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解析:本次大学四级听力试题难度中,新闻部分分别谈及 snow in Scotland 讲的是苏格兰的大雪事件;第二篇新闻讲述政府部门在努力争取还原湿地(wetland);第三篇新闻讲述一名学生 Scott 因为车祸昏迷而错过毕业典礼,而全校师生重新为了办了一个毕业典礼的温馨故事。对话第一篇讲述当代人更喜欢在咖啡厅(cafe)学习,但表示咖啡厅应该会担心因为桌子被大部分自习却不消费的人霸占这件事;第二篇则与职场有关,讲述计划要跳槽加薪的员工之间的对话。短文第一篇讲述如何应对孤独(loneliness);第二篇文章讲述一位男人在无人想要的工作中仍然苦中作乐;第三篇讲述看电视对老年人的记忆力带来的影响。大部分题目仍然遵守视听一致原则,加之利用选项的形式来判断原文出题的内容,提前给耳朵和大脑做好准备。

答案:1. parts of Scotland covered by the orange alert to avoid travel on Wednesday, 'this is what he said to us.

解析:苏格兰大雪,因此使用橙色信号警告大家不要前往旅行。

问题: What were people at parts of Scotland advised to do?

2. The head of road policing said, 'I would urge drivers to take extra care on the roads for their journeys. Drivers should make sure they are prepared for their journey with warm clothing, food and drink, sufficient fuel and a charged mobile phone.

解析:公路警务敦促驾驶员在旅途中要格外小心,应确保自己准备好穿上暖和的衣服,食物和饮料,足够的燃料和一部带电的手机,为旅途做好准备。

问题: What did the head of road policing urge drivers to do?

3. Romania's wetlands are coming back to life, thanks to help from local communities, the World Wildlife Fund and funding from the European Union.

解析:开篇第一句是全文的主题。得益于当地社区的帮助,世界野生动植物基金会和欧盟的资助,罗马尼亚的湿地正在恢复生机。

问题: What is the news report mainly about?

4. Government officials proposed to protect the area's endangered wild fish by issuing a fishing ban over the next decade.

解析:政府官员提议在未来十年内发布捕鱼禁令,以保护该地区的濒危野生鱼类。

问题: What did government's officials propose to do to protect the endangered fish?

5. It was just a month ago that East Juniata High School seniors met in the school's auditorium for graduation.

解析:男孩子发生了事故,错过了一个月前的毕业典礼。

问题: What happened to Scott a month ago?

6. "I remember waking up in the hospital and asking mom, 'What day it was', she told me it was the 28th." He said, "I looked at her and said, 'I missed my graduation."

解析:男孩子醒来后,问如今是几号?发现已经错过毕业典礼。

问题: What did Scott ask about when he regained consciousness?

7. Scott said, "I don't know how to even explain it. I'm speechless to know that so many people are behind me."

解析：男生太感动了，以至于说不出话来。

问题：Why was Scott speechless at the graduation ceremony?

8. Yes and no, I find an isolation challenging at times, apart from my mother, not too many people I know, have time for phone chat during working hour.

解析：女孩子发现在家工作的话，除了自己的母亲之后也没有其他社交活动了。

问题：What does the woman say is the disadvantage of working from home?

9. No, neither would I. I find the library a bit too quiet. I'd lack inspiration or stimulation, which would be counter-productive to getting a lot of work done.

解析：对于男孩子来说，图书馆太安静了，缺少灵感。

问题：What does the man say is counter-productive to getting work done in the library?

10. I found the same thing. So, lately, I've been going out to Cafes occasionally, I love the noise, the people, the busyness of a Café, the sense of being out in the world.

解析：女生喜欢去图书馆的原因是她喜欢外面的喧闹繁忙的感觉。

问题：What does the woman like about doing one's work in a café?

11. Yes, some people seem to spend a lot of time there and not order much. The most annoying one for Café owners must truly be those, usually only two of them, who occupy a table for six with their laptops and paperwork.

解析：对于咖啡馆老板来说，最烦人的是那些通常只有两个人，但是他们却用笔记本电脑和文书工作占据六个人的桌子。

问题：What is most annoying for café owners according to the woman?

12. I can't see myself getting an opportunity to progress on my company anytime in the near future. And I really think my skills and abilities deserve a higher salary.

解析：“我看不到自己还有机会在这个公司取得进步。我真的认为我的技能和能力应该得到更高的薪水。”由对话可知，女生在工作上遇到了瓶颈期，同时相信自己跳槽后可以有更好的待遇和表现。

问题：What makes the woman think about changing her job?

13. If you do several jobs in a relatively short span of time, perspective employers might see that you lack loyalty. That could make them worry and reluctant to employ you.

解析：男人表示，雇员不停地换工作，会使雇主怀疑其忠诚度。

问题：What does the man say about people who keep changing their jobs?

14. Even if I get a promotion at my company, it's likely to be less sizeable than if I were to get a job elsewhere. And even if I get a promotion, I'm not guaranteed to get a raise.

解析：女生认为，即使在公司升职，晋升空间也比较小，也不能保证得到加薪。

问题：What does the woman say would happen even if she got promoted in her current company?

15. The way I see it, through having different jobs, I've got a lot of experience, and different jobs and in different industries.

解析：女生的看法是，通过从事不同的工作，并在不同的行业从事过不同的工作，可以有很多经验。

问题：What benefit has the woman gain from changing her jobs frequently?

16. Similarly, I personally believe that you must be comfortable and happy in your own company

before you can truly be yourself in the company of others. There is a massive difference between being lonely and being alone.

解析：作者认为，自己独处要先感觉到舒适感，再提和别人相处这件事。孤单和孤独还是有很大区别的。

问题：What does the speaker say about being alone?

17. The trick is to be active. Get outside, stretch your legs, do something cultural, buy yourself something tasty to eat or something pretty to wear.

解析：作者认为诀窍是要活跃一些。到户外去，伸展双腿，给自己买点好吃的东西或漂亮的衣服。

问题：What does the speaker say how to reduce one's feeling of loneliness?

18. Spending time alone also allows you to more efficiently take care of problems.

解析：自己独处也可以更有效地解决问题。

问题：What is an advantage of spending one's time alone?

19. My father wasn't been me. He demanded the same at himself. Every brick he cleaned on the house stood out like a red jewel in a white setting. It was his signature.

解析：“我父亲在房子上打扫的每块砖都像白色背景上的红色珠宝一样醒目”。由此可以看到，作者的父亲是个认真负责的人。

问题：What do we learn about the speaker's father?

20. Drugs and gang violent were just beginning to plague the projects.

解析：毒品和帮派暴力开始与这些项目挂钩。

问题：What does the speaker say about the housing project?

21. Most of stock clerks try to get Friday night off. But I was always ready to work.

解析：作为一个仓库管理人员，作者总是很乐意工作。

问题：What do we learn about the speaker as a stock clerk?

22. Scientist at University College London used memory and fluency tests on the same group of people 6 years apart.

解析：伦敦大学学院的科学家对相隔6年的同一组人群进行了记忆和流利度测试。

问题：By what means does scientist at University College London measure memory lost?

23. The research team say they believe the alert but passive nature of television watching maybe creating stress on the mind, which contributes to memory decline.

解析：研究小组说，他们相信观看电视可能会在心理上造成压力，从而导致记忆力下降。

问题：What contributed to memory decline in the participants?

24. The researchers say that television viewing maybe a risk factor for all Alzheimer's disease, but more researches needed to establish a link.

解析：研究人员说，电视观看可能是所有阿尔茨海默氏病的危险因素，但是需要更多的研究来建立联系。

问题：What did the researchers say about their finding concerning the link between TV viewing and Alzheimer's disease?

25. ...the researchers advise that adults over the age of 50 should try and ensure that television

viewing is balanced with other contrasting activities.

解析：研究人员建议 50 岁以上的成年人应尝试确保观看电视的次数与其他对比活动保持平衡，即不要看太多的电视，多参加其他活动。

问题：What do the researchers suggest older people do?

原文：

### News report 1

... 【1】 parts of Scotland covered by the orange alert to avoid travel on Wednesday, 'this is what he said to us. The orange warning may be raised to red in some areas. That is a warning for snow that has never been seen since the modern system came into place in Scotland. The orange warning has been extended until 6 p.m. on Thursday. Trains, planes and ferries are also likely to be affected, with wind chill that could see parts of Britain feeling as cold as -15°C. 【2】 The head of road policing said, 'I would urge drivers to take extra care on the roads for their journeys. Drivers should make sure they are prepared for their journey with warm clothing, food and drink, sufficient fuel and a charged mobile phone. There could be significant traffic delays, so please start to plan your journey now to consider if you really need to travel on conditions of this ...

Question 1: What were people at parts of Scotland advised to do?

Question 2: What did the head of road policing urge drivers to do?

### News Report 2

【3】 Romania's wetlands are coming back to life, thanks to help from local communities, the World Wildlife Fund and funding from the European Union. Roughly 2,224 acres of the picturesque Danube Delta – home to 300 species of birds – have filled with wildlife. The land has been connected to the network of lakes and streams in the area. 'A lot of birds have migrated to the area and one doesn't need to travel long hours anymore or go to other lakes to watch the birds,' says Ion Meuta, Deputy Mayor of Mahmudia. The area around Mahmudia, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the third-most biodiverse in the world, after Australia's Great Barrier Reef and the Galapagos Islands. Groups used earth-moving equipment to restore the waterways. 【4】 Government officials proposed to protect the area's endangered wild fish by issuing a fishing ban over the next decade.

3. What is the news report mainly about?

4. What did government's officials propose to do to protect the endangered fish?

### News Report 3

Scott Dunn, recently awoke from a medically-induced sleep he'd been in after a car accident. He was heartbroken after realizing he'd missed his high school graduation. His classmates decided to give him a second chance. 【5】 It was just a month ago that East Juniata High School seniors met in the school's auditorium for graduation. And last week, they did it again. Scott's car accident was on May 22nd, just 3 days before the ceremony. 【6】 "I remember waking up in the hospital and asking mom, 'What day it was', she told me it was the 28th." He said, "I looked at her and said, 'I

missed my graduation." The school's principal, Mr. Fausey, called Scott's mom Karen and said that everybody wants to do something special for him. Students wore their caps and gowns and sat in the front of the auditorium. Scott's parents, Karen and Scott Senior, sat front and center. After brief speeches, Scott's name was called, only Scott's name. He walked across the stage as the audience cheered. A graduation for one. "I'm speechless," 【7】 Scott said. "I don't know how to even explain it. I'm speechless to know that so many people are behind me."

Question 5: What happened to Scott a month ago?

Question 6: What did Scott ask about when he regained consciousness?

Question 7: Why was Scott speechless at the graduation ceremony?

### Conversation 1

M: How do you like your new flexible work in arrangement? Do you enjoy working from home?

W: 【8】 Yes and no, I find an isolation challenging at times, apart from my mother, not too many people I know, have time for phone chat during working hour. I tried the library but found I wasn't really keen on working there.

M: 【9】 No, neither would I. I find the library a bit too quiet. I'd lack inspiration or stimulation, which would be counter-productive to getting a lot of work done.

W: 【10】 I found the same thing. So, lately, I've been going out to Cafes occasionally, I love the noise, the people, the busyness of a Café, the sense of being out in the world.

M: Coffee shops seem to have affectively become off spaces for so many people in this digital age. Though I'm not sure how Café owners feel about it - having so many people who go to that places to work rather than drink and eat.

W: 【11】 Yes, some people seem to spend a lot of time there and not order much. The most annoying one for Café owners must truly be those, usually only two of them, who occupy a table for six with their laptops and paperwork.

M: They should sit at a table for two, not the table for six. Some obviously stay so long, they need to plug the laptops into a power adapter. I nearly tripped over someone's computer electrical lead the other day in my local café.

W: It's a double-edged sword, no doubt about that, for a Café owner. While remote workers help to keep the café full in quiet times, they can take up valuable table space and busy period.

8. What does the woman say is the disadvantage of working from home?

9. What does the man say is counter-productive to getting work done in the library?

10. What does the woman like about doing one's work in a café?

11. What is most annoying for café owners according to the woman?

### Conversation 2

W: I'm going to start working for another job. 【12】 I can't see myself getting an opportunity to progress on my company anytime in the near future. And I really think my skills and abilities deserve a higher salary.

M: You are not going to quit, are you?

W: I'm thinking I might as well. Then I can devote more time and energy to find me a better



position at another company.

M: But you've been in your present company less than two years, haven't you? This would be the third time you've left your job in the last five years. 【13】 If you do several jobs in a relatively short span of time, perspective employers might see that you lack loyalty. That could make them worry and reluctant to employ you.

W: Unfortunately, loyalty doesn't pay.【14】 Even if I get a promotion at my company, it's likely to be less sizeable than if I were to get a job elsewhere. And even if I get a promotion, I'm not guaranteed to get a raise. I had that experience at another company I worked up.

M: They want you to take on more work and responsibility but for the same amount of money?

W: More or less, yes. 【15】 The way I see it, through having different jobs, I've got a lot of experience, and different jobs and in different industries.

M: But potential employers might worry about that experience is not deep, or thorough enough.

W: Perhaps, but I feel pretty confident that I can sell myself. You know what they say, fortune favors the brave.

Q12: What makes the woman think about changing her job?

Q13: What does the man say about people who keep changing their jobs?

Q14: What does the woman say would happen even if she got promoted in her current company?

Q15: What benefit has the woman gain from changing her jobs frequently?

### Passage one

There is a saying that goes something along the lines of 'You must love yourself first before you can love someone else.' 【16】 Similarly, I personally believe that you must be comfortable and happy in your own company before you can truly be yourself in the company of others. There is a massive difference between being lonely and being alone. Loneliness is a horrible feeling. However, you don't have to actually be alone to feel that way. Many times, I've felt lonely when surrounded by a big group of people. In contrast, being alone can actually be a blessing, particularly, when you've actively chosen it. In my experience, being bored and alone is dangerous and can easily lead to the feeling of loneliness. 【17】 The trick is to be active. Get outside, stretch your legs, do something cultural, buy yourself something tasty to eat or something pretty to wear. You don't have to take anyone else into consideration and can do whatever you please. 【18】 Spending time alone also allows you to more efficiently take care of problems. And then, when it's time to be social and meet up with your friends, you will be fully there, because you won't have too much other stuff floating around in your mind. Having been alone for a bit, you will also appreciate your friends' company more and chances are your time spent together will be more worthwhile.

Question 16: What does the speaker say about being alone?

Question 17: What does the speaker say how to reduce one's feeling of loneliness?

Question 18: What is an advantage of spending one's time alone?

### Passage two

When I turned twelve, I worked summers at my father's small brick cleaning business. I remember the harsh acid smell of the cleaning solution, and the scraping sound of stiff iron brushes against rough brick. It was tempting to have your job just finish. But anybody who worked for Thomas Kahoon had to meet his standards, and that include of me. If I messed up, he made me stay late until I got it right.

【19】My father wasn't been me. He demanded the same at himself. Every brick he cleaned on the house stood out like a red jewel in a white setting. It was his signature.

In 1970, when I was twenty, I got married. I moved out my parent's modest place into a housing project. 【20】 Drugs and gang violent were just beginning to plague the projects.

Some of my friend went to jail. Some were killed. My wife Verllen, was 18, and nobody gave our marriage a chance. But we believed in each other. And our faith made us strong.

When we married, I worked as a stock clerk at Southwest Super Food. It was hard, tedious work. Each Friday night a truck came, with cases of food that had to be unloaded, priced and placed on shelves.

【21】 Most of stock clerks try to get Friday night off. But I was always ready to work. By Saturday morning, all the kinds and drawers in my aisle would place with a label facing smartly out, like a line of soldiers on review. That was my signature. I took pride in a job nobody wanted.

19. What do we learn about the speaker's father?

20. What does the speak say about the housing project?

21. What do we learn about the speaker as a stock clerk?

### Passage three

Watching more than 3 hours of television a day doubles memory loss in older people, a new study of more than 3,000 adults suggests. 【22】 Scientist at University College London used memory and fluency tests on the same group of people 6 years apart. They found that those who watched on average less than 3 hours television a day showed a decline ever round 4 to 5 percent, while those who tended to watch more than 3 hours a day declined by an average of 8 to 10 percent.

【23】The research team say they believe the alert but passive nature of television watching maybe creating stress on the mind, which contributes to memory decline.

Older people who watch more television are also less likely to undertake activities knowing to preserve mental functioning, such as reading or interactive screen base pursuits, such as using the internet or playing video games. 【24】 The researchers say that television viewing maybe a risk factor for all Alzheimer's disease, but more researches needed to establish a link.

While watching television may have educational benefits and relaxation benefits, 【25】 the researchers advise that adults over the age of 50 should try and ensure that television viewing is balanced with other contrasting activities. If you're concerned that the amount of television you're watching could have a negative impact on your health, you should eliminate the amount of TV watch each day and undertake some healthy hobbies.

22. By what means does scientist at University College London measure memory lost?

23. What contributed to memory decline in the participants?

24. What did the researchers say about their finding concerning the link between TV viewing and

Alzheimer's disease?

25. What do the researchers suggest older people do?