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Section A 新闻

News report 1

A 16th century castle in Scotland is close to collapsing after lumps of soil were washed away by floods, threatening its foundations. On Sunday, the castle's owner John Gordon 76th was forced to move out of his property after the river D swept away about 60 feet of land, 1. leaving the castle dangerously close to the river, according to the Scottish Daily Record. Abergeldie Castle, located in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, was built by Sir Alexander Gordon of Midmar, who later became the Earl of Huntly. The castle, which is located on 11,700 acres, was list to members of royal family between 1848 and 1970, including King Edward VII and George V. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has issued more than 35 flood warnings, covering several regions as Scotland continues to clean up after 2. storm Frank hit the country last Wednesday. This means that rivers will rise more slowly, but then stay high for much longer, the environmental agency said.

- 1. Why did John Gordon move out of Abergeldie Castle?
- A) It was going to be renovated.
- B) He could no longer pay the rent.
- C) It was dangerous to live in.
- D) He had sold it to the royal family.

答案: [C] It was dangerous to live in.

根据原文可以得知 John Gordon 离开城堡的原因是因为城堡离河岸太近,非常危险。

- 2. What happened in Scotland last Wednesday?
- A) A storm.
- B) A strike.

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- C) A forest fire.
- D) A terrorist attack

答案:[A] A storm.

根据原文可知,上周三是风暴 Frank 袭击了苏格兰。

News report 2

Rescue efforts were underway Thursday morning. 3. The 17 miners who were stuck in an elevator below ground at Cayuga Rock Salt Mine near Lansing, New York, according to Marcia Lynch, public information officer with Tompkins County's emergency response department. Emergency workers have made contact with the miners via a radio, and they all appeared to be uninjured, said Jessica Verfuss, the emergency department's assistant director.

4. Crews have managed to provide heat packs and blankets to the miners so that they can keep warm during the rescue operation, Verfuss said. Details about what led to the workers being trapped in the elevator weren't immediately available. The mine, along New York's Cayuga Lake, processes salt for road treatment. It produces about 2 million tons of salt that is shipped to more than 1500 places in the northeastern United States. The Rock Salt Mine is one of the three operated by Cayuga, with the other two located in Louisiana and Ohio.

- 3. What does the news report say about salt miners?
- A) They lost contact with the emergency department.
- B) They were injured by suddenly falling rocks.
- C) They sent calls for via a portable radio.
- D) They were trapped in an underground elevator.

答案: [D] They were trapped in an underground elevator.

根据原文得知 17 名矿工被困在地表下的一个升降电梯内。

- 4. What did the rescue team do?
- A) They provided the miner with food and water.
- B) They sent supplies to keep the miners warm.
- C) They released the details of the accident.
- D) They tried hard to repair the elevator.

答案: [B] They sent supplies to keep the miners warm.



根据原文得知救援队员设法将保暖袋(heat packs)和毛毯(blankets)送到了被困矿工手上让他们保暖。

News report 3

The U.S. Postal Service announced today that it is <u>5. considering closing about 3700 post offices</u> over the next year because of falling revenues. Facing an 8.3 billion dollar budget deficit this year, closing post offices is one of several proposals that Postal Service has put forth recently to cut cost. Last week for example, Postmaster General Pat Donahoe <u>6. announced plans to stop mail delivery on Saturdays, a move he says could save 3 billion dollars annually</u>. "We are losing revenue as we speak", Donahoe Said, "we do not want taxpayer money, we want to be self-sufficient. So like any other business, you have to make choices." Dean Granholm, the vice president for delivery and post office operations, said the first wave of closings will begin this fall. He estimated that <u>7. about 3000 post staffers, 500 station managers, and between 500 and 1000 postal clerics could lose their jobs</u>.

- 5. What is the U.S. Postal Service planning to do?
- A) Raise postage rates.
- B) Improve its services.
- C) Close some of its post offices.
- D) Redesign delivery routes.

答案:[C] Close some of its post offices.

由原文得知美国邮政服务公司考虑明年关闭 3700 家邮政所。

- 6. What measure has been planed to save cost?
- A) Closing offices on holidays.
- B) Shorting business hours.
- C) Computerizing mail sorting processes.
- D) Stopping mail delivery on Saturdays.

答案: [D] Stopping mail delivery on Saturdays.

由原文得知 Pat Donahoe 说公司会在每周六停止投递服务,可每年为公司节省 30 亿美金。



- 7. What will happen when the proposed measure comes into effect?
- A)A lot of controversy will arise.
- B)Taxpayers will be very pleased.
- C)Many people will begin to complain.
- D)Many post office staff will lose their jobs.

答案: [D] Many post office staff will lose their jobs.

由原文得知大约 3000 名邮递员、500 名邮局经理和 500 到 1000 名左右的邮政文职人员会失业。

Section B 长对话

Conversation 1

M: Mrs. Hampton, we've got trouble in the press room this morning.

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W: Oh dear, what about?

M: One of the press operators arrived an hour and half late.

W: That's a straight forward affair. **8. He will simply lose part of his pay**. That's why we have a clock-in system.

M: But the point is the man was clocked in at 8 o'clock. We have John standing by the time clock, and he swears he saw nothing irregular.

W: Is John reliable?

M: 9. Yes, he is. That's why we chose him for the job.

W: Have you spoken to the man who was late?

M: Not yet, I thought I'd have a word with you first, he's a difficult man. And I think there has been some trouble at the shop floor. I've got a feeling that the Trade Union representatives is behind this. The manager told me that Jack Green been very active around the shop the last few days.

M: Well, what do you want me to do?

W: I was wondering if you see Smith, the man who was late. <u>10. Because you are so much better at handling things like this</u>.

M: Oh all right, I'll see him. I must say I agree with you about there been bad feelings in the works. I've had the idea for some time that 11. Jack Green's



been busy stirring things up in connection with the latest wage claim. He's always tried to make trouble. Well, I'll get the manger to send Smith up here.

- 8. What will happen to the press operator who was late for work according to the woman?
- 8. A)He will lose part of his pay.
 - B)He will go through retraining.
 - C)He will be given a warning.
 - D)He will be kept from promotion.

答案: [A] He will lose part of his pay.

解析:本题为视听一致题。答案在对话开头部分出现,选项与原文一模一样,所以答案选 A。

- 9. What does the man say about John, who stands by the time clock?
- 9. A)He is an experienced press operator.
 - B)He is a trustworthy guy.
 - C)He is always on time.
- D)He is on good terms with his workmates.

答案: [B] He is a trustworthy guy.

解析:本题为同意替换题,原文中"Is John reliable?"询问"约翰可靠吗?",回答说"Yes, he is."说明他可靠,因此选项 B"他是一个值得信赖的人"所以答案选 B。

10. Why does the man suggest the woman see the worker who was late?

10 A)She is trade union representative.

B)She is a senior manager of the shop.

C)She is better at handling such matters.

D)She is in charge of public relations.

答案:[C] She is better at handling such matters.

解析:本题为视听一致题型,原文"<u>10. Because you are so much better at</u>

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handling things like this"对应选项 C,所以 C 为正确答案。

11. What does the woman say about Jack Green?

11 A)He is always trying to stir up trouble.

B)He is skilled and experienced.

C)He is very close to the manager.

D)He is always complaining about low wages.

答案: [A] He is always trying to stir up trouble.

解析:本题为视听一致,原文"11. Jack Green's been busy stirring things up in connection with the latest wage claim. He's always tried to make trou<u>ble</u>."与选项 A 一致,所以选 A。 🧻 The Film of the second

Conversation 2

W: Our topic today is about something that foreigners nearly always say when they visit Britain. It's why are the British so cold and they are talking about the British personality, the famous British reserve. It means we aren't very friendly, we aren't very open.

M: So do you think it's true?

W: It's a difficult one. So many people who visit Britain say it's difficult to make friends with British people. 12. They say we are cold, reserved, unfriendly.

M: I think it's true. Look at Americans or Australians, they speak the same language, but they are much more open. And you see it when you travel. People, I mean strangers, speak to you on the streets or on the train. 13. British people seldom speak on the train or the bus. Not in London anyway.

W: Not in London, that's it. Capital cities are full of tourists and are never friendly. People are different in other parts of the country.

M: Not completely. I met a woman once, an Italian. She'd been working in Manchester for two years, and no one, 14. not one of her colleagues, had ever invited her to their home. They were friendly to her at work, but nothing else. She couldn't believe it. She said that would never happen in Italy.

W: You know what they say, an Englishman's home is his castle. It's really



difficult to get inside.

M: Yeah, <u>15. it's about being private</u>. You'd go home to your house, and you get in, and you close the door, it's your place.

W: That's why the British don't like flats, they prefer to live in houses.

M: That's true.

- 12. What do foreigners generally think of British people according to the woman?
- 12 A)Open
 - B)Selfish
 - C)Reserved
 - D)Friendly

答案:[B] Reserved.

解析:本题为视听一致+排除题型,听到原文说"<u>12. They say we are cold.</u> reserved, unfriendly."排除 D,得出答案为 B 选项。

- 13. What may British people typically do on a train according to the man?13 A)They read a book
 - B)They talk about the weather.
 - C)They stay quiet.
 - D)They chat with fellow passengers.

答案: [C] They stay quiet.

解析:本题为同意替换和理解题,原文"<u>13. British people seldom speak on</u> <u>the train or the bus</u>."说明英国人在火车或公交车上很少说话,对应于选项 C"他们保持安静"。

14. What does the man say about the Italian woman working in Manchester?She was unwilling to make friends with workmates.

A)She was unwilling to make friends with workmates.



B)She was never invited to a colleague's home

C)She was eager to visit an English castle.

D)She was always treated as a foreigner.

答案: [B] She was never invited to a colleague's home.

解析:同意替换题,原文"<mark>14. not one of her colleagues, had ever invited her</mark> to their home."表示"她没有一个同事曾经邀请过她去他们家做客"。 项 B"她从未被邀请去任何一个同事的家里"一致,所以答案选 B。

15. Why do British people prefer houses to flats?

15.A)Houses are much more quiet.

B)They want to have more space

C)They want a garden of their own

D)Houses provide more privacy.

答案:[D] Houses provide more privacy.

解析:本题为视听一致和题文同序题型,原文"15. it's about being private."与选 项 D 一直。

Section C 短文理解

Passage 1

MINITER In college, time is scarce and consequently very precious. At the same time, expenses in college pile up surprisingly quickly. A part-time job is a good way to balance costs while ensuring there is enough time left over for both academic subjects and after-class activities. If you are a college student looking for a part-time job, the best place to start your job search is right on campus. There are tons of on-campus job opportunities, and (Q16)as a student, you'll automatically be given hiring priority. Plus, on-campus jobs eliminate commuting time and can be a great way to connect with academic and professional resources at your university. (Q17) Check with your



school's career service or employment office for help to find a campus job.

Of course, there are opportunities for part-time work off-campus too. If you spend a little time digging for the right part-time jobs, you'll save yourself time when you find a job that leaves with enough time to get your school work done too. If you are a college student looking for work, but worried you won't have enough time to devote

to academic subjects, consider working as a study hall or library monitor. (Q18)

Responsibilities generally include supervising study spaces to ensure that a quiet atmosphere is maintained. It's a pretty easy job but one with lots of downtime, which means you'll have plenty of time to catch up on reading, do homework, or study for an exam.

Questions 16 to 18 are be based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 16

What does the speaker say about college students applying for on-campus jobs? 16.

- A)They will automatically be given hiring priority.
- B) They don't have to go through job interviews.
- C) They are likely to get much higher pay.
- D)They don't have much choice of jobs.

答案: A)They will automatically be given hiring priority.

解析:本题为原文中视听一致题型。原文"There are tons of on-campus job opportunities, and (Q16)as a student, you'll automatically be given hiring priority." 这句话说明"大学校园内有很多的工作机会,并且作为一个学生,你将会自动地 得到很多被雇佣的优先权。"原句单词与选项 A 最符合 ,意思最一致 ,所以选 A。 制法清澈

Ouestion 17

What can students do to find a campus job according to the speaker? 17.

- A) Visit the school careers service.
- B) Ask their professors for help.



C)Look at school bulletin boards.

D) Go through campus newspapers.

答案: A) Visit the school careers service.

解析:本题也是视听一致题型。原文中"(Q17) Check with your school's career service or employment office for help to find a campus job. "告诉听者"向学校的就业服务机构或就业办寻求校园工作的机会",其中原文中的"careers service"与选项 A 中的"school careers service"能对应,并且原文中"check"与选项 A 中的"visit"也能同意替换,所以答案选 A。

Question 18

What does the speaker say is a library monitor's responsibility?

18.

- A) Providing students with information about the library.
- B) Helping students arrange appointments with librarians.
- C) Supervising study spaces to ensure a quiet atmosphere.
- D) Helping students find the books and journals they need.

答案: C) Supervising study spaces to ensure a quiet atmosphere.

解析:本题为题文同序+视听一致题型。原文中结尾处"(Q18) Responsibilities generally include supervising study spaces to ensure that a quiet atmosphere is maintained."一句告诉我们"职责通常包括管理学习环境以确保持续安静的学习

氛围。",这句的单词和意思与选项 C 能一一对应起来,所以答案选 C。

Passage 2

Agricultural workers in green tea fields near Mt. Kenya are gathering the tea leaves. It is beautiful to see. The rows of tea bushes are straight. All appears to be well. **<u>But</u>** the farmers who planted the bushes are worried.

Nelson Kibara is one of them. He has been growing tea in the Kerugoya area for 40 years. (Q19)He says the prices this year have been so low that he has made almost



no profit. He says he must grow different kinds of tea if he is to survive.

Mr. Kibara and hundreds of other farmers have been removing some of their tea bushes and planting a new kind of tea developed by the Tea Research Foundation of Kenya. Its leaves are purple and brown. When the tea is boiled the drink has a purple color.

Medical researchers have studied the health benefits of the new tea. (Q19/20)They say it is healthier than green tea and could be sold for a price that is three to four times higher than the price of green tea.

But Mr. Kibara says he has not received a higher price for his purple tea crop. (Q21)He says the market for the tea is unstable. And he is often forced to sell his purple tea for the same price as green tea leaves. He says there are not enough buyers willing to pay more for the purple tea.

Questions 19 to 21 are be based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 19

Why have tea farmers in Kenya decided to grow purple tea?

19

A)It taste better.

B)It may be sold at a higher price.

C)It is easier to grow.

D)It can better survive extreme weathers.

答案: B)It may be sold at a higher price.

解析:本题为转折 BUT 定位词后出重点以及多重结合出答案的题型。原文"<u>But</u> the farmers who planted the bushes are worried.

Nelson Kibara is one of them. He has been growing tea in the Kerugoya area for 40 years. (Q19)He says the prices this year have been so low that he has made almost no profit. He says he must grow different kinds of tea if he is to survive."这里的 but 转折后告诉我们"Nelson Kibara 是他们中的一员,他在 Kerugoya 种植茶叶 40 年了。他说今年茶叶的价格很低,以至于他几乎没有利润可图。他说如果他想要 维持生计的话,他就必须种植其他种类的茶叶。"得知 D 选项是错的,并不是有一样的 survive 就要选 D,因为 D 选项在说"它能在极端天气中更好的存活"。而



原文还有一句"(Q19/20)They say it is healthier than green tea and could be sold

for a price that is three to four times higher than the price of green tea."正告诉我

们本题 B 才是正确答案。

Question 20

What do researchers say about purple tea?

20.

A)It can grow in drier soil.

B)It is immune to various diseases.

C)It will replace green tea one day.

D)It is healthier than green tea.

答案: D)It is healthier than green tea.

解析:本题也是视听一致题型。原文句"(Q19/20)Thev sav it is healthier than green tea and could be sold for a price that is three to four times higher than the price of green tea." 告诉我们"他们说紫茶业比绿茶更健康,它能以比绿茶高出3-4 倍的价格被出售",所以答案选 D。

Question 21

What has Mr. Kibara found about purple tea?

21.

A)It does not have a stable market.

B)It has made tea farmers' life easier.

C)It does not bring the promised health benefits.

D)It has been well received by many tea drinkers.

答案: A)It does not have a stable market.

解析:本题为同意替换题型。原文句"(Q21)He says the market for the tea is unstable."其中 unstable 是选项"not stable"的同意替换,因此答案选 A。



Passage 3

(Q22) Today's consumers want beautiful handcrafted objects to wear and to have for their home environment. They prefer something unique and they demand quality. Craftsmen today are meeting this demand. People and homes are showing great change as more and more unique handcrafted items become available. Handy crafts are big business. (Q23) No longer does a good craftsman have to work in a job he dislikes all day and then try to create at night. He has earned his professional status. He is now a respected member of society. Part of the fun of being a craftsman is meeting other craftsmen, they love to share their ideas and materials and help others find markets for their work. (Q24) Craftsmen have helped educate consumers to make wise choices. They help them become aware of design and technique. They help them relate their choice to their intended use. They often involve consumers in trying the craft themselves. When a group of craftsmen expends to include more members, a small craft organization is formed. Such an organization does a lot in training workshops in special media, crafts marketing techniques, crafts fairs and sales, festivals, TV appearances and demonstrations. State art councils help sponsor local arts and crafts festivals which draw crowds of tourist consumers. (Q25)

This boosts the local economy considerably. Because tourists only buy crafts but they also use the restaurants and hotels and other services of the area.

Questions 22 to 25 are be based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 22

What does the speaker say about today's consumers?

22.

A)They care more about environment.

B)They decorate their homes themselves.

C) They prefer unique objects of high quality.

D)They need decorations to show their status.

答案: C)They prefer unique objects of high quality.

解析:本题为题文同序题和视听一致题型,原句"(Q22)Today's consumers want



beautiful handcrafted objects to wear and to have for their home environment. They prefer something unique and they demand quality. "说到"今天的消费者喜 欢穿戴漂亮的手工制品,也喜欢用手工制品来装饰家里。他们更喜欢一些独特的 且品质良好的物品。"与选项 C 的单词及含义基本保持一致,所以答案选 C。

Question 23

What does the speaker say about good craftsman in the past?

23.

- A)They made great contributions to society.
- B)They could only try to create at night.
- C)They were proud of their creations.
- D)They focused on the quality of their products.

答案: B)They could only try to create at night.

解析:本题为视听一致工理解题型,原文"(Q23)No longer does a good craftsman have to work in a job he dislikes all day and then try to create at night."说到"手 工艺艺人们可以不再白天做他们不喜欢的工作,到晚上才去试着搞创作"意思即 为选项 B"他们只有在晚上才能搞创作", 所以 B 为正确答案。

Question 24

What do craftsman help consumers do?

24.

- A)Identify fake crafts.
- B)Make wise choices.
- C)Design handicrafts themselves.
- D)Learn the importance of creation.

答案: B)Make wise choices.

解析:本题为视听一致题,原文"(Q24)Craftsmen have helped educate consumers



to make wise choices."告诉我们"手工艺人们已经帮助引导消费者做出了很多聪明的决定了",所以答案 B"make wise choices"为正确答案。

Question 25

Why do state art councils help sponsor local arts and crafts festivals?

25.

A)To attract foreign investments.

B)To preserve the traditional culture.

C)To arouse public interest in crafts.

D)To boost the local economy.

答案: D)To boost the local economy.

解析:本题为"because"因果关系连接词的定位题型,原文"(Q25)This boosts the local economy considerably. Because tourists only buy crafts but they also use the restaurants and hotels and other services of the area. "说到"这就会相当大地刺激当地经济。因为游客不仅会买手工艺品而且还会光顾餐厅和酒店以及其他的服务区域。"所以答案 D 为正确答案。

