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英 语

第 I 卷 (机读卷 共 67 分)

第一部分 听力(共 15 分)

一、听对话,选择与对话内容相符的图片,将代表图片的字母填写在相应序号后的括号内(共 6 分,每小题 1 分)



- A. B. C. D. A. B. C. D.
1. () 2. () 3. () 4. () 5. () 6. ()

二、听对话,根据对话内容,判断第 7~10 小题所给句子的正误。正确的用 A 表示,错误的用 B 表示(共 4 分,每小题 1 分)

7. The girl wants to go to the post office. () 8. She will take a taxi there. ()
9. Mike likes London very much. () 10. Mike is coming back next Monday. ()

三、听对话,根据对话内容,从下列各题所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中,选择最佳选项(共 5 分,每小题 1 分)

11. Whose birthday is on July 1 st?
A. The mother's B. The father's C. The boy's
12. What are they going to get for their father?
A. A watch B. A flower C. A sweater
13. Who came to the party last night?
A. Betty's friends B. Peter's friends C. Ben's friends
14. When did Ben get up before breakfast?
A. About 4:00 B. About 5:00 C. About 6:00.
15. How does Ben feel now?
A. Worried B. Excited C. Annoyed

第二部分 语言知识运用(共 30 分)

四、单项填空(共 18 分,每小题 1 分)从下列各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选择可以填入空白处的最佳选项

16. *Harry Potter* III is _____ interesting story and we all like it.
A. a B. an C. the D. 不填

17. Who is the boy over there? _____ is my brother.
A. He B. His C. Him D. Himself
18. Would you like something to drink? _____, please.
A. Meat B. Rice C. Water D. Bread
19. _____ do you usually fly kites? In the park.
A. Why B. How C. When D. Where
20. How are you going to the Summer Palace? We're going there _____ bike.
A. for B. at C. of D. by
21. Excuse me. Where is Mr. Green's office? It's on _____ floor.
A. seven B. the seven C. the seventh D. seventh
22. Look! There are _____ pictures on the wall.
A. any B. some C. much D. both
23. Would you like to come to my house for dinner tonight? I'd love to, _____
I have lots of work to do.
A. so B. of C. and D. but
24. Which coat is _____ on me, the blue one or the black one? The blue one.
A. good B. better C. best D. the best
25. I _____ the CDs to you if I have time tomorrow.
A. will return B. returned C. have returned D. return
26. What did you do after school yesterday? I _____ basketball with my friends.
A. play B. played C. will play D. am playing
27. Mary, _____ you speak Chinese? Yes, only a little.
A. must B. need C. may D. can
28. Don't _____ too much TV. It's bad for your eyes.
A. watch B. watched C. watching D. to watch
29. Alice asked me _____ another bag for her.
A. get B. got C. to get D. getting
30. What are you doing, Cathy? I'm _____ my cat. I can't find it.
A. looking for B. looking at C. looking up D. looking after
31. It's raining! When did it start? I don't know exactly. In fact, it _____ all this afternoon.
A. lasts B. has lasted C. lasted D. will last
32. The Olympic Games _____ every four years.
A. are held B. were held C. are holding D. will hold
33. Do you know _____ now? In the People's Hotel.
A. where is Tom working B. where did Tom work
C. where Tom is working D. where Tom worked

五、完形填空(共 12 分,每小题 1 分)阅读短文,从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选择最佳选项

Last year, I learned from a newspaper that some sick kids needed help. I phoned the newspaper and I was asked to 34 a little girl named Lisa, who had mental illness.

A short time later, I went for a 35 to Lisa. After having been at the mental hospital for years, she had recently been allowed to be at home. In the beginning, I did most of the 36. Lisa, however, was too quiet and introverted(内向的), shyly sitting in the corner of the sofa and listening. She was careful not to allow our eyes to 37. Over time, Lisa felt more comfortable little by little while I was 38. Our weekly get-togethers usually 39 sharing a cup of hot coffee, window shopping or taking slow walks in the country.

Lisa 40 discussed how she felt about our friendship, even after we completed our first year together. However, she knew she could always 41 me.

Then one day I got a call from our volunteer group. "Mary, would you and Lisa like to be interviewed on a local TV news show?" Excited, I answered, "Wow! Let me discuss it with Lisa." I didn't think Lisa would be 42 going on "live" television. But to my surprise, Lisa wanted to be interviewed, too.

At the interview, she said, "43 I can help other people understand how important our 44 is, and how it has helped me, maybe they'll volunteer, too. Mary, wouldn't that be great?" With tears running down, we smiled at one another.

From then on, Lisa never 45 a chance to plant seeds(种子) about the volunteer group with others. Her face lit up whenever she talked about our special friendship.

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|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 34. A. help | B. take | C. teach | D. tell |
| 35. A. swim | B. visit | C. trip | D. way |
| 36. A. cleaning | B. listening | C. talking | D. interviewing |
| 37. A. reach | B. open | C. fix | D. meet |
| 38. A. present | B. silent | C. calm | D. polite |
| 39. A. needed | B. went | C. meant | D. enjoyed |
| 40. A. ever | B. never | C. once | D. just |
| 41. A. agree with | B. think about | C. care for | D. depend on |
| 42. A. nervous | B. comfortable | C. safe | D. sorry |
| 43. A. If | B. Though | C. Because | D. After |
| 44. A. get-together | B. talk | C. friendship | D. interview |
| 45. A. met | B. had | C. lost | D. missed |

阅读部分(共 22 分)

六、阅读理解(共 22 分,每小题 2 分)阅读三篇短文,从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选择最佳选项

A

Advertisements	
<p style="text-align: center;">City Language Center</p> <p>Experienced English teacher gives classes at 7:30 p. m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Classes are \$ 18 an hour. Please call Lisa or Sue at 689-555-0600 afternoons or evenings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bay College Theater</p> <p>Present a new play, <i>The Tourist</i>, at Bay College Theater, on Saturday at 8:00 p. m. Tickets are \$ 15 for adults and \$ 10 for students. Call Ben at 689-555-2433</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Carter's Restaurant</p> <p>Need waiters to work evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p. m. . Call 689-555-5401, and ask for John. You will be paid \$ 8 an hour.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City Library</p> <p>Need your help with is monthly book sale. Bring your old books and magazines to the library. 9:00 a. m. - 5:00 p. m. , Monday through Saturday.</p>

46. If you want to take English classes, you should pay _____ an hour.
 A. \$ 8 B. \$ 10 C. \$ 15 D. \$ 18
47. You want to work in a restaurant, so you should call _____.
 A. Lisa B. John C. Sue D. Ben
48. You can see a new play at Bay College Theater at _____ on Saturday.
 A. 8:00 p. m. B. 9:00 a. m. C. 5:00 p. m. D. 10:00 p. m.

B

In 2000, at the age of 56, Jeff was going to take a difficult and dangerous journey(旅程)in the Arctic(北极地区). He was planning to walk to the North Pole all by himself, pulling his food, tent and other things behind him in two sledges(雪橇). Because the Arctic is covered with ice and water, he would sometimes have to sit on his sledges and use them like a boat!

Before he started his journey, to make himself stronger, Jeff spent 2 years practicing running and took part in many boat races. He had also traveled in the Arctic for 28 years. All of this was good for him. But there was still trouble.

Jeff was seven days into his journey in the Arctic. It was dark and terribly cold (-35 ℃). In face of this terribly low temperature, he had made good progress across the ice. Suddenly, the ice broke and one of his sledges fell into the sea. Jeff needed to get it back, so he had to put his hand into the ice-covered water.

Once he had got the sledge back, Jeff put up his tent, lit a fire and tried to warm up his cold hand. It was no help-his hand was seriously hurt as it had been in the cold for so long. He radioed for help, and an airplane was sent to save him. Finally, he arrived at a hospital in Canada. The doctors there said he hurt his left hand in the icy water. They saved his hand and advised him not to travel to the North Pole alone any more.

But Jeff was an explorer and nobody could change his mind. It would be yet another long and difficult battle for Jeff soon.

49. Jeff was planning to walk to the North Pole all by himself in _____.

- A. 1970 B. 1972 C. 1998 D. 2000

50. Jeff _____ for 2 years before his journey.

- A. made special tents B. practiced running
C. had medical checks D. took a long walk

51. After one of his sledges fell into the sea, what did Jeff do first?

- A. He put his hand into the water. B. He lit a fire near the tent.
C. He warmed up his hand. D. He put up his tent.

52. What can we infer(推断) from the last sentence of the article?

- A. Jeff would practice more for the next journey.
B. Jeff would explore another part of the Arctic.
C. Jeff would try his best to realize his wish.
D. Jeff would refuse to take any advice.

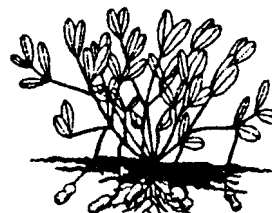
C

Who hasn't enjoyed eating peanuts? Did you know that although peanuts look like nuts and taste like nuts, they aren't nuts at all? They belong to the pea family, so they are called peanuts. The peanut grows flowers above ground, but its "fruit" grows underground. It grows in more countries than most other "nuts".



The peanut is a native South American plant. Scientists believe that it grew wild in Brazil long ago. They think that for several thousand years the early peoples of South America made it a part of their diet. These peoples were nomads who moved on when a natural food could no longer be found in one area. Along the way they probably let fall some peanuts, which got into the ground and grew. This is believed to be the way the plant reached the place where the Incas(印加人) lived. The Incas, from about 1100 to 1532, thought highly of peanuts. The peanuts were eaten in several forms and used as sacrificial offerings(祭品) to the Incan Sun God. Later in the 16th century, European soldiers had brought peanuts to other parts of the world, including North America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Pacific Islands.

Although peanuts were found native in South America, they are now grown in almost every country that has warm weather. India produces the most peanuts. China's production is next, followed by the United States.



The peanut is special in more ways than one. It can be eaten raw, boiled, roasted, or fried. Hundreds of widely different products have been made from it. Carver, an American scientist, set himself the task of discovering new uses for eating and for many other products.

Peanuts are very highly nutritious and are also high in protein(蛋白质). Americans use about seven-tenths of their protein in the form of meat. In India, where the poor can't pay for meat or milk, peanut meal and peanut milk have been produced. These have been a great help to the poor.

New products are continually being made from peanuts, among them peanut cheese and a powder that becomes peanut butter when water is added. The fact is that peanuts are so healthy that they were used by astronauts. The unusual nut that isn't a nut is one of nature's most amazing gifts.

53. What is the main idea of Paragraph(段落)Two?
- The countries growing peanuts.
 - The ways of using peanuts.
 - The history of the peanut.
 - The origin of the peanut.
54. What does the underlined word“**nutritious**”mean?
- Good for health.
 - Helpful to the poor.
 - Delicious and tasty
 - Rich in fat and oil.
55. Which of the following is **true** according to the article?
- Americans eat peanuts as much as they eat meat.
 - The peanut was first found in South America.
 - Astronauts ate lots of peanuts to keep healthy
 - China grows less peanuts than the US.
56. What is the purpose of the article?
- To show that peanuts belong to the pea family.
 - To advise us to use more peanut products.
 - To tell us some new uses of peanuts.
 - To let us know more about peanuts.

第 II 卷 (非机读卷 共 53 分)

一、听短文, 按要求完成下面的听力任务(共 10 分, 每小题 2 分)

请根据所听到的短文内容和表格中的提示词语, 将所缺的关键信息填写在下面的表格中

1. The first suggestion is about ball games.	It is a good weekend for _____.
2. If you want to watch the games,	you can _____ tickets at the school ticket office,
3. The school museum will be open	from 10:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. on _____.
4. For more information,	you can go to _____ or call 646-0853.
5. The speaker is mainly talking about	_____.

二、词汇(共 10 分,每空 1 分)

根据所给的提示,选择方框中的词语,填在下面横线的相应位置上(只填写字母序号,其中有两个多余选项)

学校里新建一个图书馆,我们一起去看看吧!

A. big	B. read stories	C. books	D. computers	E. thin	F. bright
G. hospital	H. newspapers	I. clean	J. do our homework	K. borrow books	L. modern

6. In our school, we have a new library. It's very _____, _____, _____ and _____.

7. There are a lot of _____, _____ and _____ in the library.

8. We can _____, _____ and _____ there. We all love it.

三、口语交际(共 10 分,每小题 2 分)根据对话的上下文,在横线上写出所缺少的内容

A: Hello! B: Hello! _____ 9 _____ Jane?

A: Sorry, she _____ 10 _____ at the moment. Who's that speaking?

B: _____ 11 _____ Tony, Jane's classmate. I'm calling to tell her something important.

A: Well, can I _____ 12 _____ ?

B: Yes. Please tell her our class are going to clean up Olympic Park tomorrow. We're going to meet at the school gate at 7:30 a. m. . A: Anything else? B: No. Thank you very much. A: _____ 13 _____.

四、任务型阅读(共 8 分,每小题 2 分)阅读短文,根据短文内容,填写短文后第 14~17 小题中所缺少的关键信息

To take good notes, you need to be able to do two things very quickly: first, you must understand main topics; second, your hand must work as fast as your ears so that you can write down as much information as possible.

You do not have to learn how to write down what you hear. But you do need to practice a few simple skills to help you to be good at note-taking. Also, you should learn how to write only the most important words in short forms from each sentence without taking notice of the rest.

In the old days, people sent telegrams(电报)to each other. When they did it, they had to pay by the word, and it was expensive. That is why they sent very short telegrams which included only the most important words. Let's compare these two examples:

• "I will be arriving tomorrow, Monday, April 15, on TWA flight number 222, at JFK airport."

• "Arrive 15th TWA 222 JFK."

Which would be more expensive?

When you take notes, you have a similar problem. In this case it is not money, but time. For that reason, it is a good idea to practice listening for only the most important sentences, and only the most important words in those sentences.

14. To take good notes, first, you must understand main _____.



15. Second, your hand must work as _____ as your ears.



16. Also, you should learn how to write only the most important words _____ from each sentence.



17. The writer's purpose is _____.

五、书面表达(共 15 分)

你校美籍学生 Tom 和 Mary 刚来到北京。他们在校园网论坛上各发了一个帖子。Tom 想了解北京的基本情况; Mary 感到很孤独。假如你是李华, 看到他们的帖子, 请写一个回帖。首先做自我介绍, 然后提出建议, 并说一说你将如何帮助他或她。

注意事项: • 请从下面表格的 A、B 两个题目中任选一个;

- 短文必须包括表格中三个方面的内容;
- 表格中的词汇供选用, 文中不得出现网络专用语(如: 不能用字母 u 代替单词 you 等);
- 词数不少于 60;
- 文中不得出现真实的校名和姓名。

	A	B
	To Tom	To Mary
About yourself	Li Hua, Class 2, Grade 3, be born in Beijing, know(well)...	Li Hua, Class 2, Grade 3, like meeting people, friendly...
Suggestions	buy a map, on the Internet, watch TV, visit...	make friends, talk with, read books, listen to...
How to help him/her

Hi _____,

Li Hua.

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1. () 2. () 3. () 4. () 5. () 6. ()

二、听对话,判断第 6~10 小题所给句子是否符合对话内容。符合的涂 A,不符合的涂 B(共 4 分,每小题 1 分)

7. Amy is working on a math problem. 8. Peter is returning a book to Amy.
9. They are talking at the cinema. 10. The man is inviting the woman to dinner.

三、听对话,根据对话内容,从下列各题所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选择最佳选项(共 5 分,每小题 1 分)

11. What's wrong with Bob?
A. He is having a cold. B. He broke his arm. C. He had a cough.
12. When did he take medicine?
A. Before breakfast. B. During breakfast. C. After breakfast.
13. When did the conversation happen?
A. In the morning. B. In the afternoon. C. In the evening.
14. Which seasons does the man like?
A. Spring and autumn. B. Autumn and winter. C. Spring and summer.
15. What is their winter like?
A. Warm and dry. B. Short and cold. C. Long and hard.

第二部分 基础知识运用(共 30 分)

四、单项填空(共 18 分,每小题 1 分)从第 16~33 小题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选择最佳选项

16. What are you wearing at the party ,Iain? My _____.
A. jeans B. desks C. books D. pets
17. Where is _____ schoolbag ,Mom? It's time for me to go to school. You put it on

- your bed.
- A. your B. yours C. my D. mine
18. We often go swimming in the lake _____ July.
- A. to B. on C. in D. at
19. You were not at home when I called you yesterday.
- No ,we weren't. We _____ in the nearby supermarket at the moment.
- A. were doing shopping B. have done some shopping
- C. are going shopping D. had done some shopping
20. How was the party last night? Great! I _____ a good time and met some very nice people.
- A. have B. had C. am having D. will have
21. When the accident happened, he cried for help _____ nobody came.
- A. so B. or C. but D. for
22. _____ I come in? Sure. Come in, please.
- A. Will B. May C. Must D. Need
23. Has John finished his homework yet? No, not yet. He _____ it.
- A. does B. did C. has done D. is doing
24. Sam is good at _____ tennis.
- A. play B. played C. plays D. playing
25. Where are the desks? They _____ to the second floor by two boys.
- A. are carried B. were carried C. are carrying D. were carrying
26. How much did you _____ on the books?
- A. cost B. take C. pay D. spend
27. His mother will tell him to do his homework _____ he gets home.
- A. as early as B. as quickly as C. as soon as D. as fast as
28. Can you tell me _____? Yesterday afternoon.
- A. when they started B. when did they start
- C. where they lived D. where did they live
29. I am here to see Mr. Andrews. I'm afraid you can't see him here any more. He _____.
- A. leaves B. left C. will leave D. has left
30. Lincoln is one of _____ students in his class.
- A. good B. better C. best D. the best
31. Which do you prefer, the red one or the green one? _____ will do. Just pack one for me, please.
- A. Both B. Either C. Neither D. Any
32. _____ times has Liu Xiang been in the world competition? I have no idea. Let's find it out on the Internet.
- A. How soon B. How long C. How many D. How much

33. _____? That's a good idea.
- A. What about going to plant trees
 - B. What is happening over there
 - C. What's wrong with him
 - D. What is he doing now

五、完形填空(共 12 分,每小题 1 分)阅读短文,从第 34~45 小题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选择最佳选项

A white woman, about fifty years old, got on the plane and found her seat next to a black man. She was not happy with this so she 34 the airhostess(a woman who serves food on a plane).

Soon the hostess came. "Madam, what is the matter?" she asked.

"You obviously do not see it then?" the woman said. "You placed me next to a 35. I do not agree to sit next to someone from such a disgusting (unpleasant) group. Give me a different 36."

"Be calm, please," the hostess said. Almost all the seats on this flight are taken. 37 will go to see if another place is available. "The hostess went away and then came back a few minutes 38. "Madam, just as I thought, there are no 39 seats in the economy class (经济舱). I spoke to the captain and he told me that there is 40 no free seat in the business class. But we have one seat in the first class. " 41 the woman could say anything, the hostess 42. "It is not usual for our company to allow someone from the economy class to sit in the first class. However, the captain feels that it would not be good to make someone sit 43 someone so disgusting," She 44 to the black man, and said. "For that reason, Sir, if you would like to, please take your bag 45 a seat is waiting for you in the first class." At the moment, the other people in the plane stood up and hit their hands together and cheered.

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| 34. A. asked | B. heard | C. called | D. told |
| 35. A. young lady | B. pretty hostess | C. white man | D. black man |
| 36. A. ticket | B. seat | C. table | D. plane |
| 37. A. She | B. He | C. You | D. I |
| 38. A. ago | B. later | C. before | D. after |
| 39. A. free | B. good | C. small | D. single |
| 40. A. already | B. seldom | C. ever | D. also |
| 41. A. When | B. Till | C. While | D. Before |
| 42. A. went | B. left | C. continued | D. laughed |
| 43. A. behind | B. ahead | C. opposite to | D. next to |
| 44. A. shouted | B. pointed | C. walked | D. turned |
| 45. A. because | B. when | C. while | D. though |

第三部分 阅读理解(共 22 分)

六、阅读理解(每小题 2 分)阅读下面三篇短文,根据短文内容,从第 46~56 小题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选择最佳选项

A

<i>Houses and Apartments to Let</i>	
House— Widestreet Four-bedroom townhouse on Hillyside. Two washrooms, large kitchen, Two garages and a garden at the back of the house. Near bus station and train station. Telephone 044-2395-566	Apartment—Longroad Three-bedroom apartment on the first floor of a modern building. Small garden. City center 20 minutes by train. Telephone 030-4995-021 after 6:30 pm
House—Lowlandroad Three bed rooms upstairs, big sitting room, two bathrooms and a big kitchen, large garden in the front. Near bus stop. Tel:062-9957-341 Mr. Lee Thursday	Apartment—Ringingroad One-bedroom apartment. Fourth floor. Quiet. Small sitting room, small kitchen, small bathroom. Near bus stop and supermarket. Tel:029-8824-656 Monday to Friday
Apartment—near University Two-bedroom, each has a private bathroom, small Kitchen. Good for two students to share. Tel:022-3968-121	Apartment—town center Bedroom, Large sitting room, small kitchen and bathroom. Good bus and train services to any part of town. Tel: 065-9875-002

46. Mr and Mrs Jones are looking for a house. They have two children, a 13-year-old boy and a ten year-old girl. They have no cars. They will go to _____ to have a look.
A. Town center B. Lowlandroad C. Ringingraod D. Widestreet
47. Sally and Betty are university students. They want to share an apartment. They will call _____.
A. 022-3968-121 B. 030-4995-021 C. 062-9957-341 D. 029-8824-656
48. Bill is a young writer. He would like to leave his parents and live alone. But he doesn't have much money. So he will need _____.
A. a house in Widestreet B. an apartment in town center
C. an apartment in Longroad D. an apartment in Ringingroad

B

It was a lovely sunny Saturday morning in early October. Jan Hunter sat by the window of her room as she planned what she would do today. She would like to take Buster, her sheep, to the field for a short walk. Perky, her hamster (an animal like a mouse) and Slipper, her snake, would enjoy an outing too.

"I'll help you clean your room," Mrs. Hunter said. "Then you'll be free to do what you want the rest of the day."

Jan started picking up her clothes. Mrs. Hunter turned to the bed to take off the sheets(床

单)。As she lifted the pillow(枕头), Slipper moved quickly under the blanket (毯子)。

"That does it!" Mrs. Hunter cried. "Get that snake out of here! And look at this—one of your best shoes too dirty to see the color. This is it. Jan. No more animals in the house; that's final!" Mrs. Hunter said in a loud voice as she marched out of the room.

Jan felt sad. She walked slowly across the street, Buster followed behind, to tell her story to her old friend Mt. Ward. He thought for a few minutes. Then he said that if Jan found the right cages(笼子) for the pets, perhaps Mrs. Hunter could let the animals live out on the warm sun porch(门廊)。

Jan remembered an old bird cage that would do for Perky. Buster's bed could simply be moved. Something for Slipper, though, was a real problem.

"Let's see what there is out in my garden," Mr. Ward suggested. They found an aquarium(鱼缸) in the corner. Mr. Ward pulled out a large piece of glass that would do for a cover. Jan and Buster rushed home to see what Mrs. Hunter would say.

When Mr. Ward heard Jan's loud cry of happiness, he knew Jan's troubles were over.

49. The story took place on _____.

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| A. a cold day in March | B. a weekend day in October |
| C. a Saturday in September | D. a warm day in January |

50. _____ is the most important character in the story.

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| A. Jan | B. Mrs. Hunter | C. Mr. Ward | D. Buster |
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51. What happened first in the story?

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| A. Jan took Buster for a walk. | B. Mrs. Hunter saw the dirty shoes. |
| C. Mrs. Hunter saw Slipper in Jan's room. | |
| D. Jan told her sad story to her friend Mr. Ward. | |

52. What was the problem in the story?

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| A. Mrs. Hunter was afraid of snakes. | B. Mr. Ward had an aquarium in his garden. |
| C. Jan didn't know what to do in such good weather. | |
| D. Jan's mother said the pets couldn't stay in the house. | |

C

Plants and animals, including humans, need food and water to live on. These are from the natural resources(资源) on Earth. To protect these resources, we need to keep the air clean and the water drinkable. We need to keep the soil(土壤) healthy. How do we do that?

Protect the land

The soil that covers fields and farms provides much of the food we eat. Human activities such as plowing(耕) fields, mining(采矿), and building highways can destroy(破坏) the land. **Erosion** happens when wind and water carry away the soil. Soil erosion can turn rich farmland into a desert wasteland. So does this mean we shouldn't build a highway or plow a field? Of course not. But it does mean we might think about Earth-friendly ways of doing those things.

Today farmers plow their fields in different ways to prevent erosion. They try to use less water for their crops. They keep animals from eating the growing grass in just one area. Farmers also plant trees to prevent erosion from happening.

Save the Trees

Another human activity that damages the land is deforestation(采伐森林). People take away a large number of trees from a forest. Millions of square kilometers of forest disappear each year. When this happens, many plants and animals lose their places to live. They may die out, or become very few. Scientists haven't even discovered all the living things in the forest. We may be losing some without even knowing they are there. Trees absorb(吸收) and use carbon dioxide(二氧化碳) when they make food. Environmentalists encourage careful management of the forests. They ask people to replant trees after they cut down the forest.

Recycle, Reuse, Reduce

People throw a piece of paper into the wastebasket after using it. The paper becomes trash. Where does the trash go next? Much of our trash ends up in landfills(垃圾填埋地). They take up valuable land and sometimes pollute the water, air, and land around them. More than a third of the trash in landfills is paper. Recycling, reusing, and reducing what you throw away can cut down on the need for more landfills. In fact, we can recycle about eighty percent of household trash.

53. What does the underlined word erosion mean?

- A. Plowing fields and mining.
- B. cutting down trees and farming.
- C. Wind and rain carrying away soil.
- D. Building highways on the farmland.

54. Why do we need to save the trees?

- A. To discover more new trees every year.
- B. To encourage careful management of the forest.
- C. To take away a large number of trees from the forest.
- D. To keep good places for animals and plants to live in.

55. How much of the trash can we recycle?

- A. All the trash.
- B. Very little.
- C. One third.
- D. Four fifths.

56. What's the purpose of the author writing the passage?

- A. To ask people to look for places to plant trees.
- B. To tell people how to protect natural resources.
- C. To show how the lands are destroyed by people.
- D. To discuss ways of protecting animals and plants.