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【真题文本】

"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)

【整体评价】

本文话题关于女性在科研方面的地位的变化,从被忽略到占据科学研究的半壁江山,过去的几十年见证了女性科学家地位的上升,不过依旧有一些问题值得关注:女性科学家的晋升渠道和工资待遇依旧有待改善和提高。

正确答案:

1. A) accessible
2. J) overlooked
3. O) thankfully
4. K) promoting
5. E) considerable
6. B) accounted
7. G) ladder
8. L) senior
9. N) suggesting
10. D) appropriately

【答案解析】

26. accessible. 本空中应该填入一个形容词,与后方介词 to 搭配。本句话的意思为他坚信对所有人而言,都有追求知识的途径。故填入 accessible (可以获得的; 可以得到的)。

27. overlooked. 本空缺谓语,且和 were 共同构成谓语,且为被动语态,所以应该填入一个过去分词。根据句意,很不幸,富兰克林对当时一些最伟大的科学发现所做出的贡献在他的时代,都被忽略了。故填入 overlooked (被忽视的; 被忽略)。

28. thankfully. 本空所在的句子不缺少主语、宾语或谓语,所以应该填入一个副词对句子进行修饰。本句意为在富兰克林死去六十年之后,我们有幸生活在一个完全不一样的世界,在社会中女性扮演了十分重要的角色。故填入 thankfully (有幸地)。

29. promoting. 本空应该填入一个动名词和前面的 advancing 构成并列结构。本句意为,在提倡和促进性别平等方面,英国大学是全球的先驱。故填入 promoting (促进)。

30. considerable. 本空应填入一个形容词修饰后面的名词 increase。本句意为,在过去的时间见证了在全日制本科教育中女性数量的大幅度增长。故填入 considerable (大量的) 来修饰增长。

31. accounted. 本空应该填入一个动词的过去式并且可以与介词 for 进行搭配。本句意为,在上一学年的英国大学中,女性在基础学科中的研究生的数量占比到了超过一半以上。故本空填入 accounted for 表示占比。

32. ladder. 本空应填入一个名词。本句意为,数据表明对于女性而言越是往上走,成功的阶梯越难攀登。所以本空填入 ladder (阶梯)。

33. senior. 本空应该填入一个形容词来修饰后面的名词 levels。本句意为,在高层当中,只有四分之一的教授是女性。故填入 senior (高级的; 资深的),与上一句话形成对照。

34. suggesting. 本空主干完整,应该填入一个非谓语动词。逻辑主语和句子的主语保持一致都是 the gender pay gap。性别待遇的差距表明仍然需要采取一些措施来确保女性能够有上升的渠道并获得工资保障。故本空填入 suggesting (表明)。

35. appropriately. 本空应该填入一个副词来写修饰支付这一动词。35 空所在的句子,意为性别待遇的差距表明仍然需要采取一些措施来确保女性能够有上升的渠道并获得工资保障。故应该填入 appropriately (适当地; 合适地)。