



2023-2024 学年度第二学期初三年级英语练习 2

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考生须知	1. 本试卷共 8 页，满分 60 分。考试时间 90 分钟。 2. 请按题目顺序作答，主观题请在答题区域内作答。
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知识运用 (共 14 分)

一、单项填空 (共 6 分，每小题 0.5 分)

从下面各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中，选择可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

1. — Is that your brother's bike?
— No. _____ is black.
A. Mine B. Her C. His D. Hers
2. People plant trees _____ spring to make our city greener.
A. at B. to C. on D. in
3. Don't get up late, _____ you'll probably miss the train back to Beijing.
A. for B. or C. but D. so
4. — _____ is the Red Flag Canal (红旗渠)?
— The total length of the canal, including its main canal and branch canals, is about 1500 kilometers.
A. How long B. How often C. How far D. How many
5. — _____ I return this book before Wednesday, Madam?
— No, you needn't. You can keep it for two weeks.
A. Can B. May C. Must D. Should
6. Which do you like _____, travelling with your family or friends?
A. well B. better C. best D. the best
7. Every year, a lot of students _____ the National Museum of Chinese Writing to learn more about the development of Chinese characters.
A. visit B. will visit C. visits D. visited
8. We _____ to Anyang for a three-day school trip last week.
A. go B. gone C. went D. will go
9. If you go to the Yinxu Museum in Henan Province, you _____ a better understanding of the Shang civilization (商文明).
A. have B. had C. are having D. will have
10. I'm interested in history and I _____ many historical books since last year.
A. read B. was reading C. will read D. have read
11. With the development of technology, more machines _____ in the future.
A. will be used B. are used C. used D. were used



12. — Do you know _____?

— It's on June 4, 2023.

- A. when the Shenzhou-15 astronauts will return to Earth
- B. when did the Shenzhou-15 astronauts return to Earth
- C. when will the Shenzhou-15 astronauts return to Earth
- D. when the Shenzhou-15 astronauts returned to Earth

二、完形填空（共 8 分，每小题 1 分）

阅读下面的短文，掌握其大意，然后从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中，选择最佳选项。

Chad Turns delivers for UPS (美国联合包裹运送服务公司) in the small town of Dauphin, and is beloved by his customers. Last Tuesday, when Turns drove into a parking lot for what he thought was a ___13___ up, he was greeted instead by a dozen residents (居民) clapping and yelling, "Thank you, Chad!" Turns was so overcome with emotion that he ___14___ out his handkerchief to wipe his eyes.

Resident Jenny Shickley ___15___ this special event after people commented in a group Facebook post about what a good job Turns was doing. "Turns is well-known for his thoughtfulness and ___16___," Jenny said, adding that he often leaves treats for their dogs when delivering packages.

She raised \$1,000 for Turns in two weeks in the small town. The group gave him the generous gift with a large card signed by members of the ___17___. Jenny said Turns had taken care of them for a year and they wanted to take care of him.

"It is ___18___ that this community feels so strongly about me," Turns told the reporter. He said all UPS drivers deserve to be thanked in this way. He also added that he will pay it forward by continuing to provide the good ___19___ that he is known for.

"Chad is a great UPSer," UPS spokesperson Jackie said in a statement. "Celebrations like this really highlight the bond our drivers have with their customer base. We appreciate that UPS drivers like Chad are being ___20___ for how they are moving our world forward."

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| 13. A. pick | B. turn | C. warm | D. show |
| 14. A. found | B. worked | C. pulled | D. dropped |
| 15. A. imagined | B. expected | C. organized | D. thought |
| 16. A. determination | B. courage | C. patience | D. kindness |
| 17. A. class | B. company | C. family | D. community |
| 18. A. surprising | B. touching | C. interesting | D. challenging |
| 19. A. service | B. promise | C. exercise | D. influence |
| 20. A. attracted | B. recognized | C. comforted | D. considered |

阅读理解（共 36 分）

三、阅读下列短文，根据短文内容，从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中，选择最佳选项。（共 28 分，每小题 2 分）



A

Here is a brief introduction of the Summer Carnival (夏日狂欢节). Please recommend suitable activities for Jo, Archie and Rosa.

<p>___21___ Jo is really good at cooking and would like the chance to learn new ways to cook from an expert.</p> <p>___22___ Archie enjoys watching films. He loves his dog and would like to find a festival that allows pets.</p> <p>___23___ Rosa is interested in modern dance music. She wants to understand the technology behind the music more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A. World Food Festival</p> <p>Food lovers, this is your festival. Come and discover a variety of tastes from different countries. Jenny Morell, writer of this year's best-selling cake baking book will be giving a class. You'll need to book your place quickly for that. You can buy copies of her cooking book after the class.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. Pet Festival</p> <p>You'll be amazed by some of the animals at our festival this year. We have the usual "Strangest Pet" competition and it's a good opportunity to bring your pet and get advice on training. Look out for our special guest, the famous robot dog, Woofers, from this summer's hit movie <i>Dogs in Space!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">C. Theatre Festival</p> <p>Our famous International Theatre Festival is back again! All our big theatres will be involved. You can walk through the city center and find some street performances for free, and even get involved if you've always wanted to be on stage!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Science Festival</p> <p>For all you young scientists, come and get your hands on the latest technology at this year's festival. There's a special focus on electronic music and the chance to try making your own music. If that's not enough, you can be sure to be amazed by our robot theatre performance.</p>
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B

Truly a Wonder!

Anna was a 9-year-old girl from a small village. She finished attending primary school till the 4th grade at her village. For the 5th grade, she would have to get an admission in a school at a city nearby. She was very happy knowing that she was accepted in a famous school in the city.

When she reached her school on the first day, all students started going to their classes. Anna also made it to her classroom. When seeing her simple clothing and knowing she was from a small village, other students started making fun of her. The teacher soon arrived. She introduced Anna to the class and told them that she would study with them from that day on.



During the class the teacher told the students to be ready for the surprise test now! She told everyone to write down the Seven Wonders of the world. Everyone started writing the answer quickly. But Anna started to write the answer slowly.

When everyone except Anna had presented their answer paper, the teacher asked Anna, "What happened, dear? Don't worry. Just write what you know as other students learned about it just a few days ago."

Anna replied, "There are many things. Which seven can I pick to write?" And then she handed her answer paper to the teacher. The teacher started reading everyone's answers and most students had answered them correctly such as The Great Wall of China, Stonehenge, Great Pyramid of Giza, Leaning Tower of Pisa, etc.

The teacher was happy as students had remembered what she had taught them. At last the teacher picked up Anna's answer paper and started reading. "The Seven Wonders are — To be able to See, To be able to Hear, To be able to Feel, To Laugh, To Think, To be Kind, To Love!"

The teacher stood shocked and the whole class was quiet. Today, a girl from a small village reminded us about the gifts we have, which are truly wonders. So value what we have and use what we have.

24. How did Anna feel when she was accepted in a new school?

- A. Nervous. B. Happy. C. Surprised. D. Scared.

25. What did the teacher ask the students to do during the class?

- A. To draw a picture. B. To take a good rest.
C. To have a test. D. To give a speech.

26. The teacher felt very shocked because _____.

- A. Anna didn't know the answers
B. all the students' answers were correct
C. students had remembered what they learned
D. Anna's answers reminded them what they have is truly a wonder

C

Whenever anyone asks me what tech I'd like to see invented, I always say the universal translator, which lets you understand and speak any language.

Meta AI recently announced the start of the universal speech translator (UST) project, which aims to create AI systems that enable real-time (实时的) speech-to-speech translation across all languages, even those that are spoken but not commonly written. Meta says that today's AI translation models are focused on widely-used written languages, and that more than 40% of spoken languages are not covered by such translation technologies.

According to Meta, the model is the first AI-powered speech translation system for the unwritten language Hokkien (闽南语), a Chinese language spoken in southeastern China. The system allows Hokkien speakers to hold conversations with English speakers, a big step toward bringing people together wherever they are located.



To build UST, Meta AI focused on overcoming three important translation system challenges. It solved the problem of data scarcity by getting more training data in more languages and finding new ways to use the data it had found. It solved the modeling problems that arise as models grow to serve many more languages. And it tried to find new ways to improve on its results.

Meta AI claims that the techniques it pioneered (开拓、倡导) with Hokkien can be extended to many other unwritten languages — and eventually work in real time. For this purpose, Meta has released the Speech Matrix, a large collection of speech-to-speech translations, which enables other research teams to create translation models for other languages.

Artificial (人工的) speech translation could play an important role in our world. For interactions, it will enable people from around the world to communicate with each other more smoothly, making the social net more interconnected. For content, using artificial speech translation allows you to easily localize (本地化) content.

Yashar Behzadi, CEO and founder of Synthesis AI, believes that technology needs to make things feel more real if the digital world is to succeed. He says that one of the current challenges for UST models is the computationally (从计算方面来讲) expensive training that's needed because of the wide range and very slight differences in meaning or sound of languages. Also, to train strong AI models requires a large amount of typical data. A significant bottleneck to building these AI models in the near future will be making sure that the data used to train the models can be collected safely, neither revealing people's privacy nor breaking the rules.

27. What is the feature of the UST project?

- A. It changes spoken languages to written forms.
- B. It attracts wider attention to written languages in translation.
- C. It adds 40% of spoken languages into translation technology.
- D. It enables real-time speech-to-speech translation across all languages.

28. What does the word “scarcity” underlined in Paragraph 4 most probably mean?

- A. Lack.
- B. Mistake.
- C. Recovery.
- D. Management.

29. What do we know about UST?

- A. It is expensive to collect typical data.
- B. It increases the use of a certain language.
- C. Its techniques are finally developed for Hokkien.
- D. It helps inspire interactions and content localization.

30. Which would be the best title for the passage?

- A. AI Translation: Make Translation Faster
- B. AI Translation: Meet You in All Languages
- C. Universal Speech Translator: Bring People Together
- D. Universal Speech Translator: Overcome All Challenges



D

When I graduated from high school, I wanted to major in comparative literature (比较文学). But, once I found out my friends were going into “real” majors (专业), like marketing, nursing, and engineering, I figured I needed to do the same to ensure a good career. So I changed my mind and chose Business Management as my major. I forced myself to believe that I would enjoy it and succeed in the future, but eventually I exhausted myself understanding the economy and trying new marketing techniques. Coming out of this experience, I realize it is OK to be different from others and to study things like classics, art history and other majors offered in the College of Humanities (人文学院).

The worries most people have about a humanity degree (文凭) and finding a career afterwards are that the majors are too abstract (抽象的), and one will not obtain any applicable (能应用的) skills. Actually, ideas discussed in humanities classes, which are occasionally different from what people commonly believe, offer a broad perspective. How could one be a great writer with only a knowledge of the popular opinion of society? How could one speak persuasively with closed minds? Only seeing the world through a single perspective leads to missed learning, missed friendships, and missed growth! With a broader perspective, we will be more free, more open-minded, and less limited in what we can become!

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) graduates learn actual skills in their studies, while humanities majors learn “soft skills” like communicating effectively through writing critically and speaking persuasively, forming ideas through gathering and interpreting information, and developing cultural awareness. Do those soft skills sound useless and inapplicable to you? Think of it. How often do you communicate with others? Produce ideas? Encounter people from other cultures? Every day. Every SECOND of every day. So why not master these skills?

If you choose a major in the College of Humanities, you will be needed. The job market is quietly creating thousands of openings a week for people who can bring a humanist’s grace to our rapidly evolving high-tech future. Your skills will be valuable to any workplace you hope to be in. Chase after your dream major with all your energy, no matter what other people think.

31. Why did the author choose Business Management as his major at first?
- A. He was tired of learning comparative literature.
 - B. He came to enjoy learning marketing techniques.
 - C. He wanted to go to the same university as his friends.
 - D. He believed Business Management was more useful.
32. According to the author, what is a possible way to gain a broad perspective?
- A. Making more friends and learning from them.
 - B. Exchanging ideas in a philosophy (哲学) class.
 - C. Opening your mind to future possibilities.
 - D. Getting to know the popular opinion of society.



33. In which of the following situations do soft skills play the most important role?
- A. Writing a software program.
 - B. Performing a heart operation.
 - C. Playing a musical instrument.
 - D. Communicating with a business partner.

34. What is the writing purpose of the passage?
- A. To encourage the readers to stick to their desired major.
 - B. To emphasize the importance of broadening our perspective.
 - C. To tell the readers how to acquire soft skills.
 - D. To compare Humanity majors and STEM graduates.

四、阅读短文，根据短文内容回答问题。（共8分）

Last month, the Grade Nine students had a debate on the topic “Is it a good idea for parents to talk about *the family finances* (家庭财政) with their kids?”

Here are some opinions from Lisa, one of the students who thinks it is a good idea.

Most parents believe it is not proper to tell their kids about how much they make and how much they spend, so most families don't talk about money with their kids. They basically feel it is not our concern. But is it really none of our business? Doesn't our parents' income affect us? They use the money to pay for food, clothing and shelter. If they lost their jobs and became unemployed, wouldn't that affect us, too?

I'm not going to say parents should show their kids every bill before paying it or that they should ask their kids for advice on big financial decisions, but I will say they should keep kids involved and informed. It is part of teaching them about money and life. Kids follow their parents' every move and learn from them.

Parents have to teach their kids about money because kids don't learn it in school. As a parent, it's necessary to teach them about saving, investing and staying away from credit. Also, parents have to manage their own money well if they really want to set an example.

So I think it's a good idea for parents to talk about the family finances with their kids. Tell them how much your salary is. It might help them decide which career to choose. Tell them how you spend your own money and talk to them before you make big purchases such as a new car. Include them in the process so that they know how it works. You can include them more and more as they get older. Don't make money a taboo (禁忌) issue in your home.

35. According to Lisa, what do parents use money to do?

36. Why does Lisa think parents have to teach their kids about money?

37. Do you want your parents to talk about family finances with you? Why or why not? Please give at least two reasons.



书面表达 (共 10 分)

五、文段表达 (共 10 分)

38. 从下面两个题目中任选一题, 根据中文和英文提示, 完成一篇不少于 50 词的文段写作。文中已给出内容不计入总词数。请不要写出你的校名和姓名。

题目①

博物馆是传承文化、传递文明的重要载体。

为了更好地向外国游客介绍中国的历史与文化, 中国国家博物馆 (National Museum of China) 正在面向中学生招募假期英语志愿讲解员。假如你是李华, 请用英语写一封申请信, 阐述你想成为讲解员的理由以及你将为做好这份工作做哪些准备。

提示词语: history, culture, communication, personality

提示问题: • Why do you want to be a volunteer guide?

• What are you going to do to get prepared for the job?

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm a 15-year-old middle school student and I'm writing to apply for a position of volunteer guide.

I'm looking forward to your early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Li Hua

题目②

每年的 6 月 5 日是世界环境日, 它反映了全世界人民对环境问题的认识, 表达了人们对美好环境的向往与追求。

在今年的世界环境日即将到来之际, 学校英文报社开展了“争当环保小卫士”的征文活动。假如你是李华, 请写一篇短文向报社投稿, 谈一谈你在生活中有哪些保护环境的做法以及你的感受。

提示词语: environment, pollution, healthy, contribution

提示问题: • What do you do to protect the environment in your daily life?

• What do you think of the things you do?

As we all know, protecting the environment is crucial for our future. _____



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一、单项选择

1. C 2. D 3. B 4. A 5. C 6. B
7. A 8. C 9. D 10. D 11. A 12. D

二、完形填空

13. A 14. C 15. C 16. D 17. D 18. B 19. A 20. B

三、阅读短文选择最佳选项

A: 21. A 22. B 23. D
B: 24. B 25. C 26. D
C: 27. D 28. A 29. D 30. C
D: 31. D 32. B 33. D 34. A

四、阅读短文回答问题

35. They use money to pay for food, clothing and shelter.

36. Because kids don't learn it in school.

37. 言之有理，条理清晰，语法准确/ 两条原因。

五、书面表达：