

## 2020年7月六级听力短文解析

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### Passage 1

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. (9) Humor unlocks the office prison because it lets adults bring some of their childlike spirit to the job, according to Howard Pollio, professor of psychology at the university of Tennessee Knoxville. And office with humor breaks is an office with satisfied and productive employees, (10) Pollio 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 Mary, 's 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. (11) Employees can take the doll apart as long as they put its arms and legs back in place.

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.

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

【解析】此题考查文章开头处以及因果关系。文章开头第一句话介绍主题以及一个重要人物，接着出现因果关系信号词 because，考生需要额外注意。 Humor unlocks the office prison because it lets adults bring some of their childlike spirit to the job 即“幽默释放了上班族因为它能够让成人对工作注入孩子般的精神。”此处均为常见词，无超纲词、难词。

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

【解析】此题考查研究结果。表示研究结果的信号词 study 和 proved 都出现，因此很有可能出现重要信息。 Pollio conducted a study that proved humor can help workers excel at routine production tasks. Employees perform better when they have fun. 即“Pollio 做了一个研究，证明幽默可以帮助员工在日常生产任务上做的更好。当工人们开心时，他们表现更好。” excel 是六级常见词汇，考生必须掌握。

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

【解析】此题考查事实细节，需要提前阅读选项。答案所在处 Employees can take the doll apart as long as they put its arms and legs back in place. 即“员工们可以拆开这个玩偶，只要他们把它的胳膊和腿放回原位。”这一段主题围绕着幽默屋展开，因此能够理解段落大意即可作答。

### Passage two

(12) 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. (13) 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.(15) 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 people 's belief that they cannot control their weight can itself contribute to obesity.

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

【解析】此题考查文章开头处，因此考生一定要在听力播放时集中注意力，即使不出题目，第一句也常与主题相关。Public interest was aroused by the latest discovery of a changed gene in obese mice.即“最近一项肥老鼠基因改变的发现引起了公众兴趣。”gene是四六级听力和阅读的常见词汇，必须掌握。另外后一句是对这一句话的进一步解释，对理解题目也十分重要。

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

【解析】此题考查研究结果，当听到表示研究结果或观点的信号词believe时，应注意此处有重点信息。The researchers believe this gene influences development of a hormone that tells organism how fat or full it is.即“研究生认为该基因影响着一种激素的发展，这种激素会告诉有机体自己有多胖或多饱了。”hormone即激素、荷尔蒙，根据发音很容易辨认。

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

【解析】此题考查人物观点以及转折处。前文出现转折信号词however，表示此处信息重要。接着出现人物观点Still, professionals like university of Vermont psychologist Eyster Ross Bloom reacted enthusiastically.即“不过，像佛蒙特大学心理学家Eyster Ross Bloom这样的教授们满腔热情地作出了回应。”此处enthusiastically表示了其正面态度，不过仍然需要对前后文进行理解。

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

【解析】此题考查研究结果、观点以及转折处。最后一段多次出现表示观点的found或belief，信息较多，但是结构是现象—分析—现象—分析，比较容易把握。重点句有两处Such rapid change underlines the role of environmental factors like the abundance of rich foods in Americans overeating.即“如此快速的变化强调了环境因素的角色，比如充足油腻食品对于美国过度饮食的影响。”以及But people 's belief that they cannot control their weight can itself contribute to obesity.即“但是人们认为他们自己无法控制体重的这种观念可以导致肥胖。”因此有油腻食品和这种观念两者导致肥胖，选择符合的选项即可。另外问题中的accounts for导致也是六级常见短语，一定要熟练掌握。