



太原市 2017—2018 学年高三年级第一学期阶段性测试

英语试卷

第一部分 听力理解 (略)

第二部分 阅读理解 (共两节, 满分 30 分)

第一节 (共 10 小题; 每小题 2 分, 满分 20 分)

阅读下列短文, 从每题所给的四个选项 (A, B, C 和 D) 中, 选出最佳选项。答案写在答题卡上。

A

Notice: Medical Alert(警报)

Dear Readers,

Medical related emergencies are on the rise with more old people living alone. More seniors are looking for an independent lifestyle and better quality of life. More than 1 in 3 people over the age of 64 will fall this year. Nearly half will not be able to get up without support.

Medical fees can increase when a person is not given timely support. You can prevent a medical disaster with our 24-hour emergency response system. Our solution is highly suggested by doctors, healthcare professionals and hospitals.

We are offering a FREE Medical Alert System to seniors or their loved ones who call now. For a limited time there will be no set-up fees and the medical monitoring starts at less than \$1 a day. The system is easy to use. The necklace pendant(挂坠) can travel with you. Our new system can detect falls automatically.

Call Toll-Free 1-800-360-0405 and gain peace of mind. There's no long-term contract. Our medical alert professionals can walk you through everything over the phone.

The first 100 callers to order will receive:

- *Free Medical Alert System (\$ 300 value)
- *24 Hours a Day / 7 Days a Week LIVE Monitoring and Support.
- *Free Necklace Pendant
- *No Long-term Contract



*Free Shipping (Mention *Reader's Digest*)

Don't wait until after a fall to give us a call. Take advantage of this special offer now to protect yourself or a loved one.

Call now Toll-Free 1-800-231-0167 and mention *Reader's Digest*.

Sincerely,
Jim Nelson

21. Why are there an increasing number of medical related emergencies?

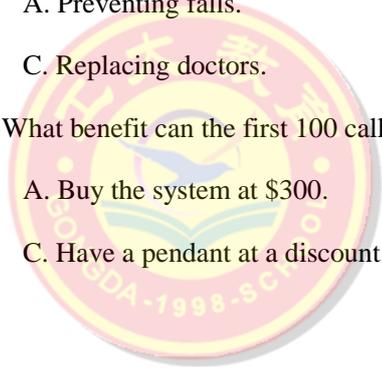
- A. Old people's quality of life is down at present.
- B. The old are not paying attention to their health.
- C. The overall health of the old is worse than before.
- D. Many old people have no one to keep them company.

22. What's the main advantage of the system mentioned in the text?

- A. Preventing falls.
- B. Serving as an alarm.
- C. Replacing doctors.
- D. Improving health and mind.

23. What benefit can the first 100 callers to order get?

- A. Buy the system at \$300.
- B. Get a copy of *Reader's Digest*.
- C. Have a pendant at a discount.
- D. Get all-day monitoring and help.



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B

The wedding tradition of "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue" has been around



for hundreds of years. The tradition of carrying or wearing one of each item is said to bring luck and fortune to the newly married couple. Have you ever stopped to think what the saying really means? What is its origin and what does each item represent?

The original saying dates back to the Victoria times and states, “something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue and a silver sixpence in your shoe.”

Something old A bride may wear or carry something old to represent her continued ties to her family and her old life. Many brides wear a piece of family jewelry as their old items. Some brides wear the wedding dress worn by their mother or grandmother. In many cases, something old may also be something borrowed.

Something new Wearing something new is supposed to represent success and hope in the bride’s new life and in her marriage. If the bride purchases her wedding dress new, it may represent her news items, but any item that is new may be used. Something “new” is usually the easiest kind to fill.

Something borrowed The borrowed item should be something borrowed from a friend that is happily married. It is said that their happiness will rub off on you and bring lasting happiness to our marriage. Some brides borrow an item of clothing, a piece of jewelry, a handkerchief or perhaps a beaded(带珠子的) purse.

Something blue Wearing something blue dates back to ancient times when a blue wedding dress was worn to represent purity, **fidelity** and love.

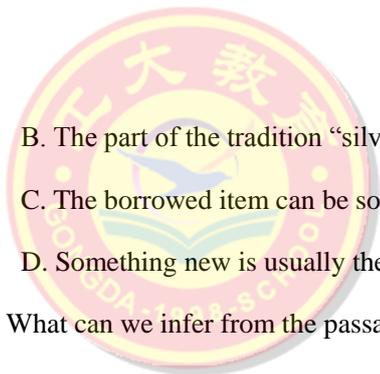
Silver sixpence Placing a silver sixpence in the bride’s left shoe is said to be a symbol of wealth. This not only refers to financial wealth, but also a wealth of happiness and joy throughout her married life. Since most brides probably don’t even know what a sixpence is, this part of the tradition is not used very often in modern times. However, if a bride would like to include it in her wedding, she can purchase a silver sixpence from many companies that sell bridal supplies such as garters(袜带) and invitations.

24. Why does the first paragraph end with two questions?

- A. To invite readers to answer them at once.
- B. To show the importance of this tradition.
- C. To have readers’ interest and attention.
- D. To test readers knowledge about wedding.

25. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Something old might also be something borrowed actually.



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- B. The part of the tradition “silver sixpence” is never used now.
- C. The borrowed item can be something borrowed from any friend.
- D. Something new is usually the most difficult and expensive kind to fill.

26. What can we infer from the passage? ——做最感动客户的专业教育组织

- A. No brides now are not familiar with the silver sixpence.
- B. Every item represents something good for the new couple.
- C. The bride will be more beautiful with all these five items.
- D. Of the five items, something blue is the most important one.

27. Which word can replace the underlined word “fidelity” in the sixth paragraph?

- A. Success
- B. Wealth
- C. Loyalty
- D. Opportunity

C

Sometimes people call each other “scared-cat”. But have you ever thought about this expression? When a cat is frightened, its heart starts beating faster, its muscles get tense and there are changes in the chemicals in its bloodstream.



Although the cat doesn't realize this, its body is getting ready for action. If the danger continues, the animal will do one of two things. It will protect itself, or it will run away as fast as it can.

Something like this also happens to people. When we are excited, angry or scared by other feeling, our bodies go through many physical changes. Our hearts beat faster, and our muscles get tense. All of these changes make us more alert and ready to react. We, too, get ready to defend ourselves or run.

Human beings, however, have a problem that animals never face. If we give way to our feelings and let them take over, we can get into trouble. Have you ever said something in anger, or hit somebody and regretted it later? Have you ever shouted at a teacher, told somebody you were lonely, or said you were in love, and then wished later you had kept your mouth shut? It isn't always clever to express your feelings freely.

Does this mean that it's smarter always to hide our feelings? No! If you keep feelings of anger, sadness hidden away or bottled up inside, your body stays tense. Physical illnesses can develop, and you can feel disturbed badly inside. It can actually be bad for your health. It isn't good to keep pleasant feelings inside either; all feelings need to be expressed.

Feelings that you keep all bottled up inside don't just go away. It's as if you bought some bananas and put them in a cupboard. You might not be able to see them, but before long you'd smell them. And if you opened the cupboard, chances are you'd see little fruit flies flying all over them. They are bad.

You can try to treat feelings as if they were bananas in the cupboard. You can hide them and you can pretend they don't exist, but they'll still be around. And at last you'll have to deal with them, just like those bananas.

28. When people and animals are aroused by anger or fear, _____.

- A. they feel very regretful immediately
- B. their muscles get neither tense nor relaxed
- C. their hearts beat either faster or slower
- D. they may get ready to attack or run away

29. Why do human beings get into trouble according to the passage?

- A. They are usually not as alert as animal.
- B. They sometimes can't control their feelings.
- C. They always do something wrong to other people.
- D. They don't pay attention to their physical changes.

30. What can we infer from the passage?



- A. Holding in your feelings may lead to unpleasant results.
 - B. Bananas stay fresh longer when they are in a cupboard.
 - C. Feelings will gradually disappear when you hold them in.
 - D. It's good for your health to keep pleasant feelings inside.
31. What is the purpose of this passage?
- A. To tell us that people's feelings are like bananas in a cupboard.
 - B. To give us some advice on how to express our feelings.
 - C. To help us deal with feelings in a wise and proper way.
 - D. To prove that it isn't always wise to express our feelings freely.



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D

Diamonds are considered as the most famous and valuable jewel in the world. The precious stone for its great value is believed to be the symbol of wealth. Diamonds were made as a result of great volcanic heat and pressure. When a volcano is active, it sometimes explodes and causes great damage to the nearby towns.

However, at the same time of such a disaster, diamonds were pushed towards the surface of the earth by a number of great volcanic explosions millions of years ago. Thus, it may be very likely to find a diamond after a volcano eruption.