Book 2 Unit 3

Reading 1

**Read and practice**

**Crossword puzzle**

1. eventually

2. switched

3. browsing

4. humid

5. mode

6. inherited

7. Heritage

8. edible

**Word building**

1. acquisition 2. extended 3. instinctive 4. justification

5. nutritious 6. spousal 7. similarity 8. prehistoric

**Expressions**

1. apply to 2. in line with 3. empirical evidence 4. with respect to

5. at all costs 6. social conditioning 7. laden with 8. ending in

**Banked cloze**

1. myth 2. generalizations 3. sensible 4. validity 5. reflect

6. inclined 7. Impulse 8. tendency 9. stem 10. confident

**Read and translate**

The pay gap between men and women tends to depend on three factors: position, industry, and working years. For example, men are more involved in well-paid jobs such as technology, sales and engineering, while women more often hold posts in administration, operation, etc., which are more stable, but less paid. The gender pay gap also expands with the working years.

In recent years, with the increasing participation and contribution of women in the workplace, the pay gap between men and women in China is narrowing. The average monthly salary of women in urban China reached 6,995 *yuan* in 2019, up by 7.7% year on year.

Reading 2

**Read and practice**

**Synonyms**

1. gender discrimination 2. excessively 3. disguise 4.startling

5. rose to prominence 6. distinctive 7. trivial 8. noticeable

**Word building**

1. confirmation 2. literary 3. predictable 4. emotional

5. enduring 6. quantitative 7. unconscious 8. inequality

**Error correction**

1. Guangdong absorbed more funds than any other province in China last year.
2. This larger pipe will hold 16 times as much water as the smaller one.
3. Nobody did more for education in this country than did Mr. Green.
4. The beef is more expensive than it was last time but not as good.
5. I don’t think I will ever meet a man more humorous than Miss Huffman.
6. A delivery man can carry more plastic containers than containers made of glass.
7. Two decades ago, about three million people lived in the city, but today there are fewer than one quarter that many.
8. The weather in winter is not so severe in San Francisco as in New York.

**Read and translate**

最近的一项研究表明，日益加剧的性别不平等部分源于全球范围内的数字鸿沟，也就是在信息和通信技术的拥有程度、应用程度和获益程度方面的男女差异。为了应对性别间的数字鸿沟，各国政府一直通力合作，确保所有公民都具备一定的工具和知识，以便在当今数字社会中获得成功。

澳大利亚政府启动了一项政府资助的项目来制定一个十年规划蓝图，目的是鼓励更多的女性学习科学、技术、工程和数学，并在这些领域就业。

在中国，新兴科技已被列入国家正式课程体系。这一政策已相当成功地培养了一代女性，她们掌握新经济中至关重要的数字技术。