

Part A



Text 1

- 21. A broken bike chain is mentioned to show student's lack of.
- B. practical ability
- 22. There exists the prejudice that vocational education is for kids who.
- D. are not academically successful

23. We can infer from Paragraph 5 that high school graduates.

- A. used to have more job opportunities
- 24. The headlong push into bachelors degrees for all.
- D. is expected to yield a better-trained wirkforce
- 25. The author's attitude toward Koziatek's school can be described as.
- C. supportive

Text 2

- 26. The word "plummeting" (Line 3, Para. 2) is closest in meaning to_____
 - C. falling
- 27. According to Paragraph 3, the use of renewable energy in America_____
 - A. is progressing notably
- 28. It can be learned that in Iowa, ____
 - A. wind is a widely used energy source.
- 29. Which of the following is true about clean energy according to Paragraphs 5 & 6?
 - C. Its continuous supply is becoming a reality.



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- 30. It can be inferred from the last paragraph that renewable energy_____
 - C. is not really encouraged by the US government

Text 3

- 31. According to Paragraph 1, Facebook acquired WhatsApp for its
 - B. user information

32. Linking phone numbers to Facebook identities mayC. pose a risk to Facebook users

33. According to the author, competition law

D. cannot keep pace with the changing market

34. Competition law as presently interpreted can hardly protect Facebook users because _____.

A. they are not defined as customers

35. The ants analogy is used to illustrate _____

D. the relationship between digital giants and their users

Text 4

36. The key to mastering the art of deep work is to

A. keep to your focus time

- 37. The study in the early 1980s cited by Harvard shows that_
- D. detailed plans many not be as fruitful as expected
- 38. According to Newport, idleness is _____.
- D. an essential factor in accomplishing any work.
- 39. Pillay believes that our brains' shift between being focused and unfocused_____



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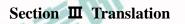
B. can bring about greater efficiency

40. This text is mainly about_____

B. approaches to getting more done in less time

Part B

- 41. B. just say it
- 42. G. skip the small talk
- 43. E. find the "me too"s
- 44. A. be present
- 45. D. name, places, things



A fifth grader gets a homework assignment to select his future career path from a list of occupations. He ticks "astronaut" but quickly adds "scientist" to the list and selects it as well. The boy is convinced that if he reads enough, he can explore as many career paths as he likes. And so he reads—everything from encyclopaedias to science fiction novels. He reads so fervently that his parents have to institute a "no reading policy" at the dinner table.

That boy was Bill Gates, and he hasn't stopped reading yet—not even after becoming one of the most successful people on the planet. Nowadays, his reading material has changed from science fiction and reference books: recently, he revealed that he reads at least 50 nonfiction books a year. Gates chooses nonfiction titles because they explain how the world woks.

"Each book opens up new avenues of knowledge to explore,"----Gates say.

一位五年级学生完成家庭作业,要求从职业列表中选择自己未来的职业。他 在"宇航员"旁边划了勾,但很快又加上了"科学家"这个选项。他相信,如果书读 得足够多,他就可以随心所欲地为为尝试各种职业。所以他博览群书,从百科全 书读到科幻小说。他对读书太过痴迷,逼得他父母规定他上桌吃饭时"不许读书"。

这个男孩正是比尔·盖茨,他迄今也未停止阅读的脚步,哪怕已身为世界上 最成功的人士之一。如今,他的阅读范围已不再局限于科幻作品和百科丛书:他 最近透露自己一年至少阅读 50 本非虚构类书籍,因为这些书揭秘了世界的运转 方式。比尔·盖茨说:"每一本书都开辟了探索知识的新路径。"



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Section IV Writing

Part A

Dear Professor Smith,

I am terribly sorry that I have to cancel my travel plan and, and to my regret, I will not be able to visit you.

It is mainly because at that time I will be fully occupied by an international conference on the Belt and Road Initiative. This morning, after the vote of the board of my company, I receive an appointment be a representative of our company to attend the conference, which will be held in Xi' An and last for a week from January 8th to 15th. Therefore I am forced to adjust my former schedule.

I sincerely hope that you could understand my situation and accept my apology. By the way, could you give me another chance to visit you next month?

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Yours sincerely,

Li Ming

Part B

This is a simple but informative chart. As is explicitly illustrated in it, consumers in a city choose the restaurant to go to according to various factors: the feature makes up 36.3%; the environment accounts for 27.8%; service composes 26.8%; price constitutes 8.4%; other factors occupy 4.7%.

Evidently, this chart is meant to reveal the fact that there is a tendency for people to lay more emphasis on factors other than price when choosing the restaurant today. A number of factors may account for this phenomenon, but the following are the most critical ones. The first and most noticeable reason is the fact that the country's economy has been developing at a high speed in the past decades, raising people's income considerably. Therefore, they do not have to care much about the price now. In the second place, the boom of the foodservice industry has provided the public with a larger variety of choice in terms of the environment, the feature as well as the service of restaurants. Last but not least, people have changed their concept of consumption and laid more emphasis on such aspects as the environment, the feature as well as the service of restaurants.

Taking into consideration what has been mentioned above, we may safely come into the conclusion that the chart is a perfect index of the nation's economy, society as well as people's rising standard of living. Though a series of problems may exist, we have reasons to believe that they can be solved in the near future with effective measures taken by the government and the public.