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28. A. such heavy loss, the businessman didn't have the courage to go on.  
 B. Having suffered B. Suffering C. To suffer D. Suffered
29. Next winter, B. when I'll stay in Harbin will surely be another exciting holiday.  
 A. which C. that
30. — Have you read this book? Yes, but one is B. worth reading & I suggest you read it if you have time.
31. There is a new problem involved in the popularity of private cars \_\_\_\_\_ to be improved.
32. I A. you not to quit your job—now, where can you find a better one?  
 B. telling C. told D. had told
33. When first \_\_\_\_\_ to the market, the toys didn't attract much attention.
34. A. introducing B. introduced C. was introduced D. being introduced
35. At B. time does the salesgirl get up late in the morning. She is too busy to take a good rest.
- 第二节：完形(共 20 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 30 分)**
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- 阅读下列短文，然后从各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上涂黑。
- Christopher Reeve (1952 — 2004) was an American actor, famous for his film portrayal of he was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in *The French Connection*. After which he was selected to play the role of the Superman in 1978. This film was a great success and inspired three sequels (sequels). Ironically, this was the kind of part Reeve usually looked down upon. He was a stage actor at heart who preferred doing classical period plays and films that really required him to "act." He once said, "I want to challenge myself in my roles not run around on screen with a machine gun."
- In 1980, Reeve starred in *Somewhere in Time*, a time travel romance. Although this film was not popular at the time it was released, it has since enjoyed a nationwide "cult" following, especially among college students. In 1984, Reeve won critical cheers for his role as a 19th century southern hero in *The Bastard*.
- On May 27, 1995, Reeve was paralyzed (瘫痪) from the neck down after being thrown from his horse and largely retired from the production of films after his paralysis. With his wife Dana, he opened the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center, devoted to treating paralyzed people to live more independently.
- According to the passage, we can get the conclusion that the play *Love of Life* \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. gained a great success  
 B. changed Reeve's life completely  
 C. is just a relaxation for most audience  
 D. talks about serious political problems
57. The underlined part in the third paragraph shows that Reeve \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. employed different kinds of roles related to high technology  
 B. did not like to play the role of the Superman because of the dangerous character  
 C. was an ambitious actor who intended to play all kinds of characters  
 D. was a peace-loving man, who hates weapons and all the military actions
58. The word "cult" in the fourth paragraph probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. a popular fashion  
 B. lovely and interesting  
 C. of the present time  
 D. had tempered dog
59. On May 27, 1995, Reeve \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. acted out the role of a lawyer in *The Bastard*  
 B. fell down during the horse-riding and became paralyzed



As for housekeeping, a home economics teacher had told Bob that a room always looks clean if the bed is made.<sup>74</sup> I found an easier way, "I shot the doors," he says. Soon the kids were wearing the same clothes for a week.<sup>75</sup> I made them wear their shirts inside out, and when we went to pick up Pat at work, they turned the right side out so that when we would look clean.<sup>76</sup>

Now that Bob has publicly admitted he was wrong, he is sharing the child — raising and housework with Pat. The title of his book about the summer is taken from something that he shouted at the kids one day.

68. The couple signed the contract because \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Pat complained a lot about doing the housework all by herself.  
B. Bob loved taking care of kids and wanted his wife to have a good rest.  
C. they agreed their husband and wife should share housework.  
D. Bob thought it's easy to take care of the family and needed the experience for a book.  
69. What can we learn about Pat Peters?  
A. She was hardworking and selfless.  
B. She was pretty and kind — hearted.  
C. She was tired of the child — raising and housework.  
D. She did not love Bob any more.  
70. Which of the following is true according to the passage?  
A. Bob tried to keep his children's clothes clean.  
B. Bob tried to cook good meals for his kids.  
C. Bob helped his kids out to eat because he was too busy at work.  
D. Bob did not love Bob any more.

71. Which of the following may be the title of Bob's book about the summer?  
A. My Experience of Being A Mother  
B. I'm Proud of You, Ma! My Dear!  
C. Wait till Your Mother Gets Home!  
D. Motherhood: an Impossible Job for Anyone

A. is often confusing  
B. can only tell whether he likes the subject or not  
C. can largely reflect his normal academic level  
D. often proves unreliable

73. The two writers mentioned in the first paragraph \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. seem to be worried about their students' poor marks  
B. are in favour of another way to test their students  
C. agree with the idea of cancelling exams  
D. think that exams only make students suffer

74. Which of the following may be the writer's opinion?  
A. Exams are an effective measure to test a student's ability.  
B. The ways other than exams are better to test a student's ability.  
C. No better way than exams can actually get a student to learn.  
D. A student's ability cannot be measured only by exam results.

75. According to the writer, those who are against exams \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. are failures of exams  
B. are poor students  
C. are not qualified teachers  
D. have no confidence in competition

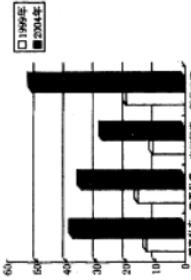
## 第二部分

### 第一单元

#### 第五节 阅读理解 (满分 20 分)

你是某校高二学生，今年寒假将上某英文报特约小记者，你拟下面几项内容对一百个城市家庭进行生活现状的问卷调查，请你给该报写一篇题为“People are enjoying a richer life”英语稿。

根据下面的图表分析其中一个数据所反映的情况。词数不少于 60。



People are enjoying a richer life

76. 根据下面的图表写一篇短文，词数不少于 50。  
Your school has been given an extra land of 12,000 square meters to improve your school facilities (设施). Designs for the land use are now being collected. How should the land be used?  
Give your design.

Yours truly,  
Li Hong

When a new school term is about to begin, perhaps we should reconsider the matter of examinations. In July, two writers praised the cancellation (取消) of exams because they believe "Tests don't tell the whole story".

As a teacher who has worked in four countries, I have had the experience that a student who earns good marks is generally a good student, and that a student's final mark in a subject is usually a grade average of the year's work. Of course there are exceptions, but they do not have the frequency that would give an unfair picture of a student's ability.

The simple fact is that poorer class work, diligent exam studies, and good marks are almost certain indications (指示) of a student's future performance. The opposite is, almost certainly, incompetence.

There is no acceptable substitute for competition of quality. How can teachers and future officials determine what a student has learned and remembered? Should we simply take the student's mark for it? Any institution that "inherits" students from fair and firm, all exams is misguided (不正确的), not to mention being rejected by foreign universities for graduates of such institutions will lack trustworthiness (信誉), not to mention being rejected by foreign universities for graduates or other studies.

When all is said and done, I sense that a fear of failure and a fear of unpleasant companion with others are at the bottom of most of human — exam talks. Excellence and quality fear nothing. On the contrary, they seek competition and deserve the satisfaction of being the best.

I'd like you to consider my opinion and give some guidance.





- B. People didn't get any message about it before it occurred.  
C. Most areas that suffered a lot in the tsunami are less developed.  
D. The earthquake that brought about the tsunami was quite strong.

Pets are no strangers to the White House. Many of America's presidents have been animal lovers. In recent times, White House pets have been tame dogs and cats. Long ago, however, presidential pets like our nation itself, were wilder!

In 1865, President Thomas Jefferson lived in the White House. Presumably often caught in his pet bears. Explorers had discovered these fierce bears, caught a pair of small ones, and sent them to Jefferson. While the President was excited about his bears, his enemies in Congress constantly laughed at his pets, calling the White House "President's Bear Garden."

By 1825, the bears were long gone from the White House scene. Now the building was home to President John Quincy Adams and his crocodile. The green beast actually belonged to General Lafayette, a French hero who had helped the United States win the Revolutionary War. When Lafayette asked Adams to keep the crocodile for him, the President didn't refuse. While President Adams habsor the huge crocodile, First Lady Louisa Adams was busy raising thousands of silkworms. She used the silk worms to make cloth for her dresses.

When President Martin Van Buren moved into the White House in 1837, he brought his tigers with him. At least, Van Buren and the tigers were his. The Sultan of Oman had sent the tigers when Van Buren was elected, so Congress argued that the cats belonged to the American people. A fight over the tigers continued for months. In the end, Congress voted to someone to setate the tigers and put them in a zoo. Twenty years later, President James Buchanan received another valuable gift when he was in his first year in the White House. This time, the King of Siam sent several elephants! Buchanan had no desire to share his building with the big creatures, so he sent them to the zoo. Buchanan did, however, keep another gift - a pair of birds. They were a fitting symbol of presidential power.

According to the passages, we can infer that  
A. the Presidents raised were all big ones.  
B. the pets the Presidents owned were all their favorite ones.  
C. the Presidents kept their pets not only a name but in the zoo.  
D. the Presidents' pets were not only cared about by their families.

60. How did the presidents mentioned get their unusual lovers?  
A. They got them in the forest.  
B. They bought them at the market.  
C. The pets were given to them by others.  
D. Their family members offered them the pets.  
61. What similar political effect did Jefferson's bears and Van Buren's tigers have?  
A. The pet made them happy and gay.  
B. It took them too much time to look after them.  
C. Made people believe that they were animal lovers.  
D. Drought about dissatisfaction with them in Congress.
62. President James Buchanan, gov. elephants, while President Bill Clinton, who came to power about two years later, kept dogs as pets.  
A. nearly two hundred.  
B. over one hundred and thirty.  
C. about one hundred.  
D. around forty five

Operations are painful experiences, however good the results. At what point should you stop wanting the child body? Is it right to try to push off death by using drugs to excite the forgetful old mind and to stir up the old body, knowing that there is little hope? You cannot see the technical opportunities, they will fed sure to have a try on the belief that while there's life, there's hope.

When you talk to the old people however, you are forced to the conclusion that whether age is happy or unpleasant depends less on money or on health than it does on your ability to have fun.

63. From Paragraph 1, we can infer that  
A. very old people enjoy living with their relatives.  
B. very old people are able to keep their rooms clean.  
C. social services could have nothing to do with very old people.  
D. very old people prefer to live alone so that they can have more personal freedom.

64. Some social workers think that  
A. one should not take risks of dealing with old people.  
B. old people should have the idea of cleaning their rooms.  
C. personal freedom is more important than health and safety.  
D. health and safety are more important than personal freedom.

65. The word "it" in the last paragraph refers to  
A. whether he is happy or unpleasant.  
B. the conclusion you have come to.  
C. one's money or one's health.  
D. your talk with old people.

66. The author thinks that  
A. the opinion that we should try every means possible to save old people is doubtful.  
B. medical decisions for the old people should be left to the doctors.  
C. old people can enjoy a happy life only if they are very rich.  
D. it is always right to treat old people and push off death.

One of the best known sayings must be "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." The promises of health, wealth, and wisdom to those who join the teams of the early retirees and risers must be particularly pleasing to many people in our modern society. There is no doubt that one of the greatest concerns of modern man is his health. It is said that in the United States \$ 200 billion is spent on health care each year. The medical field has grown into such a big business that it employs 4.8 million people and it appears that in many places, more experts are needed to meet the demands of the people who are concerned about their physical well-being.

Much more interest has been shown in preventive medicine in recent years. This is probably due in part to the increasing costs of medical treatment, but the writings of such people as Dr. Kenneth Cooper have also played an important role. In his book Aerobics, Dr. Cooper communicated the message of the importance of exercise so effectively that many other authors have followed him and millions of readers have put on their sports shoes and taken to the highways and byways of America. A recent study showed that over 17 million people are jogging. (1) Many of these are so serious that they have trained themselves to run 27 miles and 350 yards of the hard and tiring marathons. (2) That are held all over the country. The last time I was in Honolulu, I was amazed to see hundreds of people, young and old, running for their lives, and I discovered many of them had run in the Hawaiian Marathon.

Ergonomics has also become a major part of conversation. At a dinner party recently, the president of a bank asked me, "You look like a runner, how far do you run each day?" A few days later when I appeared on a national television show, the host suddenly asked me if I was a regular runner. On both occasions the conversation turned to the subject of exercise and I found as I have found whenever I have traveled recently, that this is a subject on many people's minds. Of course, there are still many people who are less than active about exercise. They appreciate the opinion of Robert M. Hutchins who said, "Whether the thought of exercise accuts to me, lie down till it passes."

67. The underlined word "retirees" in Paragraph 1 here refers to  
A. people who give up their work  
B. people who have a lot of free time  
C. people who go to bed  
D. people who live in quiet places

68. Many people take part in marathons because they  
A. want to keep fit  
B. want to be good sportsmen  
C. find the marathons very exciting  
D. love traveling all over the country

69. In the last sentence of Paragraph 2<sup>st</sup> running for their lives here means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. running at a slow speed  
B. running to save their lives  
C. running to escape some danger  
D. running in a state full of energy

70. The two conversations in the last paragraph are used \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to show the writer's love for travel  
B. to show people's interest in exercise  
C. to prove that the writer was a good runner  
D. to prove that people are tired of old conversation topics

The last paragraph shows that A. Robert is by no means a hard-working man

- B. people like to talk about exercise, and weather  
C. not everyone enjoys or understands the popular idea of exercise

D. exercise is so popular that all the people talk about it all the time

#### Bayfield Shopping Centre Coupons (券)

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##### 3. Buy One—Get One Free

Buy one shirt or tie at Daniel's Menswear and get another shirt or tie of the same value free. Choose from any of our dress shirts and ties! Offer ends November 14. Offer limited to one per customer.

##### 4. 10% Off

Present this coupon at The Book Store to get a 10% discount (折扣) on any books you buy. We have lots of books to choose from, including children's books, novels, travel guides, and science works. You're sure to find something that you will enjoy. Shop now for Christmas, we have plenty of toys as gifts for you and avoid the rush!

Hurry! Offer ends November 14. Offer limited to one per customer.

##### 5. Half-price Movie Tickets

Buy any full-price movie ticket on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and you can buy a second ticket for a friend for only half price. The latest movies are here, showing in one of our five theaters at Bayfield Shopping Centre.

Offer here through December 1. Limit one per customer.

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Buy any meal for at least \$6 at Mike's Cafe and receive a free soft drink. We serve the best fast food in the Shopping Centre. Come in and try our delicious meals and our excellent service. You won't be disappointed!

Offer here through December 1. Limit one per customer.

##### 72. What are these ads for?

- A. Food you can order for delivery. B. Places to go on vacation.  
C. Special offers at a shopping center. D. Things on sale in a big store.
73. Which of the following is true according to the ads?
- A. Spending \$50 means 3 hours of free parking.  
B. One person can buy 4 tickets for the price of three.  
C. After buying two CDs, you can get another two CDs for free.  
D. At Mike's Cafe, people can get a free drink after spending \$ 6.
74. Which of the following is NOT mentioned at this mall?  
A. Clothes store. B. Music store. C. Restaurant. D. Toy store.
75. We can know from this passage \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. there are more than one theatres in the centre  
B. if you buy a book there, you may pay less than half the price  
C. you may get a free one if you buy a shirt, or a tie—or a pair of shoes  
D. you won't get a free soft drink unless you spend more than 10 dollars on the meal

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##### 第四部分：书面表达(共两节,满分35分)

###### 第一节 情景型书面表达(满分20分)

你将为学校的情报报设一栏稿件。内容如下：随着经济与科技的发展，很多新事物进入人们的生活。这几天的变化，请你根据下面三幅图画内容进行简单描述，同时谈谈新事物给人们生活带来的便利(不少于两段)。

注：篇幅不限。

1. 同意不少 F. 60；

2. 参考同上,家电 electrical household appliances;

	in the past	at present
1	radios	TV sets, VCRs
2	telephone	mobile phone
3		electric fan, air-conditioner

3.开头与结尾已为你写出。

With the development of economy, science and technology, as well as the rapid increase of people's income, great changes have taken place in their daily life, especially in household necessities.

In a word, new electrical home appliances with modern technology make our daily life more convenient, more comfortable and more pleasant.

##### 第二节：开放性作文(满分15分)

With the coming of the 2008 Olympic Games, the city of Beijing is developing faster and faster in every aspect. Yet something is still far from our satisfaction. Please point out some problems (at Least two) which are related to our social life, and give some helpful suggestions as to solve (work out) the problems you mention.



- I told you so. You \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
A. mustn't have ridden      B. couldn't ride  
C. shouldn't have ridden    D. needn't ride
31. The air has leaked out of this football. Could you get it \_\_\_\_\_ up?  
A. blow      B. blowing      C. blown      D. to blow
32. —Could you meet me at the airport?  
—I'd like to, but I \_\_\_\_\_ Shanghai when you return.  
A. will have left      B. was leaving      C. will leave      D. have left
33. The car burns fuel, but \_\_\_\_\_ all things into consideration, it's still a good car.  
A. taken      B. having taken      C. taking      D. to take
34. I was very sleepy. I tried my eyes open but I couldn't.  
A. keeping      B. having kept      C. to have kept      D. to keep
35. We had a really bad time about six months ago but now things are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. looking up      B. coming up      C. making up      D. turning up
- 第二节：完形填空** [共20小题；每题1.5分，满分30分]
- 阅读下面短文，掌握其大意，然后从36~55各题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中，选出最佳答案。
- ### Good Heart to Lend on
- More than I realized, Dad has helped me keep my balance. When I was growing up, I was embarrassed \_\_\_\_\_ to see with my father. He was severely disabled and very \_\_\_\_\_, and when we would walk together, his hand on my arm for ever noticed or bothered, he never \_\_\_\_\_. If he cause of that, we didn't. He was much as we went along. But as we started out, he always said, "You set the \_\_\_\_\_, I will try to follow you." Our usual walk was to or from the subway, which was \_\_\_\_\_. He got to work. He went to work despite illness and nasty weather. He almost never missed a day, and would \_\_\_\_\_. At the office even if others could not. A matter of 45 to 46, what he looked for \_\_\_\_\_ others was a "good heart", and if he found one, the was good enough for him.
- Now that am older, I believe that his idea is a proper \_\_\_\_\_ by which to judge people, even though I don't know exactly what a "good heart" is. \_\_\_\_\_ I know the times I don't have one myself.
- He has been gone many years now, but I think of him often. I wonder if he \_\_\_\_\_ 52. I was unwilling to be seen with him during our 53. Now that I am older, I'm sorry that I never told him how sorry I was for my feeling 54. to be with him in public and how unworthy felt to be his daughter. I think of them then complain about trifles (something unimportant), when I am envious of another's good fortune, and when I don't possess a "good heart".
- At such times I put my hand on his arm to 55. my balance, and say, "You set the pace. I will try to follow you."
36. A. strong      B. energetic      C. short      D. handsome  
37. A. balance      B. strength      C. comfort      D. courage  
38. A. care      B. attention      C. situation      D. friendship  
39. A. hoped      B. found      C. liked      D. necessary  
40. A. easy      B. difficult      C. possible      D. give  
41. A. see      B. pay      C. say      D. give  
42. A. rule      B. time      C. step      D. race  
43. A. how      B. why      C. when      D. where  
44. A. get      B. make      C. belief      D. pride  
45. A. joy      B. faith      C. able      D. hardworking  
46. A. rich      B. success      C. at      D. with  
47. A. un      B. keeper      C. winner      D. other  
48. A. owner
- 第三部分：阅读理解** [共20小题；每题2分，满分40分]
- 阅读下列短文，从每题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中，选出最佳答案。
- ### A. First Day at School
- It was my first day at school in London and I was half excited and half frightened. On my way to school I wondered what sort of questions the other boys would ask me and I rehearsed (rehearsed) all the answers. "I am nine years old. I was born here last I haven't lived here since I was two. I was living in Finsbury. It's about thirty miles away. I came back to London two months ago." I also wondered if it was the custom for boys to fight strangers like me, but I was tall for my age. I hoped they would decide not to risk it.
- No one took any notice of me before school. I stood in the center of the playground, expecting someone to say "Hello", but no one spoke to me. When a teacher called my name and told me where my classroom was, one or two boys looked at me but that was all the curiosity my arrival aroused.
- My teacher was called Mr Jones. There were 42 boys in the class, so I didn't stand out there either, until the first lesson of the afternoon. Mr Jones was very fond of Charles Dickens and he had decided to read aloud to us from **David Copperfield**, but first he asked several boys if they knew Dickens' birthplace, but no one guessed right. A boy called Brian, the biggest in the class, said, "Timbuktu", and Mr Jones went red in the face. Then he asked me: "Portsmouth", and everyone stared at me because Mr Jones said I was right. This didn't make very popular, of course.
- "He thinks he's clever," I heard Brian say.
- After that, we went out to the playground to play football. I was in Brian's team, and he obviously had Dickens in mind because he told me to go in goal. No one ever wanted to be the goalkeeper.
- "He's big enough and useless enough," Brian said when someone asked him why he had chosen me.
- I suppose Mr Jones remembered Dickens, too, because when the game was nearly over, Brian had pushed one of the players on the other team, and gave them a penalty. As the boy kicked the ball hard along the ground to my right, I threw myself down instinctively and saved it. All my team crowded round me. My bare knees were grazed and bleeding. Brian took out a handkerchief and offered it to me.
- "Do you want to join my gang team?" he said.
- At the end of the day, I was no longer a stranger.
36. A. How old are you?  
37. A. Where are you from?  
38. B. When did you come back to London?  
39. C. Where are you from?  
40. D. When did you come back to London?
56. The writer prepared to answer all the following questions EXCEPT "\_\_\_\_\_".
57. We can learn from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. boys were usually unfriendly to new students  
B. the writer was not greeted as he expected  
C. Brian praised the writer for his cleverness  
D. the writer was glad to be a goalkeeper
58. The underlined part "I didn't stand out" in paragraph 3 means that the writer was not \_\_\_\_\_.
59. The writer was offered a handkerchief because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. noticeable      B. welcome  
C. important      D. outstanding  
D. with himself down and saved the goal



belief either in their own talent or in the value of "freedom". Freedom from control and discipline (纪律) leads to unhappiness rather than to "self-expression" or "personal development". Our society insists on regular habits, timekeeping and punctuality (准时), and whether we like it or not, if we mean to make our way in society, we have to meet its demands.

68. The most widespread problem in applying oneself to study is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. changing from one subject to another
- B. the failure to keep to a set timetable of work
- C. the unwillingness to follow a systematic plan
- D. working on a subject only when one feels like it

69. Which of the following is true?

- A. Many students are not interested in using a self-controlled timetable.
- B. Many students don't like being told to study to a fixed timetable.
- C. Most people over 25 years of age don't work to a set timetable.
- D. Tough-minded people agree that good work is done naturally.

70. The underlined part "as the fit takes them" in paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_

- A. when they have the energy
- B. when they are in the mood
- C. when they feel fit
- D. when they find conditions suitable

71. A suitable title for the passage might be \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Attitudes to Study
- B. A Study Plan
- C. The Difficulties of Studying
- D. Study and Self-discipline

When families gather for Christmas dinner some will stick to formal traditions dating back to grandma's generation. Their tables will be set with the good dishes and silver, and the dress code will be Sunday best.

But in many other homes, this china-and-silver elegance has given way to a stoneware (陶器) and stainless informality, with dresses assuming an equally casual Friday look. For hosts and guests, "to change means greater simplicity and comfort. For makers of fine china in Britain, it spells economic hard times.

Last week Royal Doulton, the largest employer in Stoke-on-Trent, announced that it is eliminating 1,000 jobs — one-fifth of its total workforce. That brings to more than 4,000 the number made cuts earlier.

Although a strong pound and weak markets in Asia play a role in the downturn, the layoff in Stoke have their roots in earthshaking social shifts. A spokesman for Royal Doulton admitted that the company "has been somewhat slow in catching up with the trend toward casual dining. Families eat together less often," he explained, "and more people eat alone, either because they are single or they eat in front of television."

Even dinner parties, if they happen at all, have gone casual. In a time of long waits and demanding family schedules, busy hosts insist, rightly, that it's better to share a sit-down pizza on paper plates in the family's room than to wait for the perfect moment or a "real" dinner party.

Too often, the perfect moment never comes, from a fine patterned tablecloth! Forget it. Polish the silver? Who has time?

Yet the loss of formality has its down side. The fine points of etiquette (礼节) that children might once have learned at the table by observation or instruction from parents and grandparents (\* Chew with your mouth closed. \* Keep your elbows off the table.) must be tucked up elsewhere. Some companies now offer etiquette seminars for employees who may be able professionally but inexperienced socially.

72. Why do people tend to follow the trend to casual dining?

- A. Family members need more time to relax.
- B. Busy schedules leave people no time for formality.
- C. People prefer to live a comfortable life.
- D. Young people won't follow the etiquette of the older generation.

\*3. It can be learned from the passage that Royal Doulton is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. a seller of stainless steel tableware
- B. a dealer in stone
- C. a pottery chain store

74. The main cause of the layoffs in the pottery industry is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the increased value of the pound.
- B. the worsening economy in Asia.
- C. the change in people's way of life.
- D. the fierce competition at home and abroad.

68. The most widespread problem in applying oneself to work is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. still a must on certain occasions.
- B. certain to return sooner or later.
- C. still being taught by parents at home.
- D. can help improve personal relationships.

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### 第四部分：书面表达(共两节，满分35分)

#### 第一节：书面表达(满分20分)

随着信息技术的不断发展，传统的广播报刊取信息的方式逐渐被电视、网络所取代。对此你们学校开展了题为"Views on Newspapers"的社会调查。请根据下表中的提示给中学生英语报撰稿，简要介绍报纸的优点和缺点，并谈谈你对报纸的看法。

优点	缺点
1. 不要随时随地都拿着书，方便	1. 没有图像，不够生动
2. 阅读他人思想，有助于智力的提高	2. 信息传递速度相对较慢
3. 可以通过个人兴趣获取信息	3. 同时阅读不同种类的新闻很困难

Dear editor,

Recently students of our school have made a survey of "Views on Newspapers". The people whom we interviewed have two different opinions.

Yours,  
Li Hua

#### 第二节：开放性作文(满分15分)

根据下面提供的情景，写一段文字。词数不少于50。  
You are thinking about where to study after you graduate from high school. Your parents suggest that you stay in Beijing for your advanced education. Do you agree with them? Explain your reasons.



