**Discovering Useful Structures 阅读作业**

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**一、完形填空**

Confidence has nothing to do with your figure. I learned this recently.

Every day I’d look in the mirror, hate what I see, and repeat the words 1 , “I am beautiful.” Sometimes I’d even grit my teeth (咬紧牙关) to 2 the words out. But I 3 saying them, no matter what.

It was at the request of my friend that I began this 4 . He said he wanted to be my friend because of my 5 and gentle character. Besides, he also saw me as beautiful and it 6 him that I couldn’t see the beauty in myself.

For a long time, I had 7 that my weight made me a second-rate person. Years of being fat and years of being 8 had caused me to build a cocoon (保护膜) around myself. I 9 thought that if I stayed quiet, maybe I would be safe. I put myself in layers of fear, my heart breaking a little more with each wedding invitation. I 10 hoping for my true love, believing I wasn’t good enough.

It wasn’t until I met my friend that I was determined to be happy on my own and things began to change. He pointed out my 11 personalities and excellent qualities and made me repeat them out loud. I laughed at first because it felt 12 , but I kept at it every day.

Then, one day, a(n) 13 thing happened. Staring into the mirror, I realized with a shock that I believed it! He wasn’t 14 and it was true — I’m beautiful! The layers of my cocoon suddenly disappeared. And nowadays, I learn to love myself and keep 15 no matter what my dress size is. Indeed, confidence comes from within.

1．A．hopefully B．unusually C．excitedly D．unwillingly

2．A．take B．cry C．put D．find

3．A．escaped B．regretted C．continued D．considered

4．A．hobby B．plan C．idea D．habit

5．A．wealth B．kindness C．success D．coldness

6．A．delighted B．embarrassed C．worried D．frightened

7．A．believed B．doubted C．forgotten D．remembered

8．A．looked up B．called up C．shouted at D．laughed at

9．A．similarly B．mistakenly C．suddenly D．wisely

10．A．stopped B．enjoyed C．risked D．preferred

11．A．good B．negative C．strange D．funny

12．A．helpless B．dangerous C．silly D．meaningless

13．A．interesting B．amazing C．terrifying D．challenging

14．A．lying B．listening C．dreaming D．waiting

15．A．curious B．quiet C．confident D．healthy

**二、阅读理解**

（2022秋·广西梧州·高一苍梧中学校考阶段练习）What a day! I started at my new school this morning and had the best time. I made lots of new friends and really liked my teachers. I was nervous the night before, but I had no reason to be. Everyone was so friendly and polite. They made me feel at ease. It was like I’d been at the school for a hundred years!

The day started very early at 7:00 am. I had my breakfast downstairs with my mom. She could tell that I was very nervous. Mom kept asking me what was wrong. She told me I had nothing to worry about and that everyone was going to love me. If they didn’t love me, Mom said to send them her way for a good talking to. I couldn’t stop laughing.

My mom dropped me off at the school gates about five minutes before the bell. A little blonde (金发的) girl got dropped off at the same time and started waving (招手) at me. She ran over and told me her name was Abigail. She was very nice and we became close straight away. We spent all morning together and began to talk to another girl called Stacey. The three of us sat together in class all day and we even made our way home together! It went so quickly. Our teacher told us that tomorrow we would really start learning and developing new skills.

I cannot wait until tomorrow and feel as though I am really going to enjoy my time at my new school. I only hope that my new friends feel the same way too.

20．How did the author feel the night before her new school?

A．Relaxed. B．Excited. C．Tired D．Worried.

21．What did the author think of her mother’s advice?

A．Funny. B．Clear. C．Bad. D．Great.

22．What happened on the author’s first day of school?

A．She met many nice people. B．She had a hurried breakfast.

C．She learned some new skills. D．She arrived at school very early.

23．What can we infer about Abigail?

A．She disliked Stacey. B．She was shy and quiet.

C．She got on well with the author. D．She was an old friend of the author.