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① 这套丛书是由哪些分册构成的？

编者：丛书分初一（七年级）、初二（八年级）、中考、高一、高二和高考分册，每个年级每个学期出版两本，全年6个年级共推出24本。

② 这套丛书最主要的特色是什么？

编者：这套丛书最主要的特色是选材和设题。几乎所有的老师和学生都期望练习使用的阅读材料是最新的、以前没有使用过的，因为新的阅读材料有利于大大提高学生的阅读兴趣。本套书的阅读材料多来自当前国内外的重点、热点话题和事件，选材更新，时效性更强，在国内各类考试中几乎未使用过，可以很好地保证训练效果。这也是我们计划每个年级每个学期出版两本的原因之一：快速搜集国内外最新信息，有效保证阅读素材的时效性。值得注意的是，“时文”并不等同于“新闻”，新闻类的题材只是其中的一部分。本套书选材紧扣课标话题，题材广泛，涵盖新闻时事、科普知识、人物故事、文化风俗、体育休闲等。

全书设题紧密契合中、高考要求，题型丰富多样，既有阅读选择题型，又有完形填空和任务型阅读等创新题型，旨在从多方面、多角度提高学生的阅读技能。

为了使读者全面、直观地了解全书篇章的难度，有的放矢地开展阅读，我们在文章前面增设了难度系数，希望帮助读者有效地提高阅读能力、完善阅读结构。

③ 这套丛书适合于哪个版本的教材？

编者：本套丛书以新课标及最新考纲为依据，可适用于人教版、外研版、北师大版、冀教版、译林版、湘教版及牛津版等多种版本的初、高中教材。各册图书针对性强、适用性广。

④ 这套丛书是怎样保证编写质量的？

编者：这套丛书坚持名师主笔、专家审稿的原则。丛书由来自国家级示范高中和省级示范高中的一批特高级教师及优秀骨干教师联合编写，并由中外教育专家审稿，充分体现考试动态，紧密追踪命题趋势。

⑤ 学生怎样才能保证文章的阅读量呢？

编者：要坚持每天做一定量的题目。这一点，在这套丛书中体现得很突出。编者根据实际教学课时，在各册书中设置了8周的阅读内容，符合学生半学期的学习时间。对每周的周一到周五都做了恰当的内容安排，保证学生每天都能得到充分的练习。此外，本书以练为主，讲练结合，在每周一设置专题辅导（阅读技巧点拨），介绍各种阅读技巧并辅之以之相应的中、高考真题。

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Taipei, Sunday, December 28, 2008

Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan arrived in Taipei Tuesday. You would think David Beckham or Tom Cruise had just flown into the city.

Local TV stations announced the arrival of the two giant pandas with the rolling headline: *We're coming!* TV announcers working the story have given viewers across Taiwan every detail imaginable about the four-year-old pandas.

The panda couple were sent as a gift from the mainland to Taiwan in the latest sign of rapidly improving relations across the Straits.

The couple touched down at Taipei Taoyuan airport after a three-hour flight from Chengdu in Sichuan. Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan, with their combined name meaning "reunion" in Chinese, were carried aboard a special Boeing 747 plane of Taiwan's EVA Airways with three pilots and 10 stewards (空姐) in line with "treatment for a head of state".

They left a breeding (繁殖) base in Ya'an of Sichuan at around 8:20 am Tuesday and were taken in a truck to Chengdu, about 120 km from Ya'an, and from there, left for the island by air. Seventeen Chinese dove trees (鸽子树) from Beichuan in Sichuan also arrived with the pandas. They were presented to express gratitude from earthquake victims to Taiwan people for their help after the May 12 disaster.

The pandas have become "sweet-hearts" on the island, with their cartoon images being displayed at bus stations and the airport entrance. Goods of the two pandas has been a big hit in Taiwan.

Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan—and their new, two-story habitat—will be open to the public during the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday late next month.

Taipei Zoo said Tuesday that Taiwan leader Ma Ying-jeou and honorary Kuomintang chairman Lien Chan would be invited to attend the opening ceremony.

Li Jiaquan, a senior researcher at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said the arrival of the pandas in Taiwan well explains the meaning of the Chinese idiom—a good task takes a long time.

KMT Chairman Wu Poh-hsiung said over the weekend that the pandas are "the most lovely angels of peace".

体裁: 记叙文

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题数: 5

难度系数: ★★★

1. When did Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan arrive in Taiwan?

- A. Dec. 22, 2008. B. Dec. 23, 2008.
 C. Dec. 26, 2008. D. Dec. 28, 2008.

2. Why were Seventeen Chinese dove trees from Beichuan sent to Taiwan with the pandas?

- A. Because people both in Beichuan and Taiwan love peace.
 B. Because the people in Beichuan want to express their thanks to Taiwan people.
 C. Because the earthquake victims express gratitude to the pandas.
 D. Because pandas live on dove trees.

3. When will the panda house of Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan be probably open to the public?

- A. January 26, 2009. B. January 1, 2009.
 C. January 15, 2009. D. January 20, 2009.

4. What does the idiom "a good task takes a long time" mean?

- A. 好事多磨 B. 任重道远
 C. 多难兴邦 D. 只争朝夕

5. What is the best title of this passage?

- A. Panda has been a hit in Taiwan.
 B. Two pandas were sent to Taiwan as a gift by mainland.
 C. Panda is the most lovely angel of peace.
 D. People both on mainland and Taiwan love pandas.

— B —

体裁: 说明文

题材: 自然

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阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 4

难度系数: ★★★

1. What do polar bears usually have for meals?

- A. Wild ducks.
- B. Wild geese.
- C. Seals.
- D. Eggs.

2. What does the underlined sentence in the last paragraph mean?

- A. Polar bears have lived through a warm stage in history.
- B. Polar bears are not afraid of global warmth a long time ago.
- C. Polar bears would like to live in warming places a long time ago.
- D. Polar bears would like to live in cold areas.

3. What does the underlined word "shell" mean in the fifth paragraph?

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|-------|-------|
| A. 骨架 | B. 框架 |
| C. 蛋壳 | D. 外表 |

4. What is the best title of this passage?

- A. Goose eggs could save polar bears.
- B. Polar bears are starving to death.
- C. Polar bears are dying out because of the global warmth.
- D. The best way to save the polar bears is to raise a lot of ducks and geese.

Polar bears could avoid extinction (灭绝) despite many starving to death in coming years, according to scientists and other observers who have discovered that some of the bears



have found a new food source—goose and duck eggs.

The eggs could be coming in part from a large goose population in the Hudson Bay area, feeding polar bears whose icy habitat in the Arctic is melting, one new study finds.

In recent years, much of the sea ice that polar bears use as a hunting platform for seal meals has melted, forcing some bears—particularly young males—farther north or onto land, where they are not as good at hunting. When stuck on land for months, a polar bear typically is forced to survive on its own fat reserves.

Meanwhile, snow geese are prospering near the western Hudson Bay, and researchers say there are in fact too many of them. Their eggs can be a good food source, researchers report in the online version of the journal *Polar Biology*. The geese nest on tundra that some bears have retreated to.

"I've seen an adult male eat duck eggs whole or press its nose against the shell, break it, and eat the contents," says Robert Rockwell, a biology professor at City University of New York's City College.

Polar bears survived a warm period about 125,000 years ago, when sea level was about 15 feet (5 meters) higher than it is now and trees lived above the Arctic Circle, the scientists point out. "They've been through warming before," Rockwell said.

细节理解

阅读技巧点拨

细节理解题型设问的主要方式有:

1. Which of the following is true/false/mentioned?
2. The following are mentioned in the passage except...
3. Choose the right order of the events given in the passage.
4. The author provides in Line/ Paragraph...an example in order to...
5. Which is the most probable purpose of making this graph?
6. Which of the following maps shows the right position?
7. Which of the following pictures describe...?
8. Which of the following best characterizes the main feature of...?

【规律方法】

细节理解题主要考查对文章具体事实和细节的理解能力,属表层理解题范畴,难度较小,但在整个阅读理解中所占比例最大,多从文章的某个具体事实或细节出发设计题目。

完成这类试题的关键,一是弄清题干的意思,二是读懂相关的细节内容。在选择答案时要运用分析、推理、对比和判断等思维方式,要注意逐项排除选项中的干扰信息。在图文结合题中,图示是短文和题目不可缺少的组成部分。做题时,要把文章与图示当成一个整体,理解时要图文相互参照、相互印证。如果是地图,方位要明确,要正确理解文中方位介词的意义。

【典型例题】

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It is often necessary to release a fish, that is, set it free after catching, because it is too small, or you just don't want to take it home to eat. In some cases, releasing fish is a good measure that will help keep fish variety and build their population size. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) encourages fishermen who practice catch-and-release fishing to use a few simple skills when doing so. The advice provided below will help make sure that the fish you release will survive(存活) to bite again another day.

—When catching a fish, play it quickly and keep the fish in the water as much as possible. Don't use a net in landing the fish and release it quickly to prevent it from dying.

—Hold the fish gently. Do not put your fingers in its eyes. Don't wipe the scales (鱼鳞) off the fish because it might cause it to develop a disease and reduce its chance of survival.

—Remove your hook (鱼钩) quickly. If the hook is too deep or hooked in the stomach, cut the line and leave the hook in. The hook left inside will cause no serious problem to the fish.

—Take good care of the fish by moving it gently in water. Release the fish when it begins to struggle and is able to swim.

—Do not hold fish in a bucket or some other containers and later decide to release it. If you are going to release a fish, do so right away.

With a little care and by following the suggestions given above, you can give the released fish a better chance of survival.

64. People sometimes set a fish free after catching it because they _____.

- A. don't want it to die
- B. hope it will grow quickly
- C. don't want to have it as food
- D. want to practice their fishing skills

【解析】C 细节理解题。从第一段首句可知,放生鱼是因为钓到的鱼太小,或不想带回家煮着吃。

65. Which of the following will probably make a fish ill?

- A. Taking the hook off it.
- B. Removing its scales.
- C. Touching its eyes.
- D. Holding it in your hand.

【解析】B 细节理解题。从文中第二条建议可知,刮掉鱼鳞会让鱼生病,减少成活的机会。

66. A proper way to release a fish is to _____.

- A. move it in water till it can swim
- B. take the hook out of its stomach
- C. keep it in a bucket for some time
- D. let it struggle a little in your hand

【解析】A 细节理解题。从第四条建议可知答案,其余三种情况都是错误的做法。

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Beijing, Monday, January 12, 2009

China could be the first to recover from the global financial crisis (金融危机), and will introduce more measures in the next two months to improve the economy, Premier Wen Jiabao has said.

"Our aim is to be the first to recover from the financial crisis. We must have faith and determination," Wen said on a tour of Jiangsu Province over the weekend. The government will put forward a series of new measures, which top policymakers are working on, before the National People's Congress that begins on March 5.

The National Development and Reform Commission, the country's top planning body, is likely to announce the detailed policy for the auto sector soon. The policy will offer measures like tax to increase the sale of vehicles.

Wen said the government would speed up the investment of 600 billion yuan (\$88 billion) into six major projects, approved in the country's master plan for scientific and technological development over medium and long terms.

The premier did not give details of the six projects but the master plan, released in 2006, included 16 scientific and technological plans that were expected to be completed by 2020. Among them are the development of the large passenger aircraft and the manned space program.

The country's economy has been losing steam over the past six months because the global economic downturn has dealt a blow to its exports sector. Exports dropped in November, the first time in seven years, and the industrial output growth fell to 5.4 percent, the lowest in 10 months.

But "our measures have already taken effect", Wen said, adding that the December data were "better than expected".

According to China Electricity Council, an industry association, the country's use of electricity rose to 273.7 billion kWh in December, up by 6.8 percent from November. In October, the use of electricity, largely considered a sign of the country's economic activities, dropped about 4 percent year-on-year—the first time in ten years.

The \$586-billion fiscal stimulus package (财政刺激方案), announced on Nov. 9, is expected to help the economy rise again this year, economists with the Standard Chartered Bank said in a research note on global economic outlook.

1. How much is China going to invest in order to help her economy rise again in the following years?

- A. About RMB 4,000,000,000,000.
- B. About RMB 88,000,000,000.
- C. About RMB 586,000,000,000.
- D. About RMB 600,000,000,000.

2. When will the National People's Congress of 2009 take place?

- A. On November 9.
- B. On March 5.
- C. On January 12.
- D. On March 4.

3. What is China's two major projects to be completed by 2020?

- A. Scientific and technological development.
- B. The development of the large passenger aircraft and the investment of 600 billion yuan.
- C. The development of the manned space program and the investment of \$586-billion.
- D. The large passenger aircraft and the manned space program.

4. What does the underlined sentence imply?

- A. The measures taken by the Chinese government have already taken effect.
- B. In winter the Chinese people would like to use more electricity because of the cold.
- C. Because of the global financial crisis, the price of electricity is much lower than before.
- D. The Chinese people have to use less electricity because of the global financial crisis.

5. What is mainly discussed in this passage?

- A. China has faith and determination against the global financial crisis.
- B. China pays much attention to the development of the large passenger aircraft and the manned space program.
- C. China could be the first to recover from the global financial crisis.
- D. China will invest \$586-billion to speed up her economy.

— B —

In the winter vacation of 2008, I was fixed with a job. I worked as a(n) 1 at Mr Breen's fruit shop. The fruit shop did 2 business. Most of the trade came from the housewives who lived in the neighborhood, 3 he also had regular customers who arrived outside the shop in cars. Mr Breen 4 them all by name and they sometimes even had their order already made up, always 5 me to carry it out to their car. They were clearly long-standing customers, and I 6 they must have stayed faithful to him 7 he had promised to sell good quality 8. He had a way with them—I had to 9 that. He called every woman “madam” for a start, 10 those who clearly were not, but when he 11 it, it did not sound like flattery (恭维). It just sounded 12 in an old-fashioned way. He was a great chatter 13. If he did not know them, he would greet them with a few 14 about the weather, 15 he did, he would ask about their families or make 16, always cutting his cloth 17 his customers. Whatever their bills came to, he 18 gave them back the few odd pence (零钱), and I was sure they thought he was very generous (慷慨的). But I thought he was the opposite. He never 19 anything away. He was always looking for 20 for nothing.

体裁: 说明文

题材: 人际关系

字数: 246

阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 20

难度系数: ★★★★★

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| 1. A. operator | B. assistant |
| C. waiter | D. secretary |
| 2. A. good | B. poor |
| C. big | D. usual |
| 3. A. so | B. when |
| C. therefore | D. but |
| 4. A. sold | B. knew |
| C. gave | D. sent |
| 5. A. making | B. letting |
| C. getting | D. keeping |
| 6. A. wished | B. insisted |
| C. declared | D. supposed |
| 7. A. when | B. if |
| C. because | D. though |
| 8. A. foods | B. fruits |
| C. vegetables | D. drinks |
| 9. A. admit | B. expect |
| C. announce | D. promise |
| 10. A. yet | B. only |
| C. just | D. even |
| 11. A. told | B. said |
| C. spoke | D. talked |
| 12. A. serious | B. strange |
| C. polite | D. familiar |
| 13. A. as well | B. as usual |
| C. either | D. also |
| 14. A. sayings | B. questions |
| C. words | D. speeches |
| 15. A. and then | B. and so |
| C. even if | D. but if |
| 16. A. preparations | B. jokes |
| C. repairs | D. friends |
| 17. A. according to | B. due to |
| C. instead of | D. up to |
| 18. A. never | B. ever |
| C. seldom | D. always |
| 19. A. took | B. moved |
| C. threw | D. turned |
| 20. A. something | B. anything |
| C. somebody | D. anybody |

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体裁: 记叙文

题材: 体育竞技

字数: 347

阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 4

难度系数: ★★★

VOA Sports News Thursday 05 February, 2009

It's that time of year again—the annual Marathon in Nashville, Tennessee. This year, I had the unique opportunity to ride in the pace truck. This is the truck that stays in front of the fastest racer, keeping track of the average time.



"All right, people, let's go, let's go!" People on the streets started cheering for the runners that were following us a few yards behind. I looked out of the back of the truck, watching the progress of the race. About 30 racers were still sticking together in one group. I knew that would change once we got further in the race.

Riding in the pace truck was a great experience, in addition to getting to see the race from a unique perspective (视角), I also had the opportunity to speak with some of the coaches of the racers. "The course is quite difficult because it has a lot of hills," said Andrei Braine, who was the manager for two of the men and one woman in the race. "And so they started running slow and are picking up in the second half."

After about 18 miles, the race started getting tense. The group of racers that had stayed together for the whole race began to split (拉开) up. It wouldn't be long until a winner appeared. That prediction came true a few miles later, when Simon Wangi pulled ahead of the rest of the racers. Wangi maintained that position for the rest of the race, winning the first place.

After the race, I spoke with Wangi, asking him what he thought as he ran ahead of the pack. "I decided to pull ahead of the pack because I wanted to win," he said.

I also had the opportunity to speak with Olean Shirking, the winner of the women's race. "The first goal was showing the good results," she said, speaking through her manager, Andrei Braine. "When running a marathon, you're not expecting a fast time, I changed my strategy, and I decided to run to win."

1. Which statement of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. The pace truck was used to keep track of the progress of the race.
- B. About 30 racers took part in this year's race.
- C. 1/2 Marathon is an annual event of about 20 miles.
- D. Running slow in the first half and speeding up in the second is the strategy used in the race.

2. Simon Wangi won the first place in the Marathon _____.

- A. with the help of his manager
- B. as a dark horse
- C. as people had expected
- D. a few miles ahead of other racers

3. When running the Marathon, what Olean Shirking cared about most was _____.

- A. keeping running in the lead
- B. helping other racers go further
- C. the result of the race
- D. a fast time in the race

4. It can be inferred that the author is _____.

- A. a reporter to cover the Marathon
- B. a racer taking part in the Marathon
- C. the driver of the pace truck
- D. an organizer of the Marathon

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 NEW YORK—A US Airways pilot ditched (迫降) his disabled jet plane into the freezing Hudson River on Thursday afternoon after a collision (碰撞) with a group of birds obviously knocked out both engines, but rescuers pulled all 155 people including five crew on board into boats as the plane sank. There were no immediate reports of any serious injuries.

Flight 1549 went down minutes after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport for Charlotte, N.C., splashing into the river near 48th Street in midtown Manhattan.

“There were eyewitness reports the plane may have flown into a group of birds,” said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown. “Right now we don’t have any indication this was anything other than an accident.”

Passenger Jeff Kolodjay of Norwalk, Conn., said he heard an explosion two or three minutes into the flight, looked out of the left side of the Airbus 320 and saw one of the engines on fire.

“The captain said, Brace for impact because we’re going down,” Kolodjay said. He said passengers put their heads in their laps and started saying prayers. He said the plane hit the water pretty hard, but he was fine.

“It was intense. It was intense. You’ve got to give it to the pilot. He made a hell of a landing,” Kolodjay said.

The plane was submerged in the icy waters up to the windows when rescuers in Coast Guard vessels and ferry boats arrived, opened the door and pulled passengers in yellow life vests from the aircraft, whose fuselage appeared intact. The plane was sinking in the near-freezing water on one of the coldest days of the year, with the mercury around 20 degrees.

Witnesses said the plane’s pilot appeared to guide the plane down.

“I see a commercial airliner coming down, looking like it’s landing right in the water,” said Bob Read, who saw it from his office at the television newsmagazine *Inside Edition*. “This looked like a controlled descent (降落).”

体裁：记叙文

题材：旅游交通

字数：331

阅读时间：_____分钟

题数：4

难度系数：★★★★

- How many passengers were on board the jet plane when the accident occurred?
 A. 155. B. 150.
 C. 160. D. 320.
- What does the underlined word “submerged” mean in the seventh paragraph?
 A. 淹没 B. 爆炸
 C. 漂浮 D. 旋转
- What is the best title of this passage?
 A. An airbus 320 was ditched.
 B. Flight 1549 met with an accident.
 C. All 155 safe after pilot ditches jet in Hudson River.
 D. A terrible flight.
- Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?
 A. The pilots of Flight 1549 are excellent.
 B. The jet plane was hit by a group of birds.
 C. The plane was from Charlotte, N.C. to LaGuardia Airport.
 D. The pilot guided the plane down.

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体裁: 记叙文

题材: 自然

字数: 363

阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 5

难度系数: ★★★★★

Two humpback (驼峰) whales, trying to reach the Pacific Ocean, are lost in the Sacramento River in California. The humpbacks—a Pother and a baby calf—have gone away from the right path for over a week, after traveling 90 miles off course. They have been nicknamed Delta and Dawn.

Researchers are concerned because the whales appear to have been injured by a boat propeller (螺旋桨). The wounds might be getting worse because the humpbacks are in fresh water, instead of salt water. “The wounds appear to have worsened over time, and their skin has changed from smooth and shiny to irregular and pitted,” said Frances Guiland of the Marine Mammal Center.

Last week, biologists played recordings of whale-feeding calls to try to attract the two humpbacks out of the river. Then scientists tried playing unfamiliar sounds to force the whales to head further downstream. Unfortunately, both attempts failed. Scientists are not sure why Delta and Dawn have not yet returned to the Pacific. Researchers are currently trying to figure out what they should do next to help to direct the whales to the ocean.

On Sunday, it looked like the whales were heading back to the Pacific, until they suddenly turned around and traveled 25 miles downstream in the Sacramento River. It now appears that the whales are swimming in circles. The US Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Game have set up a flotilla. They hope to use those small ships or boats to guide the whales to the Pacific.

“The ships that have been following them are trying very carefully to position themselves ahead of them to prevent them swimming any farther north,” said Alan Haraf, an officer with the US Coast Guard. Rescue workers are also banging on pipes to try to force the whales to head in the right direction.

Biologists believe the humpbacks entered the Sacramento River after taking a wrong turn while migrating, or traveling north, from Mexico. Every year, humpback whales migrate up to the northern Pacific Ocean to feed during the summer. In the winter, they migrate to tropical regions to breed and give birth.

1. What has happened to the two humpback whales according to the passage?

- A. They have got lost and injured during their migration.
- B. They have been nicknamed by researchers.
- C. The baby whale has been separated from her mother for over a week.
- D. They normally have one portion of their migration path in fresh water.

2. We can infer that the natural habitat for the humpbacks might be in _____.

- A. fresh water B. salt water
- C. the Sacramento River D. the inner lake

3. Which of the following is NOT the way to lead the humpbacks to the right direction?

- A. Playing underwater recordings.
- B. Making loud noises.
- C. Setting up a flotilla.
- D. Pulling them by the nose.

4. The underlined word “flotilla” could be replaced by _____.

- A. a rescue team
- B. a fishnet
- C. a fleet of small ships or boats
- D. an unpleasant recording

5. What's the best title of the passage?

- A. Whales Swimming in Circles.
- B. Whales Migrating from River to Ocean.
- C. Whales and Oceans.
- D. Lost Whales Struggle to Reach the Ocean.

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VOA News Thursday 05 March, 2009

A report has recently been published about what the earth might be like 20 years or so from now on. The report is a result of a three-year 1.

According to the report, the picture of the earth in the year 2020 is not a 2 one. The world will be more 3 because the population will continue to grow. The population could be 4 9,000 million, almost 3,000 million more than that in 2009. More people would move into cities, especially cities in 5 countries. Cities like Cairo and Jakarta probably would 6 have a population of 20 million by then.

Food production will 7, but not enough to feed all the people. Farmers will grow 90% more food than they did in 2009, 8 most of the increase would be in countries that 9 produce enough food for their people. Little increase is 10 in South Asia, Africa or the Middle East. Poor farming ways are 11 large areas of cropland, changing farms into deserts. More farmland is 12 as cities become larger and more houses are built. 13 will get worse as industrial countries burn more coal and oil. Many of the world's 14 could disappear as more and more trees are cut down. Energy will continue to be a serious problem. The experts say their picture of the earth for the year 2020 15. They only continued the situation that 16 today. By changing the situation, by 17 the problems, the picture can be changed. There is 18 time for the nations of the world to work 19 a plan of action. But they warned that 20 too long to make decision would greatly reduce the chances of success.

体裁: 说明文

题材: 环境

字数: 283

阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 20

难度系数: ★★★★★

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| 1. A. learning | B. project |
| C. notice | D. study |
| 2. A. pleased | B. pleasant |
| C. safe | D. blue |
| 3. A. dangerous | B. beautiful |
| C. crowded | D. terrible |
| 4. A. no more than | B. as many as |
| C. so much as | D. as large as |
| 5. A. developing | B. developed |
| C. big | D. mountainous |
| 6. A. none | B. each |
| C. all | D. neither |
| 7. A. insist | B. reduce |
| C. increase | D. continue |
| 8. A. so | B. but |
| C. or | D. however |
| 9. A. already | B. hardly |
| C. partly | D. never |
| 10. A. wanted | B. lacked |
| C. found | D. expected |
| 11. A. destroying | B. protecting |
| C. disturbing | D. interrupting |
| 12. A. saved | B. lost |
| C. discovered | D. used |
| 13. A. Air pollution | B. Water pollution |
| C. Some diseases | D. All farmland |
| 14. A. animals | B. plants |
| C. forests | D. people |
| 15. A. must be true | B. will come true |
| C. can't be true | D. may be wrong |
| 16. A. happens | B. develops |
| C. exists | D. appears |
| 17. A. settling | B. working out |
| C. answering | D. dealing |
| 18. A. no | B. still |
| C. less | D. plenty of |
| 19. A. about | B. in |
| C. out | D. for |
| 20. A. working | B. suggesting |
| C. spending | D. waiting |

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体裁: 记叙文

题材: 科学技术

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阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 4

难度系数: ★★★★★

BEIJING, China (Reuters)—China and Russia will make a joint effort to explore Mars and one of its moons in 2009, Chinese state media reported on Wednesday following an agreement to strengthen cooperation between the two ambitious space powers.



A Russian rocket will lift a Chinese satellite and Russian exploration spaceship to survey Mars and Phobos, the biggest of the red planet's moons, *China Daily* reported, declared by China's National Space Administration.

The announcement followed an agreement signed on Monday in Moscow, which Chinese President Hu

Jintao has been visiting. A Chinese space official said the agreement would strengthen cooperation between China and Russia, both eager to expand their presence in space as the United States seeks to keep its lead.

"It shows the two sides have taken a key step forward to working on a large space program," said the official, according to *China Daily*.

The small Chinese satellite will explore Mars while the Russian spaceship will land on Phobos to explore the environment and dig soil samples.

In 2003, China put a man in space, becoming only the third country to achieve the feat after the United States and the Soviet Union. It launched a second manned space flight last year and plans to land a person on the moon.

The United States has announced its own plans to expand exploration of Mars and send a manned spaceship there. Washington scolded Beijing in January for testing an anti-satellite missile that destroyed an old Chinese satellite, scattering debris (碎片) that could damage other satellites.

1. The underlined word "Phobos" in the passage refers to _____.

- A. a Chinese satellite B. a Russian spaceship
C. a moon of Mars D. the biggest planet in space

2. The news was reported _____.

- A. two days after the agreement was signed
B. on Monday when President Hu was visiting Russia
C. upon the date of agreement being signed in Moscow
D. in 2003 when a Chinese spaceman was put in space

3. According to the cooperation program in space, we know that _____ in 2009.

- A. China and Russia will jointly send up a spaceship to explore Mars
B. a Chinese satellite will be sent up by a Russian rocket to explore Mars
C. a Chinese satellite and a Russian spaceship will be sent up to land on Mars
D. a Russian spaceship will be sent up to land on Phobos and explore its moon

4. The last paragraph implies that the United States _____.

- A. opposes the cooperation in space between China and Russia
B. fears that China will be a threat to it in space exploration
C. feels that it has fallen behind China in space exploration
D. expands exploration of Mars to prevent China developing missiles

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Seoul (首尔)—In South Korea, children get used to the Internet at an early age. A survey last year by the Ministry of Information and Communication showed that nearly half of children between the ages of 3 and 5 use the Internet.



体裁: 说明文

题材: 热点话题

字数: 336

阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 3

难度系数: ★★★★★

“In South Korea, the Internet has become a babysitter,” said Lee Kyong Ok, a professor at Duksung Women’s University in Seoul.

Online role-playing games, where participants make friends and band together in clans, have a strong appeal to Koreans. “One problem with those games is that you build your online persona through countless hours of battles, and you develop a huge emotional attachment to your game character,” said Chang Woo Min, a one-time online gamer.

Parents report that their children steal money and do not come home for days and even weeks, practically living in Internet cafés, and sometimes they refuse to look for jobs and play games all night and sleep during the day.

The authorities require Internet cafés to keep their distance from schools, and they open camps for teenage addicts and distribute (散发) booklets on the dangers of game addiction. In addition, they are training hundreds of counselors, who visit schools and Internet cafés.

In the 28,000 Internet cafés in South Korea, minors (未成年人) are banned from entry after 10 pm. The authorities have even discussed reducing the points of gamers who play for more than three consecutive (连续的) hours. But such talks have produced no agreement, among concerns that such restrictions would harm a high-growth industry and worsen the problem of teenagers stealing adult online identification numbers.

“Sooner or later we will be able to announce our measures,” the minister for information and communication, Rho Jun Hyoung, said at a news conference in May. “Since South Korea is one of the most active and developed countries in the Internet, the world is paying great attention to what policy we will adopt on this problem.”

1. According to the passage, in order to solve the Internet problem, the authorities of South Korea took the following measures EXCEPT _____.

- A. demanding the Internet cafés to be far away from schools
- B. telling the students about the dangers of game addiction
- C. training counselors to visit schools and cafés
- D. banning all the people from entering the Internet cafés after 10 pm

2. Which of the following statements is WRONG according to the passage?

- A. Many children under 6 in the South Korea use Internet.
- B. Some parents are worried about their children being influenced by the Internet.
- C. All kinds of measures are supported by all the people.
- D. The authorities in the South Korea are working hard to solve the problem.

3. The passage is written to tell us _____.

- A. the Internet problems in South Korea
- B. the bad effects of the Internet
- C. the measures of the authorities
- D. teenagers like going surfing in South Korea

体裁: 应用文

题材: 旅游交通

字数: 253

阅读时间: _____ 分钟

题数: 4

难度系数: ★★★★★

1. All the following are included in the price of \$399 EXCEPT _____.

- A. transport between the airport and the hotel
- B. telephone calls made by tourists
- C. the services of guides to tourists
- D. double rooms for every two tourists

2. What is the purpose of the passage?

- A. To invite people to take a breath in the Bay of Naples.
- B. To advise people to telephone Newmarket Air Holidays Ltd.
- C. To persuade people to tour in the area of the Mediterranean Sea.
- D. To attract people to go to Sant' Agata or Sorrento for sightseeing.

3. The underlined part "the area is a feast for the eyes" in the passage means _____.

- A. the area is pleasing to the eye
- B. the area is really unforgettable
- C. the area catches the tourists' eye
- D. the area is crowded with tourists

4. After reading the ad, one will probably join in the tour because _____.

- A. the sights are attractive and the tour starts in January or May
- B. the price is low for those intending to stay at the 5-star Hotel Nice
- C. the price offered is reasonable and the sights are beautiful
- D. good services are offered to those intending to stay in double rooms

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