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# 前 言

作为英语老师,我们亲眼目睹和经历了我国高校《大学英语》课程教学与测试的改革、发展和完善的过程。早在上世纪五六十年代,《大学英语》被称作《公共英语》,它是我国普通高校大学生的公共必修课之一。与当今《大学英语》课程相比,无论是师资队伍、教材资源、生源水平还是电教课件等,均不可同日而语。随着我国改革开放的春风吹遍大地,经济建设的号角吹响,对外交流的工具——英语的重要性逐渐被人们所认识。一批学术造诣颇高的专家学者制定了文理科和工科的《公共英语》课程教学大纲,指导不同类型高校的公共英语教学。随后,该课程的两本教学大纲在实施过程中有了求同存异、合二为一的强烈需求,于是第一部指导我国高校该课程的教学大纲应运而生,《公共英语》更名为《大学英语》,并统一了教学目标、步骤、具体教学要求,为我国大学英语教学水平的提升奠定了坚实基础。为了检测各高校大学英语的教学大纲执行情况,教育部又批准成立了全国高校大学英语四、六级考试委员会,对修满该课程两学年或四学期,即1—4级16学分的大学生准予自愿报名参加每年六月或十二月组织的全国统一考试。毫无疑问,该重大改革对促进我国大学英语教学水平的提高,其功不可没。长期以来,专家们密切关注我国各高校在教学实施环节中出现的問題,如盲目攀比CET4/6及格率、应试教学,及时对测试进行调节并指导教学步入正常状态。如:设作文最低分以提高学生英语实际运用能力,取消CET4成绩与学位挂钩以减少对考试成绩过分关注,增加诸如复合式听写(Compound Dictation)、简答题(Short Answer Questions)、翻译(Translation)等主观题型,以提高学生的“动手”能力。为使CET4/6测试卷更完善、更具权威性,改革的步伐仍在前行。最近,全国四、六级考试委员会公布的题型变更样题就是又一实证。

为了帮助大学英语学习者更快适应新题型的变化,我们特编写了《大学英语四级考试短文听写+段落翻译》一书,供大家训练使用。本册书由武汉大学游长松副教授带领一支工作在教学第一线的年轻教师编写团队完成。本册书含三部分内容:第一部分短文听写,共含50篇听力训练短文。每篇短文长度适中,选材新颖,正能量指数高。短文中考核10个单词和短语,或语言片段(Language chunk),整体难度较原来考核8个单词和3个长句有所下降,但考核“听”与“写”能力的初衷不变,学习者仍不可掉以轻心。该部分由周婉编写1—18篇,孙言编写19—36篇,陈晓佳编写37—50篇;第二部分段落翻译,共含30段汉语段落式短文,要求学习者在规定时间内将其译为英语段落,相比原来句子层面的部分句子汉译英而言难度增大。它既考核学生在段落层面多句翻译的能力,也考核他们对语义理解、句法运用、短语词汇掌握的综合能力。它考核面更宽,对教学的反拨作用非常好。该部分由黄群丹编写1—10段,赵亚荣编写11—17段,王燕编写18—23段,张琼尹编写24—30段;第三部分是2套CET4 Model Test。本书附录中提供了短文听写答案、段落翻译参考答案和解析,以及两套大学英语四级模拟试题听力资料、参考答案和解析。由于时间短,编写经验不足,难免有疏漏之处,敬请广大读者不吝赐教。

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## 第一部分 短文听写(1—50篇)

**Directions:** In this section, there are 50 listening passages. To each passage, you will hear three times. When the passage is read for the first time, you should listen carefully for its general idea. When the passage is read for the second time, you are required to fill in the blanks with the exact words you have just heard. Finally, when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.

### Passage 1

*The New York Times* is an American daily newspaper, founded in N. Y. It has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ published since September 18, 1851. It has won 112 Pulitzer Prizes, more than any other news organization. Its web site is America's most popular news site, receiving more than 30 million unique visitors per month.

Following industry trends, its weekday circulation (2) \_\_\_\_\_ fewer than one million daily since 1990. Nicknamed *The Gray Lady*, *The Times* is long regarded within the industry as a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "newspapers of record". The company's chairman is Arthur Ochs Sulzberger Jr., whose family has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the paper since 1896.

The paper's motto, "All the News That's Fit to Print", appears in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ left-hand corner of the front page. Its web site has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ it to "All the News That's Fit to Click". It is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ sections: News, Opinions, Business, Arts, Science, Sports, Style, Home, and Features. *The New York Times* stayed with the eight-column format for several years after most papers switched to six, and was one of the last newspapers to adopt color photography.

In 1896, Adolph Ochs bought *the New York Times*, a money-losing newspaper, and formed *the New York Times Company*. The Ochs Sulzberger family, one of the United States' newspaper dynasties, has owned *The New York Times* ever since Turner Catledge, the top editor at *The New York Times* for almost two (8) \_\_\_\_\_, wanted to hide the ownership influence. Arthur Sulzberger routinely wrote memos to his editor, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, instructions, complaints, and orders. When Catledge would receive these memos he would erase the publisher's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ before passing them to his subordinates.

### Passage 2

Some of the arguments against bike share are just confusing. I don't know how to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the argument that we don't need bike share because everyone who wants to bike already owns a bike. That's like saying that we don't need restaurants because everybody has a (2) \_\_\_\_\_. I don't know what to do with the argument that bike share stations take up valuable space on a public street. You know what is also taking up valuable space on a public

street? Your car. My car.

Now there are things I don't love about bike share. I'm not (3) \_\_\_\_\_ about the idea of more people riding bikes with no helmets, which is probably because a few times I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a bike at high speed, hitting my head and cracking my helmet. Walking away with a cracked bike helmet makes you a very (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fan of bike helmets.

And I also think cyclists need to (6) \_\_\_\_\_. More than ever I am not going to lie; my first 10 years in New York City I probably stopped at four red lights. These days, however, you come to intersections and you find a half-dozen people stopped at a red light. That kind of peer (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is both strange and unbelievable. I think cyclists need to think of themselves as part of a bigger (8) \_\_\_\_\_ picture. But I think this is working. I think the more people that are on bikes, the safer streets become for everyone, and statistics (9) \_\_\_\_\_ — risk of serious injury (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for both cyclists and walkers.

### Passage 3

Women are half the world's population. But they can face (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to economic independence and security. Today we hear about a program aimed at (2) \_\_\_\_\_ low cost loans to women in India. We also examine the Roman Catholic (3) \_\_\_\_\_ about efforts to permit church women. But first, we learn about women peacekeepers in the Middle East.

Along the border of Israel and Lebanon, female peacekeeping troops are active in the United Nations force that guards the area. Avi Arditti tells us more. The captain is a medical (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and one of about 30 women who live on this French base of 700 peacekeepers. They help to keep the border secure and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Lebanese government. Captain Annie, French soldiers don't use their last names, says she does not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ herself a 'female' peacekeeper, but a member of the UN force. But she says being a woman does sometimes help.

United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL) has a peacekeeping force of more than 11,000 troops in southern Lebanon. They come from 37 countries. In recent years, the United Nations has begun expanding women (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Women in UNIFIL serve on both the common man and military forces, from helping with military planning to teaching French to Lebanese school children. Male and female peacekeepers live together, work together and play sports together. Force commander Eric of the French corps says women help to bring security to an insecure area. In southern Lebanon, many people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ about the roles of the sexes. But, UNIFIL's female peacekeepers say they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with the local community — men and women (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Passage 4

Until the nineteen sixties, black people in many parts of the United States did not have the same civil rights as white people. Laws in the American South kept the two (1) \_\_\_\_\_ separate. These laws forced black people to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ separate schools, and sit in separate areas on a bus. One day an old black woman got on a city bus. The law (3) \_\_\_\_\_ black



people seated in one area of the bus to give up their seats to white people. The woman refused to do this and was (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

This act of peaceful disobedience started (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in Montgomery that led to legal changes in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ rights in the United States. The woman who started it was Rosa Parks. She worked (7) \_\_\_\_\_ clothes from the nineteen thirties until 1955. Then she became a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for millions of African-Americans.

In much of the American South in the 1950s, the first rows of seats were for white people only. Black people sat in the back of the bus. However, black people sitting in that part (9) \_\_\_\_\_ leave their seats if a white person wanted it.

Rosa Parks and three other black people were seated in the middle area of the bus when a white person got on the bus and wanted a seat. The bus driver (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that all four black people get out of their seats so the white person would not have to sit next to any of them. The three other blacks got up, but Missus Parks refused. She was arrested.

### Passage 5

Cecil Blount DeMille was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts. Both his parents were writers of plays. His father died when he was twelve years old. His mother kept the family together by (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a theater company. Cecil joined the company as an actor. He continued working in his mother's theater company as an actor and a manager until 1913.

That year, he joined Jesse L. Lasky and Samuel Goldfish to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company. Goldfish later changed his name to Samuel Goldwyn. The three men started making motion pictures (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They were (4) \_\_\_\_\_ interested in its creative and financial possibilities. DeMille, Lasky and Goldfish began working on a movie (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the popular American western play "Squaw Man".

DeMille (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that the movie be made in the real American West. He chose Flagstaff, Arizona. DeMille and the company traveled to Flagstaff by train. When they arrived, DeMille thought the area looked too modern. They were in a quiet little town in southern California. The town was called Hollywood. DeMille decided this was the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ place to film the movie.

"Squaw Man" was one of the first (8) \_\_\_\_\_ produced in Hollywood. It was released in 1913 and was (9) \_\_\_\_\_. DeMille is considered the man who helped Hollywood become the center of the motion picture business. He quickly became a creative force in the new movie industry. Cecil was among the very few filmmakers in Hollywood whose name appeared above the title of his movie. His name was more important to movie-goers than the names of the stars and his movies were known to be big (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Passage 6

In the beginning of the twentieth century, women like Isadora Duncan and Ruth Saint Denis wanted to create a new form of dance. Duncan and Saint Denis felt (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by ballet. Modern dance was created as a revolution against ballet.



Martha Graham was one of the most famous dancers and creators of dance, called choreographers (编舞者). She brought modern dance to a new level of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in American culture. She created a new language of movement that expressed powerful emotions. She started traditions that are still used in modern dance today. They include expressive movements of the body to tell a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ story, special music, lighting, stage design and (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Martha Graham was born in the small town of Allegheny, Pennsylvania in 1894. After Martha turned fourteen years old, her family moved to Santa Barbara, California. While (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Midwest, Martha enjoyed the wide, open spaces of nature. She also enjoyed the beautiful flowers and plants in California. The free, expressive movements of modern dance were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the beauty of nature Graham observed.

Earlier in her life, however, Martha did not know that she would become a dancer. Her father was a doctor and her family was very (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They were members of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and did not accept dance as an art (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Still, in 1910, Martha's father took her to see a dance (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by Ruth Saint Denis, one of the first modern dancers in America. Martha was sixteen and she decided then that she wanted to become a dancer.

### Passage 7

Are manners dead? Cell phones and social networking may be killing off the traditional politeness and good (1) \_\_\_\_\_, but a new generation of etiquette (礼节) experts is rising to make old-fashioned manners (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to a new generation. Their goal: to help young people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ troublesome, tech-age minefields, like invites on social networking sites and online dating, not to mention actual face-to-face (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with people.

Perhaps the fastest growing area of social advice is what's been termed "netiquette". There are online (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on using emotions in business e-mails, being careful when posting on social networks and re-posting too many micro blog messages.

Young people "are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the irony and rudeness that is so popular in their online lives", said Jane Pratt, editor in chief of XoJane, a women's lifestyle web site. "The return of etiquette is in part a response to the harshness of the interactions they are having in the digital sphere." The social puzzlement seems to be (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Are you required to respond to party invitations on Sina Weibo? Is it rude to listen to your iPod while (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with someone else?

When Daniel Post Senning, the great grandson of Emily Post, a well-known etiquette writer in the US, was working on the 18th edition of Emily Post's Etiquette, he found it impossible to cover technology in (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ an entire book to it, Emily Post's Manners in a Digital World: Living Well Online.

### Passage 8

It's called "Shanghai's 3rd Annual Love and Marriage Expo". But the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at this vast gathering for single Chinese men and women was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ unromantic. More than

18,000 people preregistered for the weekend event, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in an expanding shopping complex specializing in home and office (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

The crowds were met by billboards (5) \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of single men and women — one list in pink and the other in blue. Within minutes of the doors opening on a rainy Saturday morning, visitors hurried to study the lists and take in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ information about potential candidates — age, height, education, annual income and their registered hometown, also known as *hukou*.

Some people took notes, while others took photos of single entries with their cell phones. In one hall more than a hundred men and women in their twenties and thirties sat (7) \_\_\_\_\_ each other at tables decorated with red and yellow tablecloths, the beautiful tones of a Norah Jones love song (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from loudspeakers. “Welcome everybody to our 8-minute (9) \_\_\_\_\_,” announced the master of ceremonies eventually. When the eight minutes was up, each dater was instructed to move on. “Male guests please move two seats to your left,” boomed the announcer. For some (10) \_\_\_\_\_, this was the first time they had ever been on a date. “It’s useful ... it’s just like research,” said Yixin Bai, a 20-year-old man home for the summer holidays from a university in Canada.

### Passage 9

Mom always told us we’d go blind if we read in the dark. Does science (1) \_\_\_\_\_? Jim Sheedy, a doctor of vision science and director of the Vision Performance Institute at Oregon’s Pacific University, sets his sights on the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Turns out, our parents were wrong. “There is no reason to believe nor evidence to support that any long-term damage to the eyes or change to the eyes can be caused by reading in the dark,” Dr. Sheedy says. That is not to say that page-turning during the night won’t lead to discomfort or (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

The lack of light will cause the pupils (瞳孔) get wilder and opener, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a smaller depth of field — the distance between the nearest and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ object that the eye considers to be in focus. Dr. Sheedy says the added effort to change focus and the effort to change the angle of the lines of sight between the two eyes will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ make your eyes feel tired and your body spent.

But, of course, that’s often the object of reading (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Dr. Sheedy says he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ his students that there isn’t enough evidence to argue that what you do with your eyes leads to nearsightedness. No link to long-term damage has ever been conclusively (9) \_\_\_\_\_, says Dr. Sheedy. It’s an old tale, a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ used by moms to get kids to go to sleep when they wanted them to, he says.

### Passage 10

Children’s Day is recognized on various days in many places around the world, to honor children globally. It was first (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by the World Conference for the Well-being of Children in 1925 and then established universally in 1954 to protect children working long hours (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and allow all children access to an education. The UN General

Assembly recommended that all countries should establish a Universal Children's Day on an (3) "\_\_\_\_\_" day.

International Day for Protection of Children, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries as Children's Day on June 1 since 1950, was established by the Women's International Democratic Federation on its (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in Moscow (22 November 1949) and was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the former Soviet Union's "peace propaganda" policy.

In the West, the whole country celebrates with cards, presents, special foods, parades, and other activities. Although schools (7) \_\_\_\_\_ open, children do not attend class and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ homework. Students (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in a wide variety of activities to strengthen loyalty to their country, have fun, and take part in, and join youth organizations such as the Communist Youth League. Children's Day is a time of celebration for Chinese youngsters. The occasion is marked by the Children's Day Celebration honoring (10) \_\_\_\_\_ students and by numerous parent-children activities sponsored by government and civic organizations. Thus, the day not only lets the kids become king for a day, but also helps to strengthen the bond between parents and their children.

### Passage 11

"Business is war." The traditional language of business certainly makes it sound that way: winning the competition, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, beating up suppliers, locking up customers. There are the victors and the losers.

But today in doing business, you have to listen to customers, work with suppliers, keep good relations — even with competitors. That doesn't sound like war. Besides, there are few victors when business (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as war.

Most businesses succeed only if others also succeed. Business is competition and cooperation as well. In other words, business is war and peace.

To bring together competition and cooperation, we turn to game theory. Game theory (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that whether one person wins or loses depends on what other people do. It is particularly (4) \_\_\_\_\_ when there are many interdependent (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and no decision can be made in isolation from other decisions.

Game theory (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the game into key elements: players, added values, rules, (7) \_\_\_\_\_, and scope. Every element affects the result of the game. This means that each of the five elements gives you a way to change an existing game into (8) \_\_\_\_\_ new one.

Why change the game? An old Chinese saying explains: If you continue on the course you're (9) \_\_\_\_\_, that's where you'll end up. Sometimes that's good, sometimes not. You can play the game very well, and still suffer great loss. That's because you're playing the wrong game: you need to change it. Even a good game can be made into a better one. Real success comes from actively (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the game you play — from making the game you want, not taking the game you find.

### Passage 12

Only 14 percent of U. S. workers believe they have the perfect job and more than half want to change careers, according to a new poll released on Monday. A Harris (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for the University of Phoenix in Arizona showed that the most greatly wanted jobs are in the arts and sciences, business management, technology and healthcare, and that younger employees are more (2) \_\_\_\_\_ another type of work than older workers.

"It is not uncommon for working adults to consider one or (3) \_\_\_\_\_ career changes," Dr. Bill Pepicello, the president of the University of Phoenix, said in a statement (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the results. "Choosing one career path after high school or college and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of a career is becoming less common as the pace of business and technology quickly change jobs and industries."

Although the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of workers said they had career plans when they were younger, 73 percent of them had not landed in the job they had expected. Women were more likely than men to be in a different job than they had anticipated, according to the poll, and college graduates tended to follow a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ more than non-graduates.

In New York City 62 percent of workers were somewhat (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in changing careers, compared to 67 percent of workers in Atlanta and 60 percent in Los Angeles. Harris (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 1,616 U. S. adults for the online poll between April 18 - 26. It gave no (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of error for the research.

### Passage 13

Weighing too much can damage your health, and obesity (肥胖症) is a growing problem for both kids and adults around the world. Sleep might be one answer to the problem. A new study has found that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ school students who slept too little were more likely to gain (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Past studies have shown a link between sleeping less and weighing more, but scientists have had a tough time (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "which came first, the chicken or the egg," says Julie C. Lumeng of the University of Michigan.

To get a better idea of which causes which, Lumeng and colleagues interviewed the parents of 785 third graders. By sixth grade, 18 percent of kids (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the study were obese. The scientists found no relationship between weight and the students' race or (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It also didn't matter how (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their parents were, or whether they were boys or girls. Obesity struck all of these groups equally.

Instead, sleep seemed to be (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Some kids, however, slept a lot (8) \_\_\_\_\_ than others. For the sixth graders, every hour of sleep above the 9.5-hour average was linked to a 20 percent lower risk of being fat. Sleep appeared (9) \_\_\_\_\_ important for the third graders. Every extra hour of sleep they got was linked to a 40 percent drop in obesity by sixth grade.

"I expected we'd find that this was just a bunch of bunk," says Lumeng. But their findings were (10) \_\_\_\_\_. No matter how her team looked at the link, "we couldn't make it go away."

### Passage 14

Sad music which might actually evoke positive emotions reveals a new study by Japanese researchers published in the open-access journal *Frontiers in Psychology*. The findings help to explain why people enjoy listening to sad music, say Ai Kawakami and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from Tokyo University of the Arts and the RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Japan. They asked 44 (2) \_\_\_\_\_, including both musicians and non-specialists, to listen to two pieces of sad music and one piece of happy music. Each participant was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to use a set of keywords to rate both their view of the music and their own emotional state.

The researchers explained that sad music evoked (4) \_\_\_\_\_ emotions because the participants of the study tended to feel sad music to be more painful, less romantic, and less (5) \_\_\_\_\_ than they felt themselves while listening to it.

“In general, sad music induces sadness in listeners, and sadness (6) \_\_\_\_\_ an unpleasant emotion. If sad music (7) \_\_\_\_\_ evokes only unpleasant emotion, we would not listen to it,” the researchers wrote in the study. “Music that is perceived as sad actually leads to romantic emotion as well as sad emotion. And people, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ their musical training, experience this complicated emotion to listen to the sad music,” added the researchers.

Also, unlike sadness in daily life, sadness experienced through art actually feels pleasant, possibly because the latter does not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ an actual threat to our safety. This could help people to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their negative emotions in daily life, concluded the authors.

### Passage 15

Sleep is a naturally recurring state characterized by reduced or absent consciousness. The purposes and mechanisms of sleep are only partially clear and the subject of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ongoing research. Getting enough sleep is a problem for a lot of people these days, and if you have trouble falling asleep fast, that just (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the issue. The good news is you can learn to fall asleep fast and stay asleep longer so you can get all the sleep you need.

If you don't already (3) \_\_\_\_\_, getting regular exercise can help you fall asleep more quickly, sleep longer and feel more rested when you wake up. People who spend less time sitting (4) \_\_\_\_\_ waking up less through the night and having better sleep (5) \_\_\_\_\_ even when they get the same amount of sleep as someone who gets less exercise.

Though (6) \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom has it that exercising too close to bedtime makes it harder to sleep well, recent research suggests exercise at any time of day helps people get better sleep.

Going to bed and waking up (7) \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the week, can also help you fall asleep more quickly. Having a regular bedtime (8) \_\_\_\_\_, meaning what you do before bed as well as when you hit the sack, is key to falling asleep fast and staying asleep through the night. You'll do better if you turn off the TV, computer, iPad, phone and any other (9) \_\_\_\_\_ about an hour before bedtime, and if (10) \_\_\_\_\_ keep them — and any thoughts of business affairs — outside of the bedroom.

### Passage 16

A job is a regular activity performed in exchange for payment. A person usually begins a job by becoming an employee, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, or starting a business. The duration of a job may (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an hour (in the case of odd jobs) to lifetime (in the case of some judges). If a person is trained for a certain type of job, they may have a profession. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of jobs a person holds in their life is their career.

Economists believe that job earnings influence choice of occupation. They admit that people place varying (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on income, but point out that workers tend to move from one occupation to another because of changes in (5) \_\_\_\_\_. In 1931, H. F. Clark, an economist, stated that "proper information regarding wages if sufficiently (6) \_\_\_\_\_ people, will lead to correct choice of occupation and correct number of people in an occupation, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ barriers to occupations have been removed." This means that the supply and demand of workers have much to do with wages, which in turn influence people to choose certain careers. However, all barriers to occupations will have to be removed before career choices can be explained by economics alone. There is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ question that economic factors have some influence on choice of an occupation. But to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ them as the major or most important reason (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the soundest of folk wisdom: "Man does not live by bread alone."

### Passage 17

A number of recent books have reworked subjects, forms and writing techniques. Today's children read stories about (1) \_\_\_\_\_, death, drugs, air pollution, and violence. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on the magic of the illustrator, all kinds of books are being published.

Before they know to read, babies can play with books made of cloth or books made to take in the bath. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, they are given picture books that may be cubical (立方形的) or triangular, very small. They also like work-books which come with watercolors and paintbrushes, and comic books (4) \_\_\_\_\_ where they have to spot a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ hidden among thousands of others.

Not that the traditional children's books are being neglected. There are still storybooks where the pages (6) \_\_\_\_\_ when they are opened, to make a forest or a castle. Among the latest ideas are interactive stories where readers choose the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ or ending they want, and books on CD, which are very popular in rich (8) \_\_\_\_\_ countries. The public has enthusiastically greeted the wealth of creativity displayed by publishers. "(9) \_\_\_\_\_, giving a child a book as often seen as improper," says Canadian author Marie France Hebert. Her books, published by a French-language publisher, sell like hot cakes in hundreds of thousands of copies. "There's a real appetite for reading these days and I try to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ children the passion for reading which is food for the mind and the heart, like a medicine or vitamin."

### Passage 18

Research suggests that balling up the right hand and squeezing it tightly actually makes it easier to memorize lists. It is the movements that stimulate brain regions key to the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and recall of memories. The American researchers suggest those who are short of a pen and paper should try the trick when attempting to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a shopping list or phone number to memory.

In the study, volunteers were given a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ball and asked to squeeze it as hard as possible before trying to memorize a list of 72 words. They squeezed the ball again (4) \_\_\_\_\_ minutes later, ahead of recollecting as many of the words as possible. One group used their right hand on both (5) \_\_\_\_\_, another their left. A third group grasped their right fist ahead of memorizing and their left ahead of recall and a fourth (6) \_\_\_\_\_. A fifth group held the ball but did not squeeze it.

Those who squeezed with their right hand, followed by their left, remembered the most words. The next best were the volunteers who made a fist with their right hand both times, while those who didn't squeeze at all did better than those who led with their left.

It is thought that the movement of clenching the right fist (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a brain region that is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in memories, while squeezing the left hand triggers an area that is key to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Lead researcher Dr Ruth Propper said: 'The findings suggest that simple body movements — (10) by \_\_\_\_\_ changing the way the brain functions — can improve memory.'

### Passage 19

A detailed study into 12 aspects of modern life found men experience higher levels of happiness in seven of them, including salary, appearance and body shape.

Women have better performances than men in the love life and family life. Overall, the average adult (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their current happiness level at an encouraging 64 percent. The study, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by Benenden Health, also found the typical woman's happiness (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in general health and their living location. Other areas in which men emerged as happier than the opposite sex were career (4) \_\_\_\_\_, 'how other people see you', finances and job security. The biggest barrier to feeling content in day-to-day life was money worries, which (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 46 percent of respondents. In fact, it would take just £132 extra a month for the average person to make ends meet and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ improve their overall happiness.

The researchers say this proves it's not just (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that would help increase the average person's outlook on life, but in fact a relatively (8) \_\_\_\_\_ sum. Eating a better diet, a job that is more satisfying and finally shaking a long-term injury or illness all featured in the top 10 wishes for (9) \_\_\_\_\_. More supports from the boss, spending more time with family and good performance from sports teams also featured in the list. Interestingly, the younger generation seemed less (10) \_\_\_\_\_ overall and were most likely to say their outlook has become gloomier in recent times.



## Passage 20

More than 40,000 people from around the globe have applied for Australia's six "Best Jobs in the World". The six-month jobs, which include "Outback Adventurer" and "Chief Funster", attracted (1) \_\_\_\_\_ interest from more than 330,000 people from (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 200 countries before applications closed late on Wednesday.

Applicants were asked to submit a 30-second video explaining why they would be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for the jobs, which come with a payment of A \$100,000 ( \$105,400). Among the entries (4) \_\_\_\_\_ were a woman snorkeling ( 潜水 ) in stop-motion cartoon, and a man having a pillow fight with New Yorkers and dancing in his underwear in the subway.

"Getting lost has helped me find who I am. I have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ all the best parts when I am lost (6) \_\_\_\_\_," said one woman, who was applying for the job of "Lifestyle Photographer". "Where will I get lost next?"

The campaign (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a 2009 initiative by authorities in Queensland state seeking an "island caretaker" on the world-famous Great Barrier Reef. That campaign attracted almost 35,000 entries and was won by Briton Ben Southall. The "Chief Funster" will have VIP (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to exclusive Sydney parties and festivals, while the Northern Territory's "Outback Adventurer" will get (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Australian bush life. The 18 finalists will be flown to Australia for interviews, with the six winners announced on June 21. Americans topped the list of applicants, followed by Britons. Since winning the (10) \_\_\_\_\_, Southall has married an Australian woman and now lives in the state capital Brisbane, where he works for the Queensland tourism board.

## Passage 21

Are meat-eaters healthier than vegetarians? Not necessarily. Vegetarians live longer than meat-eaters, according to a study published Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The authors (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 73,308 members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for almost six years. The church is known for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a vegetarian diet, though not all of its followers (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that teaching. Researchers found out what type of diet participants ate, then followed up to find out how many of those participants had died and how. Vegetarians in the study experienced 12% fewer deaths over the period. Dietary choices seemed to play a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ role in protecting the participants from heart disease, from which vegetarians were 19% less likely to die than meat-eaters. Until now, evidence was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that the Mediterranean diet reduced the risk of heart disease. But a New England Journal of Medicine study reveals (6) \_\_\_\_\_ new findings that will silence those who doubt for good.

The advantage (7) \_\_\_\_\_ stronger in men than women, whose diet didn't seem to make as much of a difference. Eating plant foods didn't seem to protect participants against cancer, which struck both the vegetarians and non-vegetarians in (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

The paper, written by researchers at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California, is

larger and includes a more (9) \_\_\_\_\_ population than previous research, says lead author Michael Orlich, “People (10) \_\_\_\_\_ all sorts of food information, but the bottom line is, ‘How will your diet pattern affect your risk of dying?’” he says.

### Passage 22

Are men better drivers than women? According to *New York Car & Travel*, the answer is yes ... and no.

In studies, men as a whole (1) \_\_\_\_\_ less cautious behavior than women, such as driving at higher speeds and closer to other cars, not wearing seat belts, and driving while drunk more often. They even make (2) \_\_\_\_\_ turns and take less time when parking. BUT ... how someone drives doesn't necessarily equal how well he drives. Men do seem to be more skillful than women at certain driving tasks. However, this (3) \_\_\_\_\_ edge in ability doesn't (4) \_\_\_\_\_ better driving records. The kinds of accidents men get into are generally the result of their aggressive behavior. According to one study, men are more than three times as likely to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ “aggressive driving” than women, and more than 25 percent as likely to be at fault in an accident.

Awareness is a powerful thing. Despite the research, psychologists claim that it's difficult to determine whether men are truly (6) \_\_\_\_\_ better drivers than women or if they're simply more confident in their driving because they're (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to be better, and thus show more proficiency. Similarly, the traditional thoughts that women are weaker drivers may negatively affect their performance (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

Men may be responsible for more accidents than women, but the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is getting smaller. Today, more women drive (and drive more) than ever before, which has the unfortunate consequence of an increase in speeding, aggressive driving, and even fatal (10) \_\_\_\_\_ among women.

### Passage 23

The teddy bear is a soft toy in the form of a bear. The name Teddy Bear comes from former United States President Theodore Roosevelt, who was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ known as “Teddy”.

The name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an incident on a bear hunting trip in Mississippi in November 1902, to which Roosevelt was invited by Mississippi Governor Andrew H. Longino. There were several other hunters (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and most of them had already killed an animal. A suite of Roosevelt's companions, led by Holt Collier, cornered, clubbed, and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ an American Black Bear to a willow tree after a long (5) \_\_\_\_\_ chase with hounds. They called Roosevelt to the site and suggested that he should shoot it. He refused to shoot the bear himself, considering this unsportsmanlike, but instructed that the bear be killed to put it out of its (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and it became the topic of a political cartoon by Clifford Berryman in *The Washington Post*.

While the initial cartoon of an adult black bear caught by a handler and a disgusted Roosevelt had symbolic (7) \_\_\_\_\_, later issues of that and other Berryman cartoons made