

The Key to Model Test Two

Part I Writing

参考范文

My Views on Cosmetic Surgery

Cosmetic surgery has become a controversial issue in recent years as more and more people, especially celebrities, choose to take it. However, I don't think it's a good idea to beautify oneself via operations.

First and foremost, cosmetic surgery brings about artificial beauty that confuses many young people about the true value of beauty so that quite a few of them focus much on their appearance instead of virtues or personalities. Besides, once cosmetic surgery is widely accepted by the public, it is unfair to those who have the plain look but work hard for their dreams. Finally, despite the advances of technology, there are still many risks in cosmetic surgery.

As a result, I don't support young people to take advantage of cosmetic surgery although it might bring about benefits for the time being. The true beauty which is worth our respect should be connected with inner heart and appropriate behavior.

Part II Listening Comprehension

Section A

News Report One

(1) Falling global demand for personal computers (PC) saw shipments fall by a record 10.6% in the fourth quarter from a year ago, according to market research firm IDC. About 71.9 million units were shipped in the period, which includes the key Christmas shopping season. IDC said the decline was the worst since it started tracking PC shipments. (2) PC demand has been hit by competition from smartphones and tablets, along with longer lifecycles for PCs. (1) Shipments fell in all regions around the world and have declined for five quarters in a row, according to IDC's figures.

Rival research firm Gartner also said shipments were down. Using different methodology, it saw a fall of 8.3% in the fourth quarter from a year ago. (2) Other factors that contributed to the decline in shipments included economic issues such as falling commodity prices, weaker currencies, as well as social tensions in the Middle East.

1. What has happened in the PC market recently according to IDC? C)
2. What factor is contributing to the current situation? B)

News Report Two

As the holiday shopping season begins, hackers are trying to trick users into revealing their private account information.

(3) Last week, hackers tried to trick Amazon.com users into handing over their passwords and user names. The attempt to steal individual Amazon user names and passwords was a "phishing" attack. Phishing tries to trick users into thinking that the request comes from the company.

In this case, hackers sent emails to Amazon account holders. The email lied and claimed that 2 592 Amazon account records were stolen. Customers were asked to verify account information in the phishing email. The email's signature was signed as "Amazon Customer Support."

(4) Electronics and computer experts say deleting the email is an easy solution. Amazon says thieves use hoax emails that look like they are from Amazon company accounts. Amazon says many phishing emails contain misspelled words and bad grammar. The company says it never asks for personal information, passwords or bank account numbers.

3. What did some hackers attempt to do last week? A)
4. What is a good way to solve the problem according to some experts? D)

News Report Three

(5)India's capital Delhi is ending a two-week trial that imposed major restrictions on private cars. Private cars with even and odd number plates were only allowed on alternate days during the experiment, which began on January 1. (6)The initiative is meant to curb the city's air pollution. The trial took more than a third of the city's three million private cars off the road, easing congestion. However, it is not clear whether it has helped to bring down pollution.

Delhi has experienced hazardous levels of pollution this winter. The local government announced the scheme after a court ordered authorities to tackle pollution levels which stood at more than 10 times the World Health Organization's safe limits. Authorities said the trial had resulted in a more than 50% drop in air pollution primarily caused by vehicular traffic.

Emergency vehicles like ambulances, police cars, fire engines and taxis were exempt from the campaign, and single women were also allowed to drive their cars every day. The government hired private buses to provide shuttle services. (7)Schools were shut during the trial so their buses could also be used as public transport.

5. What is Delhi try doing recently? **D)**

6. What is the purpose of this experiment? **B)**

7. Why were school buses used as public transport during the experiment? **A)**

Section B

Conversation One

W: Hey taxi!

M: Where to?

W: Well, I'm going to the National Museum of Art.

M: Sure. No problem.

W: Excuse me. How long does it take to get there?

M: Well, it depends on the traffic, but (8)it shouldn't take more than twenty minutes for the average driver. And I'm not average. I have driving down to an art, so we should be able to cruise through traffic (8)and get there at least eight minutes earlier.

W: Oh, and by the way, do you know what time the museum closes?

M: It's half past four. This is your first time to the city, right?

W: Yeah. How did you know?

M: Well, (9)you can tell tourists from a mile away in this city because they walk down the street looking straight up at the skyscrapers.

W: Good for you! Can you recommend any good restaurants downtown that offer meals at a reasonable price?

M: Umm... The Mexican restaurant. (10)It's not as expensive as other places I know, and the portions are larger than most places I've been to.

W: Sounds great! How do I get there from the museum?

M: Well, there are buses running that way, but you would have to transfer a couple of times. And there are taxis too, but they don't run by the museum that often. So you'd better catch the subway right outside the museum.

W: Okay. Thanks.

8. How long does it take the man to get to the museum? **C)**

9. How does the man figure out the woman is a fresh visitor to the city? **D)**

10. What sort of restaurant does the man recommend? **B)**

11. What's the personality of the man that we can infer from the conversation? **A)**

Conversation Two

M: English Language Center. How may I help you?

W: Yes. I'm calling to find out more information about what kind of courses you offer.

M: Well, (12)the purpose of our program is to provide language learning opportunities to students whose goal is either to master basic functional language skills for his or her job, or to study intensively to enter a US college or university.

W: What are your application deadlines for the next semester?

M: Well, (13)we ask applicants to apply no later than two months before the semester begins. This gives us time to

process the application and issue the student's I-20.

W: I-20?

M: Oh, (14)an I-20 is a form that indicates that we are giving permission for the student to study in our program, and then the student takes this form to the US embassy in his or her country to apply for the F-1 student visa.

W: And are there other materials I need to send in addition to the application form?

M: Yes. (15)You need to send in a \$35 application fee, a sponsorship form indicating who will be responsible financially for the student while studying in our program, and a bank statement showing that you or your sponsor has sufficient funds to cover tuition expenses and living costs for the entire year of study.

W: Alright. I think that's about it. Thank you!

M: No problem.

12. What's the purpose of the program in the center? A)

13. Why does the center ask students to apply for the program early? C)

14. What is the I-20? B)

15. What is regarded as the priority by the center besides the application form? B)

Section C

Passage One

Here's a parable of two young children and a white-bearded wise man that lived alone in the mountains. (16)The man was highly respected by the local residents; however, the two young children just shrugged it off. One day, (17)the kids, intending to test this man, decided to play a joke on him to see his so-called wisdom. This was their marvelous plan. They would catch a small bird, put their hands behind their back and ask the man if the bird was dead or alive. If the wise man says the bird is alive, they will crush it. If the wise man says it is dead, they can let it live. So having captured the bird they went to the mountains to find the wise man. When they finally came across him, one of the youngsters laughed and asked, "Hi, wise man, can you tell us whether the bird I am holding in my hands is dead or alive?" (18)To their surprise, the wise man just smiled and responded, "Young boys, the future of the bird is in your hands." There are many extremely smart people around that can grasp many issues at once. Perhaps the guy sitting next to you always mentions something that you didn't think about or something that at the last minute made you change your mind about the resolution of a case under discussion. (19)So be ethical, be respectful, be smart and it is your opportunity to really make a difference in the world.

16. What did the children think of the man? C)

17. What was the purpose of the children's plan? A)

18. What does the man's response imply? D)

19. What lesson does the parable tell us? A)

Passage Two

With its fast food restaurants, churches and strip malls, this city in southeast Florida looks like much of America. But on a sunny day last month, (20)city official Hector Castro talked about its resemblance to Italy's slowly sinking Venice. "At some point in the future, some places may be uninhabitable," said Castro. "Maybe people could live in the top part of buildings. But what do you do about the roads?" These predictions about an underwater city may sound horrible, (21)but officials here say they are already changing infrastructure with climate change in mind. Recent storms hit the 4.4-square-mile city to such a degree that some homes were abandoned for the first time. It was the kind of heavy rainfall that could become more frequent with climate change, even though scientists say no weather event can be tied to warming temperatures. Simultaneously, (22)the city's freshwater supply is being contaminated by saltwater intrusion—a problem that was not created by climate change, but that is likely being accelerated by it. So city officials are spending some \$16 million to move the city's entire drinking supply to the west to get out of the way of the ocean. It is a temporary fix for a problem that is projected to get worse as time goes on. There may be limits on how much to protect the city from flooding and saltwater intrusion with existing technologies. No one knows how long serious trouble will come—it could be 30 years or so, or it could be later.

20. In what aspect does the city in Florida resemble Venice in Italy? A)

21. How do the local governments react to the city's sinking? D)

22. What does the speaker say about the city's freshwater supply? D)

Passage Three

Crazed doggy parents will eagerly tell you that their dogs are able to understand and communicate, and are surely capable of basic levels of human cognition. (23) It turns out that these doggy parents may not be so crazy after all. (24) Dogs, like human babies, read our facial expressions. They don't just rely on verbal cues to ascertain what humans want. They also use eye contact to anticipate our desires. In a recent study, the dogs were shown a video of a woman who would call them, stare straight at them to get their attention, and then look down at an object beside her. Then the dogs were shown a second video in which the woman would silently turn her head and stare at the object without ever making direct eye contact. In most cases, the dogs followed the woman's gaze in the first video. In the second video, in which she made no direct eye contact, the dogs didn't follow her gaze. Similar experiments have been conducted with babies, and 6-month-old infants exhibited the same behavior as the dogs. (25) Experts think it's a trait that the animals developed as they worked and bonded with generations of humans. Dogs have evolved to sharing their lives with humans, and they gained new skills that support their social interaction with humans. This should reinforce that if we want our dogs' attention, we should be clear about it. For those people who talk to their dog in a baby-talk voice, they should keep it up.

23. What does the speaker say about crazed doggy parents? C)

24. What do we learn from the study? B)

25. How do dogs learn to interact with humans according to some experts? C)

Part III Reading Comprehension

Section A

◎ 选项归类

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| 名 词: B) beliefs(信仰,信念) | H) mention(提及,说起) | J) objects(物体,实物) |
| K) practice(惯例;实践) | | |
| 动 词: A) affect(影响;感染) | C) confused(混淆;使困惑) | D) exert(运用;施以影响) |
| E) expected(预计,预期) | H) mention(提到,说起) | J) objects(反对,不赞成) |
| M) remain(继续,依然) | | |
| 形容词: C) confused(困惑的) | G) guilty(内疚的;有罪的) | I) negative(否定的;负面的) |
| L) positive(肯定的;积极的) | N) responsible(负有责任的) | |
| 副 词: F) extremely(极度,极其) | O) significantly(显著地,重大地) | |

★ 答案解析 ★

26. N) 【精析】形容词辨析题。分析句子结构可知, that 引导的宾语从句中缺表语, 空格处应填入形容词或分词作系动词 were 的表语。根据前一句可知, 孩子们对于衰老的看法不同。此句应讲述的是在孩子眼中生日派对与衰老的关系。结合备选项, responsible“负有责任的”符合句意, 故为答案。
27. M) 【精析】动词辨析题。分析句子结构可知, 主句中缺谓语, 空格处应为动词作谓语。根据前一句可知, 很多三岁到五岁的小孩子似乎认为生日派对会让人们变老。而此句指出, 按照这些孩子们的观点, 人们如果不举办生日派对, 他们就会 _____ 同一年龄。稍加推断就可得出 remain“继续, 依然”符合题意, 故为答案。
28. E) 【精析】动词辨析题。分析句子结构可知, 本句主句缺谓语, 根据文章整体时态可知, 空格处应

为动词过去式作主句的谓语。根据前一段可得知, 发展心理学家杰奎琳·伍利设计了两项研究。给孩子们提供不同的情景设置来测试孩子们辨别年龄的能力。由常识可知, 开展研究前应该会对结果有所预期。结合备选项, 可以推断出 expected“预计, 预期”符合题意, 故为答案。

29. O) 【精析】副词辨析题。分析句子结构可知, 空格处应填入副词修饰副词比较级 better。分析本句可知, 伍利的团队将孩子们分为两组: 一组孩子年龄为四至五岁, 而另一组孩子年龄为三岁。心理学家就他们的研究结果做出了预判。按照常识, 年龄大的孩子在年龄辨别方面要比年龄小的孩子们强, 这里需要一个程度副词。结合备选项, 可以推断 significantly“显著地, 重大地”符合题意, 故为答案。extremely 虽然也是程度副词, 但太过绝对, 故排除。

30. C) 【精析】形容词辨析题。分析句子结构可知,空格处应填入形容词或分词作动词 seemed 的表语。根据前一句可得知,伍利团队的预期是四五岁的孩子会比三岁的孩子在辨别年龄时表现得更好很多。空格所在的句子由 But 连接表示转折,可以推断出,所有的孩子对举办过两次生日派对的孩子的年龄的辨别并不符合心理学家们的预期。结合备选项,可以推断出 confused“困惑的”符合题意,故为答案。
31. B) 【精析】名词辨析题。分析句子结构可知,空格处应填入名词与 children's 构成名词短语,作动词 tested 的宾语。根据上一段内容可知,心理学家就孩子们对于小孩子年龄的辨别能力进行了研究。空格所在句用连词 also 进行顺承连接,表明更进一步。根据空格后面的句子可以推断出,心理学家开始对孩子们对大人年龄的认知进行研究。结合备选项,可以推断出 beliefs“信仰,信念”符合句意,故为答案。
32. L) 【精析】形容词辨析题。分析句子结构可知,空格处应填入形容词或分词作名词 answers 的定语。本句指出,71%的三岁孩子们的回答是_____。又根据后面的句子可得知,大一点的孩子表现得更好,因此大多数三岁的孩子们表现应该也不错。结合备选项,可以推断出 positive“肯定的”符合句意,故为答案。
33. J) 【精析】名词辨析题。分析句子结构可知,that 引

导的是 idea 的同位语从句,该同位语从句包含由 and 连接的两个并列句,空格处应填入名词,作同位语从句中的第二个主语。空格所在从句含有由 and 连接的两个并列句子结构, and 前的句子主语为 living things,谓语动词为 grow,再根据空格后的谓语 do not 可知,空格处主语意思应与 living things 相对。结合备选项, objects“物体,实物”符合题意,故为答案。

34. K) 【精析】名词辨析题。分析句子结构可知,空格前有冠词 a 和形容词 cultural,空格处应填入名词。根据前一句可得知,三岁的孩子明白有生命的东西会变老,而物品不会,空格所在句由 But 连接表示转折。由此推断,生日派对是一种文化习俗。结合备选项,可以推断出 practice“惯例”符合题意,故为答案。
35. A) 【精析】动词辨析题。分析句子结构可知,how 引导的宾语从句缺谓语,空格处应为动词原形,与 might 共同作宾语从句的谓语。根据前一句可得知,生日派对是一种文化习俗,空格所在句由 So 连接,顺承上文,指出研究人员决定研究一种文化现象如何可能_____孩子们对于那些既覆盖文化又覆盖生物学的观点的认知。由此推断,文化对孩子们认知的“影响”成为研究人员的新课题。结合备选项,可推断 affect“影响”符合句意,故为答案。

★ 参 考 译 文 ★

最近的一项研究表明,在小孩子眼中,对于衰老的看法或许不同。很多三岁到五岁的小孩子似乎认为生日派对会让人们变老。按照这些孩子们的观点,如果人们不举办生日派对,他们就会维持同一年龄。

发展心理学家杰奎琳·伍利设计了两项研究。在研究中,他们通过给孩子们讲故事来测试孩子对衰老的理解。研究人员先讲了一个没有举办生日派对的小孩子的故事。然后又讲了一个举办了两次生日派对的小孩子的故事。听完故事后,他们让孩子们来辨别每个人物的年龄。

伍利团队的预期是在报告每个故事中人物的年龄时,四五岁的孩子会比三岁的孩子表现得更好很多。但是对于那个小孩子举办了两次生日派对的故事,所有的孩子似乎都感到困惑。

研究人员同时还测试了孩子们对于成年人衰老变化方式的认知。他们给孩子们讲了一个不想变老的女士的故事。71%的三岁孩子们的回答是正确的。大一点的孩子表现得更好,而且所有的孩子都能够正确回答与该女士年龄有关的其他问题。

年仅三岁的孩子明白有生命的东西会变老,而物品不会。但是生日派对是一种文化习俗。所以,研究人员决定研究一种文化现象如何可能影响孩子们对于那些既覆盖文化又覆盖生物学的观点的认知。

Section B

庖丁解牛

本文主要介绍了一种新型营养素——胶原蛋白。

A)段说明了胶原蛋白的合成原料及来源。

B)—F)段指出胶原蛋白对改善人体状态的功效。

G)、H)段主要阐述了胶原蛋白的副作用以及推广时需要考虑的问题。

I)—M)段表明,对于以肉为主的美国人来说,平衡饮食是获取胶原蛋白最佳的方式。

36. 【译文】这些胶原蛋白补充品的价格或许会阻碍其流行。
【定位】由题干中的 The price of the collagen supplements 定位到 H) 段第一句。
- H) 【精析】同义转述题。定位句提到, 最重要的是, 这些补充品的分量和造价或许让人望而却步。题干中的 price of the collagen supplements 和 may set obstacles to 是对定位句中 cost of the supplements 和 may be prohibitive 的同义转述, 故答案为 H)。
37. 【译文】从某种程度上, 胶原蛋白的减少导致了皱纹以及疼痛。
【定位】由题干中的 The reduction of collagen 和 our wrinkles and pains 定位到 B) 段最后一句。
- B) 【精析】同义转述题。由定位句可知, 随着我们年龄的增长, 自身的胶原蛋白生成效率降低, 像皮肤和关节等依靠胶原蛋白的组织无法像以前那样得到修复, 这至少可以部分解释为什么随着年龄增加我们的皮肤会有皱纹以及我们身上的疼痛增加。题干中的 The reduction of collagen 和 is partly responsible for 是对定位句中的 collagen production becomes less efficient 和 “which explains, at least in part” 的同义转述, 故答案为 B)。
38. 【译文】食肉的人往往蛋白质水平较高, 需要吃一些没有营养的食物来平衡一下。
【定位】由题干中的 Meat eaters 和 non-nutritious food 定位到 M) 段第二、三句。
- M) 【精析】细节归纳题。定位句提到, 食肉者的饮食习惯有很多问题, 其中之一就是蛋白质水平过高。因此他们只能很可怜地吃一些没有营养的食物进行弥补。题干是对定位句的归纳概括, 故答案为 M)。
39. 【译文】柑橘属水果和多叶蔬菜对获取胶原蛋白来说很重要。
【定位】由题干中的 Citrus fruits 和 leafy vegetables 定位到 D) 段最后一句。
- D) 【精析】同义转述题。由定位句可知, 我们需要从柑橘属水果和多叶蔬菜等食物中获得维生素 C, 这对产生胶原蛋白来说是必不可少的。题干是对定位句的同义转述, 故答案为 D)。
40. 【译文】2017 年的一个研究表明, 胶原蛋白补充品可以改善指甲易碎的情况。
【定位】由题干中的 A 2017 study 和 nails 定位到 E) 段第二句。
- E) 【精析】同义转述题。定位句提到, 根据 2017 年发表的一个小研究, 胶原蛋白补充品可以改善指甲易碎的状况。题干中的 improve the situation of breakable nails 是对定位句中 help improve brittle nails 的同义转述, 故答案为 E)。
41. 【译文】如果服用过量, 补充品可能会有一些副作用。
【定位】由题干中的 taken too much 和 side effects 定位到 G) 段末句。
- G) 【精析】同义转述题。定位句提到, 尽管其副作用比较小, 但有报道指出, 如果大量服用补充品, 会引起消化问题。题干是对定位句的同义转述, 故答案为 G)。
42. 【译文】美国人从他们油腻的饮食中摄入过多的蛋白质, 导致很多可避免的疾病。
【定位】由题干中的 Americans, too much protein 和 avoidable diseases 定位到 L) 段。
- L) 【精析】细节归纳题。定位段提到, 美国人的标准饮食含有太多的蛋白质。美国人的很多健康问题都由此引发。大量地食用奶酪、培根等食物造成了肥胖、2 型糖尿病及其他可预防的疾病的出现。题干中 avoidable diseases 是对定位段中 preventable diseases 的同义转述, 题干是对定位段的归纳总结, 故答案为 L)。
43. 【译文】长期来看, 补充品对关节疼痛来说仅仅是一种安慰。
【定位】由题干中的 In the long run 和 a comfort 定位到 F) 段最后一句。
- F) 【精析】同义转述题。定位句提到, 长期来看, 补充品 (对关节疼痛来说) 仅仅是一种安慰。题干中的 In the long run 是对定位句中 over the long term 的同义转述, 题干中的 functioned only as a comfort 是对定位句中 didn't help any more than a comfort 的同义转述, 故答案为 F)。
44. 【译文】骨头产生胶原蛋白——补充品市场上一种流行的蛋白质。
【定位】由题干中的 Bones produce collagen 和 the supplement market 定位到 A) 段最后一句。
- A) 【精析】同义转述题。定位句后半句提到, 骨头还提供一种在补充品市场上已经成为潮流的一种蛋白质: 胶原蛋白。题干中的 popular 是对定位句中 major trend 的同义转述, 故答案为 A)。
45. 【译文】水解胶原蛋白补充品或许对 30 岁以上的参与者来说益处最多。
【定位】由题干中的 The collagen hydrolysate supplements 和 who are older than 30 定位到 D) 段。
- D) 【精析】同义转述题。定位段提到, 几项研究表明, 使用水解胶原蛋白补充品六周或以上可以改善皮肤状况, 其中 30 岁以上的参与者受益最大。题干中的 may benefit the participants who are older than 30 most 是对定位段中 with participants older than 30 seeing the biggest improvement 的同义转述, 故答案为 D)。

Section C

Passage One

★ 答案解析 ★

46. 【定位】由题干中的 a doctor 定位到第一段最后两句。
- C) 【精析】细节辨认题。定位句指出,一位博士说已有证据表明遗传可能是其中一些差异的原因。不管你吃多少,你可能都无法掌控自己的体重。由此可知,遗传基因是导致人们体重不同的原因,故答案为 C)。
47. 【定位】由题干中的 a mouse 和 mutations of ankyrin-B 定位到第二段第三句。
- A) 【精析】推理判断题。定位句指出,那些拥有锚蛋白 B 基因突变的老鼠将更多的葡萄糖吸收到它们的脂肪细胞中,因而产生更多脂肪,这与 A) 项所述一致,故答案为 A)。
48. 【定位】由题干中的 alteration 和 in the past 定位到第三段前三句。
- B) 【精析】细节辨认题。定位句指出,这种改变或许是有用的。伯纳特告诉《新闻周刊》:“这或许不总是一件坏事,在过去,这可以帮助人们度过饥荒。”由此可
- 见,在物质资源匮乏的过去,这种改变可以帮人们度过饥饿,故答案为 B)。
49. 【定位】由题干中的 more difficult to stay slim 和 when we are older 定位到第四段第三句。
- D) 【精析】细节辨认题。定位句指出,我们的新陈代谢随着年龄的增长自然放慢,这让我们 50 岁的时候更难保持自己 30 岁时的体重,故答案为 D)。
50. 【定位】由题干中的 the prospect of further research 定位到最后一段第三句。
- C) 【精析】推理判断题。定位句指出,尽管在老鼠身上进行了研究,研究人员认为,对该基因,或许还有其他基因的进一步研究有可能创建一个以遗传学为基础的定制饮食和健康计划的领域。由此可知,人类通过对自身基因突变的了解,可以制订合理的健康计划,故答案为 C)。

高频词汇及短语

engineer [ˌendʒɪˈniə] v. 改变(动植物等)的基因结构
barrier [ˈbæriə] n. 障碍物;妨碍
approach [əˈprəʊtʃ] n. 方法,方式

metabolism [məˈtæbəlaɪzəm] n. 新陈代谢
maintain [meɪnˈteɪn] v. 保持,维系
prevent [prɪˈvent] v. 阻止,阻碍

★ 参考译文 ★

似乎经常会有些人拥有超人的饭量,可以快速吃下一整个披萨,却仍然很瘦。而其他人只用想一想一块披萨都能胖五磅。(46)如今,一位博士指出,已有证据表明遗传可能是其中一些差异的原因。不管你吃多少,你可能都无法掌控自己的体重。

杜克大学的生物化学家凡·伯纳特和他的团队进行了一项新的研究,并发现了原因。他们改变了老鼠的基因,使老鼠体内含有几种在人体内发现的常见的基因变异。(47)他们观察到,那些拥有锚蛋白 B 基因突变的老鼠将更多的葡萄糖吸收到它们的脂肪细胞中,因而产生更多脂肪。通常情况下,细胞膜作为一个屏障会阻碍葡萄糖进入这些细胞,而对基因的这种改变使得大门敞开。

(48)这种改变或许是有用的。伯纳特告诉《新闻周刊》:“这或许不总是一件坏事,在过去,这可以帮助人们度过饥荒。但是今天我们的食物充足,以至于这或许是一件坏事了。”我们现代的饮食(驾车通过式快餐窗口和装满零食的过道)使这种改变对我们不利。

节食者长期以来都被告知要关注他们的卡路里,做更多的运动,但是这一新发现表明一刀切的方法并不适用于所有人。而且,这项研究向人们展示了一个普遍存在的问题:体重增加与年龄有关。(49)我们的新陈代谢随着年龄的增长自然放慢,这让我们 50 岁的时候更难保持自己 30 岁时的体重。现在再增加一个难以控制的锚蛋白 B 基因,想要保持苗条似乎是不可能的了。

研究中的老鼠在进行高脂肪饮食时体重增加更多。伯纳特相信,这是因为一旦脂肪细胞吸收了葡萄糖并开始产生更多脂肪,它们对其他脂肪会变得敏感。(50)尽管在老鼠身上进行了研究,研究人员认为,对该基因,或许还有其他基因的进一步研究有可能创建一个以遗传学为基础的定制饮食和健康计划的领域。伯纳特展望有一天这些评估在婴儿一出生时就可以进行。现在,苦恼的节食者们可以用这句话寻求安慰了:不是你的原因,是你的基因在作怪。

Passage Two

★ 答案解析 ★

51. 【定位】由题干中的 the situation of women 和 economics 定位到第一、二段。
- C) 【精析】推理判断题。文章首段指出,与其他社会科学学科相比,女性在经济学中处于绝对的劣势。第二

段进一步指出,女性在经济学中的地位没有得到什么改善。由此可见,女性在经济学这个男性主导的领域所占比重很小,故答案为 C)。

52. 【定位】由题干中的 women economists 和 important 定位到第三段第一句。

D) 【精析】细节辨认题。定位句指出,那些拥护性别平等的人认为,女性经济学家应该参与到研究和政策的讨论中来,因为她们可以带来不同于男性的观点。由此可见,经济学是需要女性经济学家的,因为她们可以从不同的角度审视问题,故答案为 D)。

53. 【定位】由题干中的 male economists' attitude 和 the market 定位到第三段最后一句。

B) 【精析】细节辨认题。定位句指出,男性经济学家不仅更乐意于依赖市场,他们还更可能通过干预市场来发现问题。由此可知,男性经济学家比较看重市场本身,故答案为 B)。

54. 【定位】由题干中的 the gender imbalance 定位到第四段最后一句。

A) 【精析】推理判断题。由定位句之前的两句可知,作者先提出一些人的观点(历史的方舟最终会将更多的女性带入这一学科,而更年轻的男性经济学家也会对多样性更加开放),接着对其进行质疑,并在定位句中借用爱丽丝·吴的分析提出自己真正的观点:导致性别不均的一些偏见在进入该行业的人中依然盛行。由此可见,性别不均的情况将在这个行业中长期存在,故答案为 A)。

55. 【定位】由题干中的 leaders 和 gender imbalance 定位到最后一段第二句。

C) 【精析】细节辨认题。定位句指出,该行业的领导以及全球的经济学家必须开始反思很多导致性别不均的因素,以及如何有效地解决它们,故答案为 C)。

高频词汇及短语

dominate ['dɒmɪneɪt] v. 统治;占优势

conduct [kən'dʌkt] v. 引导;管理

favor ['feɪvə] v. 支持,赞同

address [ə'dres] v. 处理;发表演说

presume [prɪ'zju:m] v. 假定,推测

perspective [pə'spektɪv] n. 角度,观点

demonstrate ['dɛmənstreɪt] v. 证明;说明

constructively [kən'straktivli] ad. 建设性地

★ 参 考 译 文 ★

(51)在美国的经济学院,正式教授中仅有14%为女性。在其他社会科学学科中,女性获得博士学位的比例通常超过60%,与之形成鲜明对比的是,在经济学中女性获得博士学位的比例只占35%。

(51)在那些传统上由男性占主导地位的 STEM(科学、技术、工程和数学)领域中,女性已经取得了显著的进步。但是在经济学中却没有。令人震惊的是,证据显示自从2000年以来,女性在经济学中几乎没有取得进步。

(52)那些拥护性别平等的人认为,女性经济学家应该参与到研究和政策的讨论中来,因为她们可以带来不同于男性的观点。例如:女性经济学家更倾向于支持政府干预,而不是市场解决方案。(53)男性经济学家不仅更乐意于依赖市场,他们还更可能通过干预市场来发现问题。

如果正式教授大多为男性的话,年轻的女性学者可能会发现她们的研究更难得到认可。如果经济学期刊的大多数编辑是男性的话,那就不难理解为什么女性要多花费6个月的时间才能完成评审过程,以在一些顶尖的经济学期刊上发表文章。当然,即使承认在经济学界有阻碍女性进步的绊脚石,但是有些人确信历史的方舟最终会将更多的女性带入这一学科,而更年轻的男性经济学家也会对多样性更加开放。不幸的是,有越来越多的理由质疑这一假设。(54)正如爱丽丝·吴对《经济学就业市场传闻》论坛的分析所表明的,导致性别不均的一些偏见在进入该行业的人中依然盛行。

美国经济学会董事会在1月的会议中对该就业论坛提出的问题进行了回应。(55)但是该行业的领导以及全球的经济学家必须开始反思很多导致性别不均的因素,以及如何有效地解决它们。这一行业必须明白,经济学之所以缺少性别平等是一个体系问题,而且自身不能改正。

Part IV Translation

Mountaineering is a sport in which the sportsmen, under specific requirements, climb from low altitude areas to high altitude peaks with the help of specialized equipment or only through their hands. Different from other sport events, the competitiveness of mountaineering lies not in the competition and combat among athletes but the athletes' contending against nature, which is a symbol of human's vitality. It is of many benefits for people to participate in mountain climbing and camping frequently, such as the consumption of superfluous fat in the body and the delay of human body aging.