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payments on to a student loan.

答案及解析

1. A 解析 数字细节题。新闻第二句提到 Starting in July, interest rates on new student loans will rise to 6.8%, from today's rate of 4.7%.
2. D 解析 综合判断题。新闻中指出 This is going to prevent a lot of young adults from living independently, out of school, ur... from being able to pay off their credit card debt, because we see credit card debt continuing to rise and adding more interest payments on to a student loan is gonna affect that. 年轻的学生因为大学教育学费负担太重而无法真正独立。

听力原文

Paying for college is about to get harder. Starting in July, interest rates on new student loans will rise to 6.8%, from today's rate of 4.7%. And interest rates on new loans that parents take out called PLUS loans will rise to 8.5%. The bottom line is that getting your degree is getting even more expensive.

On a \$20,000 loans, students will be paying about \$2500 more, just in interest payments over the life of the loan. And parents will have to put up \$3,000 more.

"This is going to prevent a lot of young adults from living independently, out of school, ur... from being able to pay off their credit card debt, because we see credit card debt continuing to rise and adding more interest payments on to a student loan is gonna affect that. Parents are also gonna be in trouble. You are talking about supporting children in their twenties while saving and trying to retire."

Whether you are still a student or you are a grad who's already strapped with payments, you should consolidate. This will let you lock in today's lower interest rate while combining all your debts into one loan.

For more tips on how to avoid drowning in college debt, check out CNNMoney.com. I am Gerri Willis and this is "Five Tips".

新闻 13 政治、教育

1. What's the problem encountered by Americans?
- A. Natural Disaster. B. Poverty.
C. Illiteracy. D. Inhospitability.

2. How did the man mentioned in the newspaper try to win further trust from the victims?
A. Speaking with a proper accent. B. Wearing an official uniform.
C. Making friends with them. D. Showing them his ID.
3. What is the warning from the police?
A. To be on the alert when being followed.
B. Not to leave senior citizens alone at home.
C. Not to let anyone in without an appointment.
D. To watch out for those from the electricity board.
4. What does the woman speaker tell us about the old lady?
A. She was robbed near the parking lot.
B. All her money in the bank disappeared.
C. The pension she had just drawn was stolen.
D. She was knocked down in the post office.

答案及解析

1. C **解析** 细节判断题。文中女士在报纸中看到关于入室盗窃的故事描述，故选 C 项。In the paper, it says there's a man going round pretending he is from the electricity board.
2. D **解析** 细节题。报纸中提到的男人通过出示他的身份证骗取信任，故选 D 项。Does this man have an ID then? Yes, that's just it.
3. C **解析** 细节判断题。警察告知年老居民不要轻易让没有预约的人进房间，可以排除 A、B 和 D。The police are warning people especially pensioners not to admit anyone unless they have an appointment.
4. C **解析** 主旨判断题。此题总结对话主要内容，侧重女性说话人表达的主要意思，通过判断 C 项最有代表性。

听力原文

W: Gosh, have you seen this, Richard?

M: See what?

W: In the paper, it says there's a man going round pretending he is from the electricity board. He has been calling at people's homes, saying he's come to check that all their appliances are safe. Then he gets around them to make him a cup of tea,

today are Antonio Todeschini, who has studied the history of the Olympic Games for 10 years, and Lussina Liu, an athlete who has won 5 medals in the Olympics. Nice to see you two today.

A&L: Nice to see you.

T: With the opening of the Beijing Olympics, the whole world's attention has been drawn to the Olympics again. I have to say the opening ceremony was really amazing.

A: Yes, it was a representation of the arts and a powerful display of the Chinese people. It was the most amazing thing I have seen in terms of technology and human performance.

L: Right. The 29 footprints, the countdown, the performers... It was really impressive.

T: Lussina, I know you've competed in the Olympics twice. As a rule, the most memorable moment is the opening ceremony and the lighting of the Olympic flame. What do you think is the most memorable part of an opening ceremony?

L: There are so many unforgettable moments. Each time the ceremonies are different but I think the most exciting part is when the flame is lit. I'll always remember when the ailing Muhammad Ali ignited the flame with his trembling hands at the 1996 Atlanta Games. Just as impressive was when Cathy Freeman was enclosed in a splash of water and fire when she approached the torch to light it in Sydney four years later.

T: The opening ceremonies always set some kind of world record. No event of the Olympic Games has so many TV viewers than the opening ceremonies. There have been increasingly more viewers watching the Olympics. 3.9 billion people had access to the coverage of the Athens 2004 Games, compared with 3.6 billion for Sydney in 2000. Why does the movement continue to flourish?

A: Well, just as American sportscaster Jim McKay once said, the Olympic Games are the largest peacetime gathering of humanity in the history of the world. There is no other time or place in which 200 or more nations of the world meet together peacefully, and co-exist, sharing great joys and often great sorrows. Young men and women, who seemingly have nothing in common except sport, are allowed to meet each other and often realize that they are far more alike than they are different.

篇章理解概述及预测

篇章听力篇幅相对较长, 题材涉及政治、经济、文化、教育、科技、生活等各个领域, 每篇围绕一个主题展开记叙或论述。信息量大, 语言多为书面语,



5. A **解析** 细节题。最后一句 If we could afford it, we would donate it. 故选项 A 正确。

Tips

考查人物的态度。

听力原文

Just when some people are most in need, others have less to give. In these lean times, greater numbers are relying on charity. But donations are getting harder to raise. Judy Nord hopes her card-making will some day raise money for charity. Her cancer diagnosis forced her to give up paid work. And when she's not receiving treatment in hospital, she is at home, often worrying about how to survive on benefits of less than 60 pounds a week. The cost of living has risen sharply. And for the first time in her life, she is dependent on help from family and from charity.

I saw a lot of people out there that really really do need that support. I wouldn't have this roof over my head still, that, you know, that would have been gone, because I just wouldn't be able to afford the mortgage. I wouldn't be able to afford the bills or anything. I don't know. I don't know where I'll be.

Charities are being squeezed in two ways — demand for their services has increased by 72% in the last twelve months, but almost a third have suffered falls in donations. That means many charities are having to cut costs by making staff redundant.

Gee, for the governments are bailing out the banks who have caused this problem, they need to think about the victims of recession and our work and therefore a financial package to support our work with the victims of recession is important.

Corporate donations from the city are dwindling, and falling property prices mean the value of legacies is diminishing. It means there's more pressure on individuals to be generous.

Charity begins at home, I think, at the moment.

(I think we will.)

If we could afford it, we would donate it.

I think I would volunteer as well in different ways than probably just giving money.

I still give. You know, I give every month through like on direct debit, so now I don't get it affect me much at all.

As tougher times threaten, charities just can't afford to keep losing.

Sara Merchant Sky News

- B. She wants to make more money.
C. She likes children.
D. She likes telling stories.
3. Whom did the idea of the book Kylie get from?
A. Her dad. B. Madonna.
C. Herself. D. Her boyfriend.
4. When is Kylie due to start her next tour in Australia?
A. In May 2005. B. In April 2003.
C. In November 2006. D. In September 2004.

答案及解析

1. A **解析** 数字细节题。原文第二段提及书的出版时间, 2003 年, 因此 A 为正确选项。Madonna's book *The English Roses* came out in 2003 and now Kylie Minogue's novel *The Showgirl Princess*, a story about one girl's journey to stardom, has just been published.

Tips

抓住重复词 **come out**, 很快就可以知道出版的年代。

2. A **解析** 细节判断题。Madonna 写这本书的目的及原因是想为她的孩子们做些事情, 因此, A 选项正是此意, 故此项正确。Madonna said one of the reasons for writing *The English Roses* was that she wanted to do something for her children.

Tips

重复词 **reasons**。

3. D **解析** 细节理解题。根据原文, 作者承认其想法来自她的演员男朋友, 因此, D 为正确选项。She admits the idea of the book came from her actor boyfriend Oliver Martinez but that she has always had an interest in writing.

China's capital has taken great pains to prepare the city for an influx of Olympic visitors especially in the Food Department.

Chinese cuisine has developed over a long period of time. Chinese food is rich and varied.

But this boomerang of a measure has some officials worry. An official booklet has now been issued to restaurants containing rather more bland English translations for local dishes. Some restaurants have gone against the grain, preferring their own quirky translations, offering delicacies, such as wonderful fragrant fat cow.

Foodies think bland translations will stop visitors from experiencing real Chinese food.

You should first let people try this type of food, so that they realize how good Chinese food is, then they should go to go-street and try the more genuine flavors or even better food cooked in a Chinese home. That's the most genuine Chinese food.

So, although "The clever and dexterous woman rips the cabbage" may not appeal to the less adventurous eaters, there's hope the good sports won't mind a little food lost in translation.

Suranjana Tewari Reuters

NOTES

culinary *adj.* 厨房的, 烹饪的 famished *adj.* 极饥饿的 specialty *n.* 特色, 专业
intriguing *adj.* 引起好奇心的, 令人感兴趣的, 有迷惑力的
influx *n.* 大量涌入 dexterous *adj.* (身手) 灵巧的, 敏捷的

篇章理解特训及详解

以下按文化历史、人物故事、政治经济、体育娱乐、生物科技、工作生活六大类进行分类训练。由于四级机考更注重听说实践, 因此选材贴近生活, 多是考生耳熟能详的题材。

一、文化历史类

Passage 1 文化

1. Where does this talk most probably take place?

A. At home.

B. In a clothing store.

C. At a beach resort.

D. In a studio.



答案及解析

1. D **解析** 细节题。第一句话 Hello and welcome to our program. 你好，欢迎来到我们的节目。因此，可推断选项 D 正确。
2. A **解析** 细节题。由文中第二段第一句 In the book of Genesis in the Bible, Noah was the hero chosen by God to survive a great flood on earth. 第三段第三句 However, God saw that Noah was a righteous man so He decided to save him. 第三段第一句和第二句 According to the story in Genesis, the human race had become so wicked that God was sorry He ever created them. He decided to wash away all the creatures of the earth in a great flood. 因此，A 选项正确。

but what you can do for your employer. Don't tell the interviewers what's on your resume, which they have already read. Instead, tell them how you are going to do this job better than anyone else. In other words, sell your advantages, not your features. You do that by talking about your knowledge and your skills—the expertise and contacts you have developed in your field and the abilities you have developed over your career.

Maintain an open attitude. Openness is the quality that is essential in virtually every kind of social and business talk if you are to be successful. Don't be so business-like in your demeanor that you stifle your openness. Communicate your enthusiasm for the job. This is a refreshing characteristic that employers don't always find in job interviews. This quality is the one that can make the difference for the applicant who displays it.

Be prepared. Go over the key points you want to make about yourself. Even jot them down on a yellow pad and review them several times before the interview. And don't duck the hard questions—put them down and then figure out how you are going to answer them. If you've changed jobs three times in the past seven years, expect to be asked why. And if you want to go that extra mile, put yourself through a dress rehearsal by having someone play the role of your prospective employer and “interview” you. It's an extremely effective technique that will give you a much better shot at getting that job.

Ask questions. Asking questions is how you learn, and in a job interview you definitely want to learn about the company just as much as the company wants to learn about you. You'll never have a better opportunity to get a feel for your prospective company or boss. Besides, employers respect someone who displays the initiative to ask intelligent questions about the company. It shows you possess two of the most persuasive qualities that we just talked about: you are prepared, and you care.

NOTESenhance *v.t.* 提高, 增加, 加强cardinal *adj.* 最重要的, 主要的expertise *n.* 专门知识或技能initiative *n.* 主动性, 首创精神**Passage 20 商务工作时间**

1. What is the speaker complaining about?
 - A. The lack of time.
 - B. The quality of life.
 - C. The frustrations at work.
 - D. The pressure on working families.
2. According to the families and work institutes, _____ of the employees say that they don't have enough time for themselves, _____ don't have enough time for their spouses or partners, and _____ don't have enough time for their children.

as a nation of binge drinking, cigarette puffing, drug taking, hedonistic youth.

If you sum up the damages to their health and to, er, things like, you know, social cohesion, jumps of violence and, and so on. Ah, and if you look at the prospects for them in the future, when they're heavy drinkers, lifelong drinkers, when they are smoking, then the damage to society as a whole, caused by these drugs is immense and the time has come for us to really take overall stock and to do things to reverse this trend.

The authors of today's report have divided it firstly into the problems. Of the nearly 7 million 16 to 24-year-olds in the UK, nearly 30% drink more than twice the recommended daily alcohol limit at least once a week, almost a third are daily smokers and one million have used an illegal drug in the past month. The second part of the report is the solutions.

Reduce the maximum legal blood alcohol level from 80 milligrams to 50 milligrams per milliliter, ban alcohol advertising on television and in most cinemas, raise the excise duty on alcohol, raise the legal age for buying cigarettes from 16 to 18, and do more to control the supply of illegal drugs.

While the government is minded to change the rules on buying cigarettes, it rejects reducing the drink-drive limit.

"We aren't in favor of ah, of changing the rules on, on drink-drive at the moment, what matters is very tough enforcement and tough penalties, and by international standards we are very good at both of those in England. The report also stresses the importance of tobacco misuse and we're consulting at the moment on raising the legal age for tobacco sales from 16 to 18."

"Greg, we are gonna get some pills for the weekend, you're in?"

"It's a decision time."

The government's Frank anti-drugs ads. But the report says drug education programs on the whole had little if any impact on children's future drug use.

Talk to Frank.

Taking the lure off the alcohol industry from whika to wine, from ale to alcopops, the authors say the government is not doing enough to enforce the voluntary codes. The industry insists it can monitor itself.

The 18 to 24 age group is a very important age group as far as drinks companies are concerned. You will have a lot of, ah, relatively heavy drinking going on within this age group, ah, but the alcohol, ah, rules actually prevent people even under the age of 25 being shown in advertising. Ah, as a sort of buffer to ensure that advertising doesn't appeal to under 18s.

In Scotland, the smoking ban has been hailed as a success and Channel 4 News has learned that the Scottish Executive is now turning its sights to alcohol, looking at enforcing restrictions on such things as sales in the supermarkets, the report's authors hope, is that this trend would spread across the border.

四、可以借助电影等影像资料，在轻松、灵活的环境中潜移默化地提高英语听力水平和理解能力。

一、记笔记时要特别留意时间、地点、数字及总括性的句子。

二、抓题干及选项的关键词，与视频内容进行对比，找到正确的答案。

例证：

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Tips

注意人物: financial editor Jean Chatzky。

听力原文**Want to Change Careers?**

TODAY host Matt Lauer talks with Jean Chatzky, the show's financial editor, about changing careers and moms going back to work.

This morning on *Today's Money*, are you ready for a fresh new start? That is the question posed in the latest issue of *Money* magazine. Recently, it did a survey along with salary.com that showed about 60% of people would love a different career. Among those people wanting a change, Moms are looking to get back into workplace. So is it an impossible task or not with the help of agencies, like Mom Corps? 34-year-old Allison O'Kelly from Atlanta, Georgia, is a wife, mother of two, and the founder of Mom Corps. Mom Corps is a staffing company for professionals.

Not just any professionals, but some of the hardest working women out there, moms.

We are very focused on finding out what your specific needs are. Can you work full time, but you don't want to work during summer? Or can you only work 20 hours a week, or can you only work within a 10-mile radius of a certain city. And those are things that we focus on.

The goal is to help parents enter back into the work world with flexible schedules, or help moms make the switch from full time to part time. We have 4000 moms now in our database.

Here's how it works. Potential candidates submit their resumes online, wrap's Mom Corps partner up with companies that can accommodate flexible hours. It doesn't cost the moms anything. The clients pay for placement.

There are a lot of those moms who stay at home, because they feel that they need to, that they don't have any other options. When they have the options, and they find out they're available. Typically, they are pretty excited about that opportunity. Like 46-year-old Becky Young of North Cross Georgia.

Becky is really interesting. She had been out of the work force for 8 to 10 years. She has four children. She is a CPA. She was a controller of several companies. Fabulous resume. And she was trying to go back to work.

"As a mom, I feel get out of business, people look at you differently, it's very demeaning, and as I said you got so many times, or just ignore you."

- 4. A** **解析** 细节题。《华尔街时报》发现网购也许并未省钱，反而增加了人们的支出。答案出处：The Wall Street Journal recently compared shopping for basic items online to the stores, and they found that the Internet rarely saves you money and can sometimes even be more expensive, meaning doing your homework is more important than ever.

Tips

此题的关键词 Wall Street Journal 也出现在图像中，可以帮助考生把握听力重点。

- 5. D** **解析** 细节题。受访者说的是如果在网上购买并自己前去商店取货，是可以省钱的。答案出处：Actually, last year for the first time in history, people bought more clothing online than computers... In what we found in general site, if you are gonna be shopping online, you are actually probably not gonna find a better deal for household goods... I did find the Cottage cheese at one place slightly cheaper than my local store, but I still had to pay a shipping fee, and that the shipping fee gets anywhere from 5 dollars to 10 dollarss... If you buy it online, and pick it up at the store, you can save the shipping fee.

Tips

本题受访者的回答是答题关键。

听力原文

A lot of people say you can't beat the convenience of buying what you need on the Internet, no need to leave your house. But would you be better off if you used a little bit of shoe leather instead?

Not too long ago, people only shopped online for rare collections and hard-to-find books, today they turn to the web for everything from dresses to diapers to deodorants, all delivered directly to their doors.

I like shopping online coz it's easy and you just don't have to leave the comfort of your own home.

The main reason I buy things online is to save time, so I don't have to get dressed,

for just a few moments, listen to other people and exchange these musical ideas.

Reporter

Talk about business for a second, talk about managing, you brought people together from all sorts of different cultures, and you tried to find commonality.

Yo-Yo Ma

I think that one thing that I know is that I don't know so many things. I'm a terrible manager. I'm an ideas person, and in music I try and translate ideas, or what is very personal and internal from somebody else into me, into somebody else. And when that work is done, somebody else gets the idea. Once we have the experience of seeing something on stage in real form, that goes in deeper, and I hope more people will actually want to share their stories and I think that leads probably to a better way of life.

Passage 4 政治人物访谈

1. What is NOT true about Tony Blair?
 - A. A member of a rock band called The Ugly Rumors.
 - B. A Cambridge educated lawyer at Warren school.
 - C. Britain's prime minister.
 - D. A new generation of leader.
2. Tony Blair was first elected to Parliament at age ____, and became the youngest prime minister in nearly ____ when his Labor Party gained the majority in ____ when he was ____.
 - A. 33; 200 years; 1997; 43
 - B. 30; 120 years; 1997; 43
 - C. 30; 200 years; 1997; 43
 - D. 30; 200 years; 1997; 45
3. What is Tony Blair's opinion on the war against Iraq?
 - A. He did not regret making the decision.
 - B. He did not know what was going to happen in the aftermath.
 - C. He disagreed with President Bush.
 - D. He felt good.
4. What does Tony Blair think about Prince Harry's service in Iraq?
 - A. Prince Harry is brave and it is a decision for the Queen.
 - B. Prince Harry is impulsive and it is a decision for the Queen.
 - C. Prince Harry is impulsive and it is not a decision for the Army.
 - D. Prince Harry is brave and it is a decision for the Army.
5. What does Tony Blair think about the relationship between Britain and



America?

- A. Britain and America should mutually noninterfere.
- B. Britain should be a strong ally of America.
- C. America should not bother Britain.
- D. Britain should not bother America.

答案与解析

1. B **解析** 细节判断题。视频开头主持人对 Tony Blair 个人信息综合介绍，其中提到他是毕业于牛津大学而不是剑桥。答案出处: ...serving as Britain's prime minister. He was a new generation of leader, an Oxford educated lawyer at Warren school, who is also member of a rock band called The Ugly Rumors.
2. C **解析** 连续数字信息题。同样来自开头主持人对于 Tony Blair 的介绍，C 选项与原文一致。答案出处: He was first elected to Parliament at age 30, and became the youngest prime minister in nearly 200 years when his Labor Party gained the majority in 1997 when he was 43.
3. A **解析** 综合判断题。通过 Tony Blair 的语气及其谈话内容，我们可以做出判断他没有对自己做出发动伊拉克战争的事情而感到后悔。选项 A 的表述符合要求。
4. D **解析** 就哈里王子参加伊拉克战争的事情，Tony Blair 认为王子勇敢，关于他的很多决定是由军队做出的。答案出处: Well, I know he is a very brave young man, and he's determined to go. But I think in the end this is a decision for the Army and for his commanders.
5. B **解析** Tony Blair 认为英国始终是美国的盟国。答案出处: Well, I believe our country should be a strong ally of America.

听力原文

Tony Blair: An Exclusive Interview

The Prime Minister spoke with NBC's Brian Williams about the Iraq war, his resignation and the deployment of Prince Harry.

But first, Tony Blair, he's been a fixture on the world's stage for a decade now, serving as Britain's prime minister. He was a new generation of leader, an Oxford educated lawyer at Warren school, who is also member of a rock band called The Ugly Rumors. He was first elected to Parliament at age 30, and became the youngest prime minister in nearly

3. A 解析 在回答主持人提问的时候, 专家提到了以下几点看好越南的原因: 一是其股票市场还处于初级阶段, 发展空间大; 二是将有更多的私企和国企上市, 最后还提到了越南政府要对河内和胡志明市进行进一步改革, 分别对应了B、C和D三个选项。而正是因为其市场不成熟所以才可能有更大的发展空间, 所以A为正确选项。Vietnam is underperforming because of the width and the depth of the market because right now the entire, you know, stock exchange market capitalization is only about 20 billion dollars and given that they are still in a very primitive stage and there is a lot of room for growth.

4. C 解析 主持人说到现在有很多人担心中国和印度会出现泡沫经济, 接着专家解释了自己对所谓泡沫的观点, 他第一句就说现在将其定义为泡沫为时过早, 所以可以基本确定C选项。另外, 在前面一段谈话中说到印度经济比中国更加过热, 但并没有提到泡沫问题, 所以排除A, 而B提到的快速增长正是专家解释为什么没有产生泡沫的原因, D为干扰项, 文中没有提到。And where are you gonna put your money, right? And given that India and China, the fundamentals are still there, the economic growth is still very strong and everyone is projecting at least 10% of growth of GDP next year. And given that, you know the fundamental plus, there are a lot of money out floating. So these two markets will definitely be performing very well next year. I would say this is really too early to say that bubble is forming because given that when you are in an emerging market, you tend to give them a little bit higher in terms of PE or PB ratio. That is because they will enjoy a better growth than the developed countries.

5. D 解析 对话中最后一段专家提出了自己的建议, 即购买外汇基金或基于中国的基金, 另外, 要注意从长远的整年角度来考虑, 不要只专注于某个市场进行投机。前三个建议正好对应A、B和C选项, D选项是专家反对的, 所以选D。You will be able to buy some ETF, exchange traded fund, and you are able to buy into some of the funds that is China-focused and I think that would be the best way for you to participate in the market but again, you will always have to look at any of your investment on the 12-month horizon. If you were just thinking about, you know, just like trading an individual stock punting the market, sometimes that is not gonna get you the return you are hoping for.