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"Science and everyday life cannot and should not be separated." Those were the words uttered by pioneering British scientist Rosalind Franklin, who firmly believed that the pursuit of science should be (26) \_\_\_\_ to all.

As a woman working in the first half of the 20th century, Franklin's contributions to some of the greatest scientific discoveries of our time - including the structure of DNA - were sadly (27) \_\_\_\_ in her lifetime. One of my proudest moments in my role as universities and science minister was being able to go some way to redress this injustice last month, by unveiling the new Mars rover named after this brilliant British scientist.

Today, on International Women's Day, it is only right that we recognise the important work of female scientists like Franklin and seek to honour her memory by inspiring more women and girls to follow in her footsteps.

More than 60 years after Franklin's death, we are (28) \_\_\_\_ living in a different world, where women play an important part in every echelon of our society — not least in science, innovation, higher education and research.

UK universities are world leaders when it comes to advancing and (29) \_\_\_\_ gender equality. The Athena SWAN charter, initially established to improve the representation of women in scientific disciplines in higher education, now has 145 members. It has also expanded to promote gender equality in multiple disciplines - including the arts, social sciences, humanities, business and law.

In the past decade, we have seen a (30) \_\_\_\_ increase in England in the number of women accepted on to full-time undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and maths (Stem subjects). And in the last academic year, women (31) \_\_\_\_ for more than half of all Stem postgraduates at UK universities. The government is taking further steps to improve women's representation in science and has today awarded nine inspiring women £50,000 to develop inventions to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities we face as a society. From new materials to cut down on plastics pollution to special devices to improve posture and comfort for wheelchair users, these women are at the forefront of creating the new technology for tomorrow.

This is significant progress, but access to higher education is only half of the equation. To have real equality in the sector, we need to ensure talented women are able to progress into the academic and leadership roles they desire, and get the remuneration they deserve.

Data shows us the (32) \_\_\_\_ to success gets harder for women to climb the further up they go. Although women make up the majority of undergraduates in our universities, just under half of

academic staff are female. At (33) \_\_\_\_\_ levels, only a quarter of professors are women, and black women make up less than 2% of all female academic staff.

I welcome the introduction of pro-active strategies like the new initiative at the University of Leicester, which I am visiting today, to increase the number of female professors by 1.5% each year, with the overall goal of having 30% professorships held by women by 2020.

There are also stark differences in pay across grades. The gender pay gap based on median salaries across the sector in 2016-17 was 13.7%, (34) \_\_\_\_\_ there is still some way to go to ensure women are rising through the ranks to higher grade positions and being paid (35) \_\_\_\_\_.

答案:

- A) accessible
- J) overlooked
- O) thankfully
- K) promoting
- E) considerable
- B) accounted
- G) ladder

答案详解:

这篇选词填空的话题很应景,讲了对女性学术领域与过去相比的进步与当下的不足。难度适中,考点难度不大。

答案解析:

[26] 该处前有 be 动词,常考形容词。形容词需要与前文的科学日常密不可分相关联,最合适的为 accessible

[27] 该空所在句子缺少谓语,所以该处为动词表被动;而前面又被 sadly (悲伤地)修饰,所以动词情感负面,最合适的是 overlooked (被忽视)。

[28] 该处所在句子不缺成分,所以选填副词,此句中的 different 要表现当下和 Franklin 悲伤时代的不同,所以副词要是积极色彩,最合适为 thankfully (感激地)。

[29] 该处前面有 and 表示成分与情感要和前文并列一致,因此要选择形式以及情感与 advancing (进步)一致的动词,最合适为 promoting (促进)。

[30] 该处缺形容词修饰后面的 increase (作名词),且要表现英格兰的进步,色彩积极。最合适为 considerable (显著的;可观的)

[31] 该处所在句子缺少谓语,选动词;且要和后面的 for 搭配,根据动介搭配,最合适的为

account, account for 表示“占据”，此句话意思是在上一个学年，理工科领域的女性比例占据一半以上。

[32] 该处前面有 the 表示定冠词，确定所缺空为名词，要和后面的 climb 动作搭配，选“ladder”梯子，构成的意思是“当今，数据显示女性往阶层上层爬越来越困难。”

[33] 此句和上一句的意思相同，需要表明上层领域女性数量少，所缺空的名词选择 senior（上级；高级）最合适。

[34] 该空之前有逗号，表示此部分为整句话的伴随修饰，选择非谓语动词形式的分词，排除之后，选择 suggesting（显示）最合适。

[35] 此句话要表明女性应该被更加“好”的支付报酬，选择副词“appropriately”最合适。