

初三上期中考前练习 (一)

一、单选 (时态语态)

1. —May I speak to the headmaster?
—He _____ a meeting now. Can I take a message?
A. is having B. had C. has D. will have
2. Our manager _____ a long way home yesterday and it made him very tired.
A. drives B. will drive C. drove D. is driving
3. When I went to say goodbye to Ann, she _____ the piano.
A. plays B. played C. has played D. was playing
4. Some new computers _____ to that village school last month.
A. give B. are given C. gave D. were given
5. Jack _____ you a reply as soon as he gets your e-mail.
A. gives B. is giving C. will give D. gave
6. I _____ a picnic with my brother yesterday. It was very great.
A. have B. had C. will have D. am having
7. Linda _____ Chinese for one year and she can speak good Chinese.
A. learn B. learned C. has learned D. will learn
8. Miss Green isn't in the office. She _____ to the library.
A. went B. was C. has gone D. has been
9. In the English class, I raised my hand and _____ the teacher a question.
A. had asked B. have asked C. ask D. asked
10. The baby _____ a bottle of milk every morning.
A. was drinking B. drinks C. drank D. is drinking

二、阅读理解

A

Billy's favorite color is orange. But he can't see what orange looks like. Billy is blind.

A month after he was born, his mother noticed that his eyes weren't quite as big as a normal baby's. "Billy would never be able to see." the doctor told his mother. After that Billy's mother began talking to him, describing things she saw outside the window. She described everything to him.

Billy does not only depend on his mother's descriptions to learn about the world around him. He sees with his ears and his hands, too. He has perfect hearing. When people make phone calls, he can tell the numbers they dial(拨).

Billy loves computer science. He began teaching himself computer programming when he was just seven years old. His dream school would be Stanford University. He gets top grades in his classes, making that a real possibility.

"You can't let excuses get in the way of your dreams, and if you do that you can't move forward and reach your goals," said Billy.

1. From the passage, we know that _____.

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| A. Billy can't hear. | B. Billy can't see. |
| C. Billy can't walk. | D. Billy can't talk. |

2. How did Billy's mother help him?

- A. By teaching him how to draw.
- B. By asking teacher for advice.
- C. By describing everything to him.
- D. By sending him to his dream school.

3. When did Billy begin teaching himself computer programming?

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| A. When he was 7 years old. | B. When he was in Grade 5. |
| C. When he was high school. | D. When he was at university. |

B

Have you ever wondered what goes through your mind when you choose where to sit in a new classroom? Or in a waiting room full of strangers? Or on a bus? Researchers have found out some interesting facts.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, we prefer to sit closer to people like ourselves. Girls sit by girls and boys sit by boys. Adults sit together and young people choose another young person to sit near. But it goes further than this. We even choose to sit near someone who looks like us. People with glasses are more likely to sit near other people with glasses. People with long hair sit closer to other people with long hair.

We seem to believe that people with similar habits or hobbies will share similar attitude and we are more likely to be accepted by people like ourselves or even, we think we may be safer with people who look like us. Sometimes that's true but it's a pity if we always stick to the same people, the same group. The danger in always staying in our comfort zone (舒适区) is that we just

recycle the same opinions, the same tastes and the same ideas. We lose the chance to learn something new, find out about interesting things, hear funny stories and discover difference.

When we always stick to the same people, how can we ever break down the barriers which prevent us from getting to know people with different ideas? And how can we avoid the ignorance (无知), which too often leads to prejudice (偏见) and even fear? If instead you want to live in a society that opens to changes and new things and different opinions, be the cat among the pigeons.

Move out of your comfort zone. Go and sit next to someone different. And don't just sit there in silence. Say hello. Ask a question. Start a conversation. That's how we make friends. That's how we learn about people. That's how we open our minds to new ideas. That's how we live an exciting life.

4. From the passage, we know that people prefer sitting by someone who

A. is like themselves B. has a sense of humor

C. is open-minded D. lives an exciting life

5. People like staying in their comfort zone because they may

A. remain comfortable and special B. be accepted easily and feel safe
C. find out more interesting things D. discover differences among themselves

6. What is the purpose of the passage?

A. To tell us just to be ourselves in social life.
B. To introduce ways to learn about the world.
C. To explain how people communicate with others.
D. To encourage us to meet people of different kinds.

三、五选五

Here is some good advice on how to be good at a language.

Pen pals. This way of learning a language is a great way to use your new language. You have to use the language a lot; at the same time, you don't have to give your pen pals an answer at once. _____ 1 _____ You can choose to use the old letter writing way or the much quicker and easier e-mail way to keep in contact with your pen pal.

Internet Radio. _____ 2 _____ There are Internet radio stations for every major language. Just find these radio stations and listen to them. _____ 3 _____

Language clubs. When you are ready to practice your new language, try to find a language club in your area. _____ 4 _____ This will give you a chance to use the language in a suitable environment. They will also give you lots of useful advice on learning a new language.

Find suitable places. Put yourself in situations where you have to speak the language that you are learning. _____ 5 _____ If you are learning German, you can find a German restaurant. Try to read the menu, try to order something or just say "hello" to the people there. You will probably find them to be very helpful and you may even make a few friends out of it.

- A. Speaking with other people can be very helpful.
- B. Another great and easy way is to listen to your new language in real life.
- C. So you will be more comfortable this way.
- D. You'll be surprised at how many stations there are all over the world.
- E. How about going to a restaurant?

四、任务型阅读

Every year, wildfires(野火) destroy much forest land. Homes are broken down, and thousands of people die. Smokejumpers are stop helping to stop this.

Smokejumpers are a special kind of firefight. They jump from places into areas that difficult to reach by car or on foot. They race to put out fires as fast as they can.

At a fire site, Smokejumpers first examine the land and decide how to fight the fire. Their main goal is to stop fire from spreading. Using basic tools such as shovels and axes, smokejumpers clear land of burnable material like plants and other dry material. They carry water with them too, but not much.

Although most smokejumpers are men, more women are joining. Most important are your weight and height. Smokejumpers in the U.S. for example, must be 54 to 91 kilograms, so they don't get hurt when they land, or get blown by strong winds.

Smokejumpers must be able to live in the wilderness. In Russia, many smokejumpers know how to find food in the forest and even make simple furniture from trees.

They work is dangerous, the hours are long. But for these firefighters, smokejumper isn't just a job. They love being able to jump out of planes, fight fires, and live in the forest. As 28-year-old Russian smokejumpers Alexi Tishin says, "This is the best job for the strong and brave."

1. What are Smokejumpers?

2. Where do the jump from?

3. What's their main goal?

4. Why should they have proper weight?

5. What's needed to be a smokejumper?

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1. Smokejumpers are a special kind of firefighter.
2. They jump from planes.
3. Their main goal is to stop a fire from spreading.
4. Because they won't get hurt when they land, or get blown by strong winds.
5. To be a smokejumper, one needs to have proper height and weight, be able to live in the wilderness and love his/her job.