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Passage one

Too many people view their jobs as a 5 day prison, which they are paroled every Friday, says Joel Goodman, founder of the humor project, a humor consulting group in Saratoga springs, New York. Humor unlocks the office prison because it lets adults bring some of their childlike spirit to the job, according to Howard Polio, professor of psychology at the university of Tennessee Knoxville And office with humor breaks is an office with satisfied and productive employees. Polio conducted a study that proved humor can help workers excel at routine production tasks. Employees perform better when they have fun, In large corporations with a hierarchy of power, there is often no outlet for stress. Every company needs underground ways of poking fun at the organization, says Lynn and Mark, a speaker on workplace humor for saint Marys health center in saint Louis

Kodak Rochester, New York branch, discovered a way for its 20000 employees to uncork their bottled up resentments. There 1000 square foot humor room features a toy store. Among the rooms, many stress reducing gadgets, the main attraction is a boss doll with detachable arms and legs. Employees can take the doll apart as long as they putts arms and legs back in.

Sandy Cohan, owner of a graphic print production business, created the quote board to document the bizarre phrases people say when under strict deadlines, when you're on distress, you say stupid things, says Cohen. Now we just look at each other and say that' s one for the quote board.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard

Question 9. What does the passage say about humor in the workplace?

【解析】 本题考查工作环境中幽默的相关内容，第一题一般对应篇章开头部分。答案关键句为 Humor unlocks the office prison because it lets adults bring some of their childlike spirit to the job, 词句运用了比喻的修辞手法，将办公室比喻为监狱，而幽默可以打开监狱，因为幽默可以让成年人把他们孩子气的一面带到工作中。

Question 10. What does the study by Howard Polio show?

【解析】 本题考查研究的内容，即引言部分的内容。Polio conducted a study that proved humor can help workers excel at routine production tasks. 这位教授的研究证明幽默可以昂住工人们在日常生产任务中有出色的表现。

Question 11. What can codex employees do in the humor room?

【解析】 本题考查在幽默屋中员工可以干什么。答案关键句为 Employees can take the doll apart as long as they putts arms and legs back in. 房间中有很多减压玩具，员工只要将胳膊和腿放进去，就可以将娃娃拆开。

Passage Two

Public interest was aroused by the latest discovery of a changed gene in obese mice. The news was made known by Rockefeller university geneticist Jeffrey Friedman. The researchers believe this gene influences development of a hormone that tells organism how fat or full it is. Those with the changed gene may not sense when they have eaten enough or if they have sufficient fatty tissue, and thus can't tell when to stop eating

The researchers also reported finding a gene nearly identical to the mouse obesity gene in humans. The operation of this gene in humans has not yet been demonstrated, however. (14) Still professionals like university of Vermont psychologist Eyster Ross Bloom reacted enthusiastically. This research indicates that people really are born with a

tendency to have a certain weight, just as they are to have a particular skin color or height. Actually behavioral geneticists believe that less than half of the total weight variation is programmed in the genes, while height is almost entirely genetically determined. Whatever role genes play Americans are getting fatter.

A survey by the center for disease control found that obesity has increased greatly over the last 10 years. Such rapid change underlines the role of environmental factors like the abundance of rich foods in Americans overeating. The center for disease control has also found that teens are far less physically active than they were even a decade ago. Excepting that weight is predetermined, can relieve guilt for overweight people. But peoples belief that they cannot control their weight can itself contribute to obesity.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard

Question 12. What does the speaker say has aroused public interest?

【解析】本题考查什么可以引起公众的关注，涉及开头部分的内容。答案关键句为 Public interest was aroused by the latest discovery of a changed gene in obese mice, 最近在胖老鼠身上发现了一种改变的基因引起了大家的兴趣。

Question 13. What do we learn about the changed gene?

【解析】本题考查改变基因的相关内容，答案关键句为 Those with the changed gene may not sense when they have eaten enough or if they have sufficient fatty tissue, and thus can't tell when to stop eating. 拥有改变基因的人感觉不到什么时候吃饱了或者感知不到他们是否有足够的赘肉，因此他们不知道什么时候应该停止进食。

Question 14. What does university of Vermont psychologist Eyster Ross Bloom say?

【解析】本题考查心理学家的说的话，涉及引言考点。答案关键句为 Still professionals like university of Vermont psychologist Eyster Ross Bloom reacted enthusiastically. This research indicates that people really are born with a tendency to have a certain weight, just as they are to have a particular skin color or height. 心理学家对这项研究反应很热烈，研究表明人天生有一定的体重倾向，就像他们天生就有特定的肤色或身高。

Question 15. What accounts for Americans obesity according to a survey by the center for disease control?

【解析】本题考查导致美国人肥胖的原因，涉及引言及因果逻辑的考查。答案关键句为 Such rapid change underlines the role of environmental factors like the abundance of rich foods in Americans overeating. 丰富的食物在美国人过度饮食中起到了一定的作用。