

place restriction 限制  
 燃料 fuel the goats 山羊的饲料

- Questions 14 through 16 are based on the following passage
14. A. Tourism can bring a lot of disadvantages. B. Tourism is increasingly popular these years.  
 C. Tourism should benefit local communities. D. Tourism has become a problem in some places.
15. A. The cost of fuel is low. B. More people are visiting China.  
 C. Plane tickets are cheap. D. People need tourism for jobs and wealth.
16. A. 1.8 million more people will travel in 2030 according to the UNWTO.  
 B. Measures have been taken to address overtourism in some places.  
 C. Taleb Rifai doesn't regard overtourism as a problem.  
 D. Some cities have forbidden tourists to visit them.

- Questions 17 through 20 are based on the following conversation
17. A. Because the joke was about dinner. B. To get all the boys involved in the joke.  
 C. Because they had no idea about the joke. D. To leave the boys no time to take revenge.
18. A. It was carefully prepared. B. The boys were each asked to take a bowl.  
 C. The food there was delicious. D. Supper should be skipped before the party.
19. A. Stupid. B. Challenged. C. Confused. D. Disappointed.
20. A. The girls' joke turned out to be a success.  
 B. The class teacher was not very strict enough.  
 C. The boys managed to take revenge on the girls.  
 D. The food was delicious so the bowls were emptied.

take revenge 复仇  
 apparently = obviously 明显的

## II. Grammar and Vocabulary

### Section A

**Directions:** After reading the passage below, fill in the blanks to make the passage coherent and grammatically correct. For the blanks with a given word, fill in each blank with the proper form of the given word; for the other blanks, use one word that best fits each blank.

#### Star Giraffe Finally Gives Birth

April, a giraffe who became an Internet star after her pregnancy was broadcast online, has finally given birth, ending months of excitement for her audience.

The live broadcast from Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville, the State of New York, began during the winter. (21) it drew nearly 10 million viewers a day at its peak. Some viewers kept checking back, even after the period (22) when April was expected to give birth had gone. Others became frustrated, questioning (23) if she was really pregnant.

Finally, (24) when April was pacing in her pen (畜栏) on April 15, two hooves (蹄) began to appear. After a few hours, a newly-born giraffe was lying on the floor. (25) looking (look) around confusedly. The calf (幼崽) tried to stand a few times but (26) could not. An hour later, it was (27) on its feet, walking around carefully. A spokesman for the animal park said the calf was a boy. "After months of pregnancy, both mom and calf are doing fine," said Jordan, the owner of Animal Adventure Park.

on one's knee 跪着  
 We prefer to lie on our feet rather than live on our knees. 我们宁愿站着死，也不愿跪着生



People in Harpersville now hope the attention that April (28) has drawn (draw) will translate (translate) into an economic development for the area. Harpersville was once a manufacturing base, but it has struggled financially in recent years.

Fortunately, there are already signs (29) that April's fame is breathing new life into the area. Dozens of families recently arrived at the animal park after hours of driving, only (30) to find (find) it closed for the winter. A nearby hotel has booked more than 100 reservations for a package that includes admission to the park when it reopens in May.

### Section B

Directions: Fill in each blank with a proper word chosen from the box. Each word can only be used once. Note that there is one word more than you need.

A. model	B. competitive	C. inserting	D. pickup	E. original	F. mission
G. price	H. narrowing	I. branching	J. virtual	K. buying	

### Company Builds World's First Automobile Vending Machine (自动贩卖机)

Thanks to used-car website Carvana, it is now possible to buy your own set of wheels at the touch of a button, from the world's first and only coin-operated car vending machine in Nashville, Tennessee. It's quick, easy, and not cheap, but cheaper than buying a car the old way.

The company has been working on the concept for the past two years. Their original (original) car vending machine was installed in Atlanta in 2013. But they've spent time improving the design, in order to take user experience to the next level. "Our new Vending Machine is a state-of-the-art, multi-story structure that delivers our customers' cars by merely inserting (inserting) a special coin," said Carvana CEO Ernie Garcia.

The machine consists of a five-story glass tower that can hold up to 20 cars at a time. The tower basically serves as a(n) competitive (competitive) point of sale for used cars that customers purchase through the website, enabling pickup (pickup) pricing and eliminating delivery costs.

Customers can access a long list of specifications, ratings, reviews, and lots of other details about the cars they're interested in on the Carvana website. They even get virtual (virtual) tours that point out every scratch on the body of the car. Once the car is chosen and paid for, the company usually delivers the car to the customer for a seven-day trial period. This usually means the delivery costs are worked into the price (price) of the vehicle.

But with the Vending Machine, customers are able to go to pick up their cars straight away. It's a win-win model (model) that allows Carvana to cut down on staff and overhead (间接费用), and save customers about \$2,000 as well. According to the company, it also makes for a great buying (buying) experience - placing an oversized coin in a slot (硬币投币口) and watching their car roll down automatically. Mission (Mission)

"Carvana's mission (mission) is to create a better way to buy a car, and this new Vending Machine will be a one-of-a-kind experience. Narrowing (Narrowing) just how simple and easy we've made it to buy a car online," Garcia said. He added the company plans to build more car vending machines in the future.

### III. Reading Comprehension

#### Section A