

海淀区高三年级第二学期期末练习

英 语

2018.5

本试卷共12页,共120分。考试时长100分钟。考生务必将答案答在答题纸上,在试卷上作答 无效。考试结束后,将答题纸交回。

第一部分:知识运用(共两节,45分)

笙 节	单项值容	(土 15 小题,	每小题1分,	共15分)
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该,	项涂黑 。				
1.	—Excuse me, sir. Can you span	re me a dollar I	can buy this book?		
	—Sure, no problem.				
	A. for B. so	C.	but	D.	or
2.	I need help now! I have to fix a l	eaking pipe in my bath	room but I'm not sure _		to begin.
	A. what B. which	ch C.	where	D.	when
3.	Personally speaking,th	e grand blueprint into i	reality is a long process.		
	A. turning B. turn	C.	turned	D.	having turned
4.	I up my mind what I was	s going to say in the ser	ninar, but it was cancel	led.	
	A. have made B. had	made C.	was making	D.	would make
5.	You don't need an invitation to l	help others. Give help _	you are asked.		
	A. if B. as	C.	though	D.	before
6.	By now 516 Confucius Institute	s in 142 count	ries and re <mark>gions, a</mark> ccore	ding	to the Confucius
	Institute Headquarters.				•
	A. founded	В.	would found		
	C. have been founded	D.	had been founded		
7.	The stadium stands a th	eatre will be reconstruc	eted.		
	A. beside which B. for v	vhich C.	when	D.	which
8.	40 grams of meat per day is	people should cons	sume in ord <mark>er to</mark> stay fit.		
	A. that B. why	C.	how	D.	what
9.	Dream of the Red Chamber is l	believed to be semi–au	tobiographical,	the	fortunes of Cao's
	own family.				
	A. mirrored B. to m	nirror C.	mirroring	D.	mirror

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10.	When I was small, my mom	read me stories at night.	
	A. could B. should	C. might	D. would
11.	He messed the project up, but he be	haved as if nothing	
	A. had happened	B. happened	
	C. would happen	D. would have happe	ened
12.	some people criticize graffiti	for being ugly and destructive, the	se graffiti lovers still see it
	as real art.		
	A. As B. While	C. Once	D. Until
13.	—How was your vacation in Seattle?		
	—Pretty good. In the evenings I	to pubs to enjoy beer.	W
	A. have gone B. go	C. had gone	D. went
14.	naturally by the skin when	exposed to sunlight, Vitamin D is	needed for healthy bones,
	teeth and muscles.		
	A. Making B. To make	C. Made	D. Make
15.	This view is commonall sec	tions of the community.	
	A. across B. above	C. around	D. along
第二	二节 完形填空(共 20 <mark>小题;每</mark> 小题	01.5分,共30分)	
	阅读下面短文, 掌握其大意, 从每	题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项	中,选出最佳选项,并在
答思	迈纸上将该项涂黑 。		
		Double Trouble	
	. When I was eight, I wanted a toy and	d needed \$10 to buy it. But, as usua	al, I was broken. I decided
to a	sk my 11-year-old sister, Kathleer	, for a loan. I went to her room,	16 her for the cash.
Lau	ghing, she agreed to <u>17</u> me the	money, but added, "I will charge	you 10 percent compound
inte	rest <mark>every <u>18</u> until you pay me b</mark> a	ıc <mark>k."</mark>	
	"Compound interest—what's that?"	I asked.	
	"Well, interest is what you call the	money borrowers have to	pay back on a loan," she
exp.	lained. "Compound interest means tha	at the interest payments get bigger	and bigger the <u>20</u> you
take	e to pay back the loan. To repay the lo	an, you will need to give me \$11 a	fter one month. If you wait
two	months to pay me back, your 21	will grow from \$10 to \$11. So I'll l	be charging you interest on
\$11	. Th <mark>en I</mark> will add that interest to the \$	11 you already owe me, for a 22	of \$12.10. That's what
you	'll o <mark>we afte</mark> r two months."		
	"Sure. I get it," I said. Though truth	fully, I was getting 23.	
	Kathleen lent me the money, and I l	bought the toy. My birthday came a	month later, and my mom
gav	e me $\$10$. 24 , that was just the ϵ	mount I needed to buy another toy	I wanted25 I put off

paying my sister for a month. After another month, I 26 about the loan.

Several months later, on Christmas morning, my sister and I each found a \$20 bill in our stockings. I was just putting it into my pocket 27 Kathleen tapped me on the shoulder.

"Sorry, kiddo. That's mine. I'm 28 on your debt."

"Huh?" Then I remembered the loan. "Hey! How can it be that much? I 29 borrowed \$10."

"True," she said, "but interest has been compounding for eight months. Now you 30 me \$21.43." She paused, then added. "You can pay me the \$1.43."

I 31 to believe that a \$10 loan could more than double so quickly. Much to my 32, my sister got her pencil and tablet and showed me exactly how it all added up.

My head 33 as I tried to keep track of Kathleen's 34, but this time, I got the basic idea of compound interest. I 35 the hard way that borrowing money can be "double trouble" in no time.

16.	A.	blaming	В.	begging	C.	searching	D.	preparing
17.	A.	pay	В.	send	C.	lend	D.	hand
18.	A.	month	В.	year	C.	week	D.	day
19.	A.	little	В.	same	C.	enough	D.	extra
20.	A.	shorter	В.	longer	C.	more	D.	less
21.	A.	cash	В.	saving	C.	note	D.	debt
22.	A.	total	В.	cost	C.	number	D.	bill
23.	A.	encouraged	В.	shocked	C.	confused	D.	satisfied
24.	A.	Gradually	В.	Obviously	C.	Unfortunately	D.	Hopefully
25.	A.	seriously	В.	anxiously	C.	secretly	D.	desperately
26.	A.	forgot	В.	knew	C.	talked	D.	cared
27.	A.	after	В.	until	C.	while	D.	when
28.	A.	carrying	B.	collecting	C.	relying	D.	focusing
29.	A.	normally	B.	nearly	C.	only	D.	really
30.	A.	owe	В.	offer	C.	take	D.	give
31.	A.	decided	В.	refused	C.	pretended	D.	managed
32.	A.	relief	В.	delight	C.	annoyance	D.	regret
33.	A.	turned	B.	nodded	C.	stuck	D.	hurt
34.	A.	calculations	В.	excuses	C.	directions	D.	discoveries
35.	A.	explored	В.	learned	C.	explained	D.	questioned



第二部分:阅读理解(共两节,40分)

第一节 (共15小题;每小题2分,共30分)

阅读下列短文,从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选出最佳选项,并在答题纸上将该项涂黑。

Α

My First Day of School

Fear started taking over. I was walking into my first school in America. I had traveled a long distance from India in order to join my mother, who had been here for three years, hoping America would help my future. My father decided that I would be better off going to school here, so I enrolled (登记) in the local high school in my new town.

I was afraid how I would do. On the first day, I went to my second period class after I had missed my first. With anxiety, I reached for the door, opening it slowly. Without paying attention to my classmates, I went straight to the teacher and asked if this was the right class. With a soft voice he answered, "Yes." His voice comforted me a little. He gave me a sheet called Course Requirements, which I would never get in India because we didn't have anything like that. Then he asked me to choose where I would sit. I didn't actually want to pick a seat. In India we had fixed seats, so I never needed to worry about that. I spent the rest of the class taking notes from the image produced by the overhead projector. In Indian schools, we didn't use the technology we had. We had to take notes as the teacher spoke.

It was noon. I was very confused about when I would have lunch. I went to my next class and the bell rang as I entered. I went through the regular process of asking the teacher if I was in the right class. She said, "It's still fourth period."

"But the bell just rang," I said.

Changing from a gentle tone to a harsher (刺耳的) one, she said, "That is the lunch bell, young man."

I apologized. Without another word I headed for the cafeteria. I felt lucky because we didn't have this in India. Every confusion seemed like a barrier I had to get through to reach my goal. At the end of the day, I was on my way to the bus which we didn't have in India either. I spotted my bus and sat down inside happily. I was thinking, today wasn't so bad.

36.	The author	attended an	American	high school	because	
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- A. his father preferred American schools
- B. his family wanted him to have a bright future
- C. his mother had worked in it for 3 years
- D. he had been longing to leave his homeland



- 37. What do we know about the author's first day of school?
 - A. He went to the wrong class for the second period.
 - B. He met some enthusiactic teachers and classmates.
 - C. He got the Course Requirements sheet from his classmate.
 - D. He experienced differences from the Indian schools in many ways.
- 38. How did the author feel at the end of the day?
 - A. Worried.
- B. Puzzled.
- C. Relieved.
- D. Excited.

E

Why do you go to the library? For books, yes—but you like books because they tell stories. You hope to get lost in a story or be transported



into someone else's life. At one type of library, you can do just that—even though there's not a single book.

At a Human Library, instead of books, you can "borrow" people. Individuals volunteer as human "books" and participants in the event can "read" the book—meaning they would have a one-on-one conversation with the volunteer and share in a dialogue about that individual's experience. "Books" are volunteers from all walks of life who have experienced discrimination (歧视) based on race, religion, class, gender identity, age, lifestyle choices, disability and other aspects of their life.

For a certain amount of time, you can ask them questions and listen to their stories, which are as fascinating and as attractive as any you can find in a book. Many of the stories have to do with some kind of stereotype. You can speak with a refugee (难民), a soldier suffering from PTSD, a homeless person or a woman living with HIV. The Human Library encourages people to challenge their own long-held beliefs—to truly get to know, and learn from someone they might otherwise make a quick judgment about.

According to its website, the Human Library is "a place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered." It provides the opportunity for the community to share and understand the experiences of others in their community.

The Human Library Organization came to be in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2000. Ronni Abergel, his brother Dany, and some colleagues hosted a four-day event during a major Northern European festival, hoping to raise awareness about violence among youth. After the success of this event, Abergel founded the Human Library Organization, which has been growing ever since.

Though there are a few permanent human libraries, most aren't places at all, but events. Though many do take place at physical libraries, you don't need a library card—anyone can come and be part of the experience. There have been human library events all over the globe, in universities and in pubs,

from Chicago to Tunis to Edinburgh to San Antonio.

The stories these "books" tell range from fascinating to heartbreaking and everything in between. And that's the very point of the organization—to prove that no person can be summed up in just one word. It seeks to show people that you truly can't judge a book by its cover—or by its title or label.

39.	The "books" in human libraries are	
	A. long-held beliefs attracting individuals	
	B. inspiring stories motivating people in trouble	
	C. events in which people can talk to volunteers	
	D. unfairly-treated people sharing their experie	nces
40.	The event in Copenhagen is significant because it	·
	A. aimed to help the young suffering from violen	ice
	B. attempted to replace traditional physical libra	aries
	C. laid a foundation for the Human Library Orga	nization
	D. led to a pleasing development for the commu	nity with racism
41.	In human libraries, the readers are likely to	
	A. deepen their understanding of people	B. enrich their own personal experiences
	C. hear the stories from all over the world	D. make quick judgments about the "books"
42.	The main purpose of the passage is to	
	A. compare and evaluate	B. inform and explain
	C. discuss and persuade	D. analyze and suggest

C

Norman Garmezy, a developmental psychologist at the University of Minnesota, met thousands of children in his four decades of research. A nine-year-old boy in particular stuck with him. He has an alcoholic mother and an absent father. But each day he would walk in to school with a smile on his face. He wanted to make sure that "no one would feel pity for him and no one would know his mother's incompetence." The boy exhibited a quality Garmezy identified as "resilience."

Resilience presents a challenge for psychologists. People who are lucky enough to never experience any sort of adversity (逆境) won't know how resilient they are. It's only when they're faced with obstacles, stress, and other environmental threats that resilience, or the lack of it, comes out. Some give in and some conquer.

Garmezy's work opened the door to the study of the elements that could enable an individual's success despite the challenges they faced. His research indicated that some elements had to do with

luck, but quite large set of elements was psychological, and had to do with how the children respondent to the environment. The resilient children had what psychologists call an "internal locus of control (内控点)." They believed that they, and not their circumstances, affected their achievements. The resilient children saw themselves as the arrangers of their own fates.

George Bonanno has been studying resilience for years at Columbia University's Teachers College. He found that some people are far better than others at dealing with adversity. This difference might come from perception (认知) whether they think of an event as traumatic(创伤), or as an opportunity to learn and grow. "Stressful" or "traumatic" events themselves don't have much predictive power when it comes to life outcomes. "Exposure to potentially traumatic events does not predict later functioning," Bonanno said. "It's only predictive if there's a negative response." In other words, living through adversity doesn't guarantee that you'll suffer going forward.

The good news is that positive perception can be taught. "We can make ourselves more or less easily hurt by how we think about things," Bonanno said. In research at Columbia, the neuroscientist Kevin Ochsner has shown that teaching people to think of adversity in different ways—to reframe it in positive terms when the initial response is negative, or in a less emotional way when the initial response is emotionally "hot"—changes how they experience and react to the adversity.

43.	According to the passage, resilience is an individ-	dual's ability
	A. to think critically	B. to decide one's own fate
	C. to live a better life	D. to recover from adversity
44.	What does the underlined word "they" in Paragra	aph 3 refer to?
	A. The psychologists.	B. The resilient children.
	C. Positive elements.	D. Internal locus of control.
45.	According to Paragraph 4, we can learn that	
	A. your positive perception may turn adversity a	around.
	B. stressful events are more predictive than deli	ghtful events.
	C. experiencing adversity predicts that you will	go on suffering.
	D. a negative response doesn't guarantee you w	ill suffer all the time.

46. What is the author's purpose of writing this passage?

B. To encourage people to live through adversity.

C. To indicate people's perception varies from each other.D. To compare different research findings about resilience.

A. To teach people how to be resilient.



D

Science is finally beginning to embrace animals who were, for a long time, considered secondclass citizens.

As Annie Potts of Canterbury University has noted, chickens distinguish among one hundred chicken faces and recognize familiar individuals even after months of separation. When given problems to solve, they reason: hens trained to pick colored buttons sometimes choose to give up an immediate food reward for a slightly later (and better) one. Healthy hens may aid friends, and mourn when those friends die.

Pigs respond meaningfully to human symbols. When a research team led by Candace Croney at Penn State University carried wooden blocks marked with X and O symbols around pigs, only the O carriers offered food to the animals. The pigs soon ignored the X carriers in favor of the O's. Then the team switched from real-life objects to T-shirts printed with X or O symbols. Still, the pigs walked only toward the O-shirted people: they had transferred their knowledge to a two-dimensional format, a not inconsiderable feat of reasoning.

I've been guilty of prejudiced expectations, myself. At the start of my career almost four decades ago, I was firmly convinced that monkeys and apes out—think and out—feel other animals. They're other primates (灵长目动物), after all, animals from our own mammalian (哺乳动物的) class. Fairly soon, I came to see that along with our closest living relatives, whales too are masters of cultural learning, and elephants express profound joy and mourning with their social companions. Long—term studies in the wild on these mammals helped to fuel a viewpoint shift in our society: the public no longer so easily accepts monkeys made to undergo painful procedures in laboratories, elephants forced to perform in circuses, and dolphins kept in small tanks at theme parks.

Over time, though, as I began to broaden out even further and explore the inner lives of fish, chickens, pigs, goats, and cows, I started to wonder: Will the new science of "food animals" bring an ethical (伦理的) revolution in terms of who we eat? In other words, will our ethics start to catch up with the development of our science?

Animal activists are already there, of course, committed to not eating these animals. But what about the rest of us? Can paying attention to the thinking and feeling of these animals lead us to make changes in who we eat?



47.	According to	Annie Potts.	hens have the abilit	y of .
				<i>y</i>

- A. interaction
- B. analysis
- C. creation
- D. abstraction

48. The research into pigs shows that pigs

- A. learn letters quickly
- B. have a good eyesight
- C. can build up a good relationship
- D. can apply knowledge to new situations

49. Paragraph 4 is mainly about

- A. the similarities between mammals and humans
- B. the necessity of long-term studies on mammals
- C. a change in people's attitudes towards animals
- D. a discovery of how animals express themselves

50. What might be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Inner Lives of Food Animals
- B. The Lifestyles of Food Animals
- C. Science Reports on Food Animals
- D. A Revolution in Food Animals



第二节 (共5小题;每小题2分,共10分)

根据短文内容,从短文后的七个选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

Sleep and Teens—Biology and Behavior

How much sleep do teens need? And how much sleep are they realistically getting? Based on current data, most teens need about 9-plus hours to have the best or most suitable sleep at night. ___51__

Many factors combine to decrease sleep in adolescents. We can think in general of two major factors: biological, the brain processes that regulate the amount and timing of sleep, and behavior, all the psychological, parental, societal, cultural features of a teen's life.

Moreover, many teens have a "technological playground" in their bedrooms: television, computer with 24/7 Internet access, telephones, electronic game stations, MP3 players, and so forth. These technologies provide instant and constant contact with peers. Societal and media pressure to consume these technologies is now higher than ever. Yet society also requires that teens go to school at a time of day that is at odds with their biological and social lives. So we see teens turn to caffeine, late-night Internet and cramming in activity after activity as a means to keep awake. ___53__

Problems emerge for lack of sleep. <u>54</u> For some, grades begin to suffer as they struggle to keep awake during class and while doing homework. And others may simply feel moody, never knowing how to feel or do their best. Worse still, many teens suffer from both physical and mental illness.

- A. Sleep experts recommend teens keep consistent sleep and wake schedules.
- B. Teens may schedule sleep like any other daily activity and make sleep a priority.
- C. Then they are trapped into a terrible situation where they would never get enough sleep.
- D. The sleep-wake bio-regulatory factors appear to change significantly during adolescence.
- E. Some teenagers struggle to wake up in the morning, often resulting in late or missed school.
- F. Teens may be driven to things that can wake them up because they'll fall asleep if they do not.
- G. However, it is indicated that most teens fall short of this goal, many by a considerable amount.



第三部分: 书面表达(共两节, 35分)

第一节 (15分)

你班英语课上以"I Have A Dream"为题进行"说"的练习,请你写一份讲稿,内容包括:

- 1. 你的梦想是什么;
- 2. 你为何有此梦想;
- 2. 你如何实现梦想。

注意: 1. 词数不少于 50;

2. 开头和结尾已给出,不计人总词数。

Hallo avaruhodul	
Hello, everybody!	
· · ·	

Thank you.



(请务必将作文写在答题纸指定区域内)



第二节 (20分)

假设你是红星中学高三学生李华,请根据以下四幅图的先后顺序,用英语写一篇日记。记述 上周末你和你的英国朋友 Jim 用微信支付购物的过程。

注意:词数不少于60。

提示词: 二维码 QR code; 糖葫芦 candy-coated haws (tanghulu)



(请务必将作文写在答题纸指定区域内)



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参考答案及评分标准

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第一节 单项填空 (共15小题;每小题1分,共15分)

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. D 6. C 7. A 8. D 9. C 10. D

11. A 12. B 13. D 14. C 15. A

第二节 完形填空 (共20小题;每小题1.5分,共30分)

16. B 17. C 18. A 19. D 20. B 21. D 22. A 23. C 24. C 25. D

26. A 27. D 28. B 29. C 30. A 31. B 32. C 33. D 34. A 35. B

第三部分:阅读理解(共两节,40分)

第一节 (共15小题;每小题2分,共30分)

36. B 37. D 38. C 39. D 40. C 41. A 42. B 43. D 44. B 45. A

46. A 47. B 48. D 49. C 50. A

第二节(共5小题;每小题2分,共10分)

51. G 52. D 53. C 54. E 55. A

第四部分: 书面表达(共两节,35分)

第一节(15分)

- 一、评分原则:
 - 1. 本题总分15分,按4个档次给分。
- 2. 评分时,先根据文章的内容和语言质量初步确定其档次,然后以档次的要求来衡量,确定或降低档次,最后给分。
 - 3. 评分时应考虑: 内容是否完整,条理是否清楚,交际是否得体,语言是否准确。
- 4. 拼写、标点符号或书写影响内容表达时,应视其影响程度予以考虑。英、美拼写及词汇用法均可以接受。
 - 5. 词数少于50, 从总分中减去1分。
- 二、各档次的给分范围和要求:

分值	评分标准说明
第一档	完全完成了试题规定的任务。
(13 分15 分)	内容完整,条理清楚;
	交际得体,表 <mark>达时</mark> 充分考虑到了交际的需求;体现 <mark>出较</mark> 强的语言运用
	能力。
	完全达到了预期的写作目的。

高三英语参考答案(第1页,共6页)





第二档 (9分12分)	基本完成了试题规定的任务。 内容、条理和交际等方面基本符合要求; 所用语法和词汇满足了任务的要求; 语法和用词方面有一些错误,但不影响理解。 基本达到了预期的写作目的。
第三档 (4分8分)	未恰当完成试题规定的任务。 内容不完整; 所用词汇有限,语法或用词方面的错误影响了对所写内容的理解。 未能清楚地传达信息。
第四档 (1分3分)	未完成试题规定的任务。 写了少量相关信息; 语法或用词方面错误较多,严重影响了对所写内容的理解。
0	未能传达任何信息;写的内容与要求无关。

One Possible Version

Hello, everybody! I'm very glad to share my dream with you.

I have a dream that one day I could be a pianist. I dream of playing a sweet tune for those who need music, bringing happiness to sorrowful souls and enthusiasm to weary spirits.

I love music, and I love the feeling of playing music in front of the audience. Of all the instruments, the delicate yet powerful sound a piano makes impresses me most.

It's clear that I have a long way to go before I realize my dream. Therefore, I will practice every day as long as time permits and learn as many songs as I can. I will put my heart into my pursuit of music and never give up.

I am confident that one day my dream will come true. Thank you.

第二节 (20分)

一、评分原则:

- 1. 本题总分为20分,按5个档次给分。
- 2. 评分时,先根据文章的内容和语言质量初步确定其档次,然后以该档次的要求来衡量,确定或调整档次,最后给分。
- 3. 评分时应考虑:内容要点的完整性、上下文的连贯、词汇和句式的多样性及语言的准确性。
- 4. 拼写、标点符号或书写影响内容表达时,应视其影响程度予以考虑。英、美拼写及词汇用法均可接受。
- 5. 词数少于60,从总分中减去1分。

二、内容要点:

- 1. 欲购买糖葫芦; 2. 现金付款未果; 3. 微信支付成功; 4. 解释微信支付。
- 三、各档次的给分范围和要求:

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第一档	完全完成了试题规定的任务。
	•覆盖了所有内容要点;
	•运用了多样的句式和丰富的词汇;
18 分-20 分	• 语法或用词方面有个别错误,但为尽可能表达丰富的内容所致; 体现
16 / 20 /	了较强的语言运用能力;
	• 有效地使用了语句间的连接成分,所写内容连贯、结构紧凑。
	完全达到了预期的写作目的。
第二档	完全完成了试题规定的任务。
	•覆盖了所有内容要点;
	•运用的句式和词汇能满足任务要求;
15 分一17 分	• 语法和用词基本准确,少许错误主要为尽可能表达丰富的内容所致;
	• 使用了简单的语句间连接成分,所写内容连贯。
tata a lata	达到了预期的写作目的。
第三档	基本完成了试题规定的任务。
	•覆盖了内容要点;
12 分一14 分	•运用的句式和词汇基本满足任务要求;
12 / 1 . / 4	• 语法和用词方面有一些错误,但不影响理解。
	基本达到了预期的写作目的。
第四档	未恰当完成试题规定的任务。
	•漏掉或未描述清楚主要内容;
6 分一11 分	• 所用句式和词汇有限;
	· 语法或用词方面的错误影响了对所写内容的理解。
	未能清楚地传达信息。
第五档	未完成试题规定的任务。
	•明显遗漏主要内容;
1分-5分	•句式单调、词汇贫乏;
	• 语法或用词方面错误较多,严重影响了对所写内容的理解。
0分	未能传达任何信息; 所写内容与要求无关。
U分	小比拉松江西语志; <u>州与内谷</u> 马安水儿大。

One Possible Version

It seems that everything in China is new to my British friend, Jim.

Last weekend, when Jim and I were wandering on the streets, enjoying the beautiful scenery and fresh air of spring, a candy-coated haws stand caught his attention. Having never tasted a candy-coated haw, he immediately went up to buy one.

However, the vendor shook her head when seeing the 100-yuan note Jim handed over to her. She had no change! How disappointed Jim was! He was about to quit when I took out my cellphone, scanned the QR code on the stand and paid the vendor 5 *yuan*.

Jim was surprised at what I had done. Then I explained to him that nowadays in China QR codes were everywhere, and we could pay with a cellphone for almost everything. "Wow!" Jim said, "The candy-coated haw tastes great, and the payment method seems even greater!"

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