国居民) 出境

clutter

12447

英

/ 'klʌtə(r) /

美

/ 'klʌtər /

n.

杂乱的东西; 杂乱

v.

乱堆, 塞满; 使 (脑子里) 塞满 (乱七八糟的事)

potential 1266 潜在的

exponential 18569 指数的

nimble 15129 敏捷的

答题时间: 00:13

Australia and New Zealand have many common links. Both countries were recently settled by Europeans, are predominantly English speaking and in that sense, share a common cultural heritage (答案: heritage) ? . Although in close proximity to one another, both countries are geographically isolated and have small populations by world records (答案: standards) ? . They have similar histories and enjoy close relations on many fronts. In terms of population aspects (答案: characteristics) ? , Australia and New Zealand have much in common. Both countries have minority indigenous populations, and during the latter half of the 20th century have seen a steady stream of migrants from a variety of regions throughout the world. Both countries have experienced (答案: experienced) ? similar declines in fertility since the high levels recorded during the baby boom, and alongside this have enjoyed the benefits of continually improving life expectancy. One consequence of these trends is that both countries are faced with an ageing population, and the irrevocable (答案: associated) ? challenge of providing appropriate care and support for this growing group within the community.

#12 Australia and New Zealand

proximity

6690

英

/prək'siməti/

美

/pra:k'siməti/

n.

(时间、空间、关系的) 靠近, 亲近

characteristic 特征, 特点, 特色

irrevocable 不能撤销的

答题时间: 00:12

Victoria University of Wellington has conferred an honorary degree on a distinguished astrophysicist in a recent graduation ceremony.

Professor Warrick Couch received (答案: received) ? the honorary degree of Doctor of Science for his remarkable contribution to our knowledge of galaxies and dark energy. Professor Couch is a distinguished astrophysicist who has played (答案: played) ? a crucial role in the discovery that the Universe is expanding at an accelerating rate, a finding which led to the lead scientists being awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics in 2011, which he attended in recognition of his contribution. In his research, Professor Couch uses large ground-based and space-based telescopes to observe galaxy clusters, which (答案: which) ? are the largest structures in the Universe. He is also involved in a number of national and international committees overseeing the management of these telescopes. As a result of (答案: In addition to) ? his own research activities, Professor Couch has worked to support young researchers and provide public comment on astronomy internationally.

#1 Honorary Degree

confer

7258

英

/kən'fɜ:(r)/

美

/kən'fɜ:r/

V.

授予, 赋予; 商讨, 交换意见