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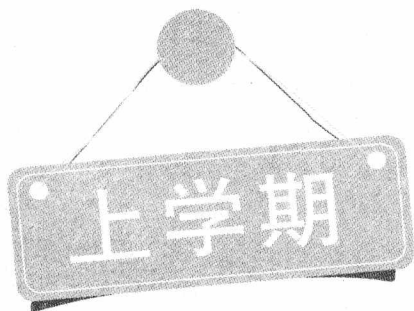
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在英语阅读量、阅读理解能力上,逐步达到高二年级应该具备的水平。

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A

话题:黑人运动

体裁:记叙文

字数:452

建议阅读时间:6.5'

John Lewis was growing up in Alabama, he was not allowed to eat at many restaurants or drink from the same water fountain as white children. His parents were not allowed to vote. "I couldn't even go to the county public library and check a book out," Lewis said. "The library was for whites only."

That was more than 30 years ago. Today, John Lewis is a lawmaker in the U. S. Congress. "If someone had told me in 1963 that one day I would be in Congress, I would have said, 'You're crazy!'" Lewis told Scholastic News. Lewis's life shows how much things have changed for African Americans. These changes have not come easily. For years, Lewis and thousands of other blacks have worked hard for equality.

African-Americans were freed from slavery in 1865. But they were still not treated fairly in many parts of our country. Many people would not hire blacks for jobs or sell them homes. Blacks could not use many public buildings or even ride in the front of a bus in some places.

In the 1950s and 1960s, that began to change. Blacks were tired of being treated so unfairly. They wanted the same civil rights that whites enjoyed. Thousands of blacks joined together to demand these rights. Many whites joined with them. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other great leaders made speeches and led marches. In 1963, more than 200,000 people gathered in Washington, D. C., for the most famous march of all. They asked the government to give blacks equal rights. Many important people, like John Lewis and Dr. King, made speeches that day. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," Dr. King said.

After the march, many laws were passed to give blacks equal rights. One law said that restaurants and other public places must serve people no matter what color they are. Another law made it easier for blacks to register to vote.

Today, these laws help make sure blacks and whites get treated equally. But many people say this country still has a long way to go. Many blacks are still treated unfairly because of their race. Last August, Americans held a new march in Washington, D. C., to celebrate the achievements of the civil rights movement. They also wanted to remind everyone that all people must be treated equally. "I think there is still a distance we must travel," John Lewis told Scholastic News. "I'd like to see an open society where we can forget about race and color and see people as people."

I. Vocabulary

For each word in List A find the corresponding meaning according to the text in List B.

A

_____ fountain (Para 1)

_____ lawmaker (Para 2)

_____ fairly (Para 3)

B

1. in a way that is right and honest

2. long walk

3. the successful finishing of something

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|----------------------------|--|
| _____ march (Para 4) | 4. to cause someone to remember |
| _____ achievement (Para 6) | 5. a natural flow of ground water |
| _____ remind (Para 6) | 6. a maker of laws; someone who gives a code of laws |

II. Reading Comprehension

A) Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. In 1963, someone told John Lewis that one day he would be in Congress. ()
2. The African-Americans once couldn't drink from the same water fountain with white people. ()
3. The African-Americans went through slavery. ()
4. The African-Americans still can't go to the same restaurants with white people. ()
5. The African-Americans once couldn't ride in the front of a bus in some places. ()

B) Choose the best answer.

1. Why could Lewis not go to the county public library when he was young?
A. Because the library was intended for white people.
B. Because his parents didn't allow him to go there.
C. Because he could not read any books.
D. Because he found it difficult to get a book on blacks.
2. If Lewis was told to work in the US Congress 30 years ago, he would feel _____.
A. confident B. doubtful C. mad D. glad
3. What happened in 1963 according to the passage?
A. John Lewis worked in the US Congress as a lawmaker.
B. Houses were allowed to be sold to black.
C. Over 200,000 people gathered in Washington for a famous march.
D. Slavery was abolished in the USA.
4. According to what Lewis said in the last paragraph, what can we infer?
A. America is an open society welcoming people of all colors.
B. American blacks failed to be seen as people in America.
C. American blacks have to fight for rights by marching again.
D. American blacks are still treated somewhat unfairly in America.

III. Reading and Writing

Summarize the passage in no more than 80 words.

话题:地下煤的燃烧

体裁:记叙文

字数:434

题数:3

建议阅读时间:6.2'

The quiet town of Centralia in the heart of Pennsylvania coal-mining country once had much to offer. In 1962 it boasted 1,100 residents, beautiful old churches, freshly mowed lawns, and fields for children to play in. Today, Centralia has practically vanished. The town lies in ruins and only about a dozen people live there.

In May 1962 a seemingly harmless fire started in an area designated to become part of Centralia's landfill. Someone lit the fire to destroy trash(垃圾), but no one knew that the trash covered a vein(矿脉) of coal extending 330 feet underground. As the trash fire heated up, the coal ignited. When the fire department extinguished(扑灭) the flames, everyone thought the fire was out. But, a few days later, the flames reappeared. Under the ground, the coal was still burning.

By May of 1969, seven years later, the coal fire had spread farther than anyone thought it would. Six attempts to put it out had failed. As the underground fire inched closer to the center of town, three homes located above its hottest part became too dangerous to live in. The three families had to move.

Other Centralians became increasingly concerned about their safety and the town's future. They decided to try sealing off(密封) the fire by mixing ash with water to create a rock-hard barrier. They pumped the mixture into the old mine tunnels under the town. Then they dug a trench(壕) between the town and the underground fire to stop its spread. However, these attempts to quench the fire failed.

Over the years, the ground continued to heat up, and conditions in the little town grew worse. Poisonous carbon monoxide gas vented from underground into homes near the fire. More families moved out.

By 1983 the only way to stop the fire was to dig a trench three-quarters of a mile long and over 450 feet deep. Then all of the burning coal would have to be dug up. The effort would cost \$663 million, and even if they had the money, no one was sure it would work. It was time to abandon the town.

It's not likely the little town will return to its glory anytime soon. Only a few buildings remain, held up with bricks and boards. Experts believe the underground coal fire will continue to burn for the next 100 to 250 years and may someday cover as many as 3,700 acres. As long as the fire can find new fuel in the underground coal veins, Centralia will continue to burn.

1. Which of the following ways may help stop the fire?
 - A. Drilling holes in the ground above the fire.
 - B. Digging a trench to dig up the burning coal.
 - C. Digging a trench between the town and the fire.
 - D. Pumping the mixture of ash and water into the tunnels.
2. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
 - A. The fire has lasted at least 46 years.
 - B. There are no people living in Centralia.
 - C. The cause of the fire in Centralia is unknown.
 - D. The fire can't be stopped for lack of money.
3. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
 - A. Centralia used to be very quiet
 - B. people living in Centralia are very poor
 - C. people in Centralia didn't try their best to put out the fire at first
 - D. it is hard for people in Centralia to put out the fire in a few years

长难句理解

As the underground fire inched closer to the center of town, three homes located above its hottest part became too dangerous to live in.

本句含 as 引导的状语从句。主句中,过去分词短语 located above its hottest part 作定语,修饰 homes;主句还含 too...to...结构,意为“太……,以至于无法……”。

C

话题:追求完美

体裁:议论文

字数:320

题数:5

建议阅读时间:5'

Have you heard of the saying, “If anything is worth doing, it is worth doing well”? The proverb is advice to strive towards perfection in whichever job one undertakes. It could be a small task like folding up your clothes, or a major one like organizing a business meeting in your later life.

Perfection is nothing but attention to minute details. If it is your job to dust the furniture at home, dust it so that not a single speck of dirt shows from any angle. If your task is to make the beds, make them so that not a single crease(皱痕) shows on the bed-covers. When you fold clothes, fold them neatly end to end and put them right where they belong.

There are only two ways to do a job: either sloppily, or well. If you choose the latter path, you need to realize that any job that qualifies as ‘your’ work, deserves nothing less than your best. Perfection is an attitude that can be cultivated(培养) with just a little effort. It is a habit that stands one in good stead in later life. Let us illustrate with an example: you may be asked to turn in an essay on, say, wildlife, for a school project. Instead of scribbling a few facts that you already know, you could make the project more effective by looking up reference books, encyclopaedias or websites for additional information. You could then go over the finished essay for accidental slips(疏漏) and errors, and provide illustrations where necessary. If you make it a habit to put in extra effort in your school assignments, will it not help you to handle more difficult projects at the college or university level?

As Michelangelo, the famous 16th century sculptor and painter once put it: Trifles(琐事) go to make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.

1. According to the passage, to achieve perfection is _____.
A. to realize the quality of the work
B. to pay attention to details of one's work
C. to do as many jobs as possible
D. to form the habit of doing things ahead of time
2. The underlined word “sloppily” in Paragraph 3 may mean _____.
A. badly
B. patiently
C. carefully
D. slowly
3. What can be inferred from the third paragraph?
A. It is necessary to provide pictures for your essay.
B. Websites are the sources of information you want.
C. Perfection is a habit that promises a good future.
D. You should make much effort to develop perfection.
4. The purpose of writing this passage is to _____.
A. introduce the famous painter Michelangelo
B. advise us to do the things that are worth doing
C. explain to us the meaning of the perfection
D. expect us to give our best to our work
5. The following approaches EXCEPT _____ have accounted for the persuasiveness of the passage.

A. graph

B. exemplification

C. parallelism

D. quotation

长难句理解

- If it is your job to dust the furniture at home, dust it so that not a single speck of dirt shows from any angle.
此句前半句是条件状语从句,后半句是一个祈使句,祈使句后面是 so that 引导的目的状语从句。
- If you choose the latter path, you need to realize that any job that qualifies as 'your' work, deserves nothing less than your best.
此句的主句谓语动词 realize 后面是一个 that 引导的宾语从句,从句中的主语 job 后面有 that 引导的定语从句,其谓语动词为 deserve。
- Instead of scribbling a few facts that you already know, you could make the project more effective by looking up reference books, encyclopaedias or websites for additional information.
Instead of 强调的内容和 by 后面的短语对应。

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When painted, they can add a girly sparkle to hands, and for some people they can substitute as a guitar pick or even a backscratcher.

These savvy services, though, are not the reason we humans sport the keratin-rich coverings atop our fingertips. "We have fingernails because we're primates," said John Hawks, a biological anthropologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Fingernails are one of the features that distinguish primates, including humans, from other mammals. They are essentially flattened forms of claws.

"Most mammals have claws," Hawks told LiveScience. "[They] use them to grab onto things, to climb things, to scratch things, and to dig holes."

Scientists suspect primates sort of lost their claws and fashioned broad fingertips topped with nails to aid in locomotion. While claws would have provided excellent grip as our mammalian ancestors clambered up large tree trunks, they would have been a nuisance for larger-bodied primates trying to grasp smaller branches while scrambling across tree canopies for fruits. Rather, primates developed broader fingertips made for grasping.

About 2.5 million years ago, fossil evidence suggests early humans first picked up stone tools, which is about the same time our ancestors also developed even broader fingertips than earlier primates. To this day, humans sport broader fingertips than other primates.

Whether fingernails are an adaptation that helps to support broad fingertips or a side effect from the loss of claws is unclear, Hawks said.

Another reason for fingernails: They serve as a visual advertisement of a person's health, he said. For instance, malnutrition can change the coloring of nails, while small pits in fingernails can signal the skin condition psoriasis.

- According to John Hawks, _____.
A. claws serve as a signal of a mammal's health
B. mammal's claws are mainly used to attack other animals
C. humans are still uncertain about the development of fingernails

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arrangements and everything in between, there is indeed something for everyone.

Looking for the suitable flower gifts that you need has been made even simpler because you can find them by category. You can find the right gift for the right occasion every time with just one click, whether it's for a new baby, a birthday, or an anniversary. You can even send get-well presents or sympathy gifts if you need to. You can also choose whether you want your gifts delivered on the same day or the next day.

Technology has definitely made shopping more convenient for a lot of people, especially for those who don't have time to go from one store to another. Using the Internet allows us to find, order, and send the perfect gift we want. We can shop without leaving our homes, and we'll have the pleasure that our loved ones can receive their gifts on the exact date we specify (指定). The prices are also affordable and the service is excellent.

1. The author supports his idea by _____.
 - A. asking for some florists' advice
 - B. comparing online shopping with the traditional shopping
 - C. listing the various advantages of online shopping
 - D. carrying out a research study
2. What does the second paragraph mainly tell us?
 - A. Doing something on the Internet is very easy.
 - B. You can choose whatever you want to buy on the Internet.
 - C. It is very convenient to buy flowers on the Internet.
 - D. Ordering fruit and gifts on the Internet is interesting.
3. Why is booking for suitable flowers online simpler and faster?
 - A. Because flowers are presented by category.
 - B. Because one can contact the florists by sending e-mails.
 - C. Because there are many buttons to click.
 - D. Because one can choose the date to deliver the gift.
4. Online flower shoppers have access to all of the following service items EXCEPT _____.
 - A. fruit & gift baskets matched with flower arrangements
 - B. choice of flowers for varied occasions
 - C. gift delivery
 - D. selecting a delivery date
5. What can be learned from the last paragraph?
 - A. Some people have difficulty in shopping online.
 - B. We can order anything for ourselves on the Internet.
 - C. Shopping online saves a lot of money.
 - D. It is convenient to do shopping online.

长难句理解

1. I can still remember the days when you'd have to go to a florist(花商) to buy a bouquet(一束花).
此句的 the days 被 when 引导的定语从句所修饰,从句中 you'd 是 you would 的缩写,have to 可以用在各种时态中。
2. Fortunately, a flower supermarket is available on the Internet to make shopping more convenient.
Fortunately 作状语修饰后面的句子,句中 available 意为“可买到的”,后面的不定式短语作目的状语。
3. We can shop without leaving our homes, and we'll have the pleasure that our loved ones can receive