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第三大题阅读理解选择题题库

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本大题共包含5小题，每小题4分，共计20分。阅读短文，从A、B、C三个选项中选择一正确答案。

首字母A

◆ **According** to experts, the advantage of modified food is that it helps in preventing the

occurrence of allergies and also has along shelf life. However, a major portion of the population is against the consumption of genetically modified food and is concerned about its disadvantages. If you are also confused about the consumption of genetically modified food, read through the pros and cons given below and decide for yourself.

Advantages of Genetically Modified Foods

- One of the most prominent advantages of genetically modified food is that it helps in controlling the occurrence of certain diseases. Certain foods cause allergy to people. Their genetic modification alters the DNA system of these foods, thereby making them non-allergic.
- Another major advantage of such type of foods is that they grow faster than their traditionally grown counterparts. As a result, there is greater productivity and more food.
- A person need not bother about any additional costs, such as buying chemicals and pesticides, when it comes to genetically engineered food. The food is naturally pest-resistant.
- Farming these foods can be a great way to fight world hunger. Since these crops grow faster or more effectively, increased production would help countries wherein crops may not normally prosper because of less than desirable environmental conditions.
- The increased shelf life of these food products helps in reducing the quantity of rotten food.

Disadvantages of Genetically Modified Foods

- The biggest disadvantage of genetically modified food is that they have harmful effects on the human body. The consumption of these genetically engineered foods can lead to development of diseases that are immune to antibiotics.
- Chances of developing cancer are high in people who regularly consume engineered food.

- Since it is an unnatural way of producing foods, there is an increased health hazard such as allergens, transfer of antibiotic resistance markers and unknown effects.

- Since the production of engineered food involves infusing animal genes in the crops and tampering with nature, it might not be good for consumption in the long run.

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[单选题] ◆How does geneticll modified food control the occurence of certain diseases?(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.By cross-pollinating.

B.By conventional crossbreeding.

C.By altering the DNA system of these foods.

[单选题] ◆Do farmers need to buy any chemicals and pesticides if they plant genetically modified food?(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.Yes,they need to.Because the food is not resist to pests.

C.No,they don't need to.Because the chemicals and pesticides are provided by the government.

[单选题] ◆ Which statement is not the advantage of genetically modified food?(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.It may have harmful effects on human body.

B.Genetically modified food grows faster than their traditionally grown counterparts.

C.Farming genetically modified food can help fight world hunger.

[单选题] ◆What would happen to a person if he regularly consume genetically modified food?(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.He would get cold.

B.He would lose some weight.

C.He would have cancer.

[单选题] ◆Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.Can Genetically Modified Foods Combat World Hunger?

B.Genetically Modified Mood:Our Answer Is No.

C.Genetically Modified Foods:Pros And Cons

首字母 B

◆ Baidu, China's leading search engine company,has unveiled its own eyewear called Baidu Eye.It is said to be a different product from Google Glass in terms of functionality.

The company demonstrated a working prototype on September 3 at its annual Technology Innovation

Conference in Beijing.It bears asimilarity to Google Glass,but it has no screen.Instead,the device uses a camera to scan objects,and focuses on analyzing information around its user and beaming that to a smartphone.

Baidu says the device is designed to support image search. The company's CEO Robin Li believes in five years' time, people will get used to searching by image and audio rather than text. Li has given an example of how one can take advantage of Baidu Eye, "If you are in a shopping mall and come across a woman whose skirt looks really attractive, you take a photo of her skirt using Baidu Eye, and you'll get to know where to buy one for yourself."

According to Kaiser Kuo, Baidu's director of international communications, Baidu Eye can also recognize voice and gesture, "You can use voice commands, or gesture commands—like expanding to zoom,

or circling an object in your field of view with your finger.”

Baidu is yet to announce a release date or marketing plans for Baidu Eye.

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[单选题] ◆What is the best title for the passage?(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.Google Glass?Baidu Eye!

B.Google Glass and Baidu Eye.

C.Baidu Eye is different from Google Glass.

[单选题] ◆From the passage,we can know that Google Glass_____.(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.has screen

B.has no screen

C.has the same design as Baidu Eye

[单选题] ◆The purpose to design Baidu is to_____.(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.use a camera to scan objects

B.focus on analyzing information around its user

C.support imagine search

[单选题] ◆Baidu Eye has the new functions EXCEPT_____.(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.searching by imagine

B.recognizing voice

C.searching by text

[单选题] ◆We can infer from the passage that_____.(红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.the screen is the most important part of the Baidu Eye

B.people mainly search by voice right now

C.Baidu Eye will be very popular in future

首字母C

◆Can trees talk? Yes, but not in words. Scientists have reason to believe that trees do communicate (交际) with each other. Not long ago, researchers learned some surprising things. First a willow tree attacked in the woods by caterpillars (毛虫) changed the chemistry of its leaves and made them taste so terrible that they got tired of the leaves and stopped eating them. Then even more astonishing, the tree sent out a special smell—a signal (信号) causing its neighbors to change the chemistry of their own leaves and make them less tasty.

Communication,of course,doesn't need to be in words.We can talk to each other by smiling,raising our shoulders and moving our hands.We know that birds and animals use a whole vocabulary of songs,sounds,and movements.Bees dance their signals,flying in certain patterns that tell other bees where to find nectar (花蜜) for honey.So why shouldn't trees have ways of sending message?

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[单选题]◆It can be concluded from the passage that caterpillars do not feed on leaves that_____. (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. are lying on the ground

B. have an unpleasant taste

C. bees don't like

[单选题]◆The willow tree described in the passage protected itself by_____. (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. growing more branches

B. communicating with birds and bees

C. changing its leaf chemistry

[单选题]◆According to the passage, the willow tree was able to communicate with other trees by_____. (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. waving its branches

C. dropping its leaves

[单选题]◆According to this passage, bees communicate by_____. (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. making special movement

B. touching one another

C. smelling one another

[单选题]◆The author believes that the incident described in the passage_____. (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. cannot be taken seriously

B. should no longer be permitted

C. seems completely reasonable

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[单选题]◆According to the passage, the willow tree was able to communicate with other trees by giving off a special smell.

[单选题]◆According to this passage, bees communicate by making special movement.

[单选题] ◆ It can be concluded from the passage that caterpillars do not feed on leaves that have an unpleasant taste

[单选题] ◆ The author believes that the incident described in the passage seems completely reasonable.

[单选题] ◆ The willow tree described in the passage protected itself by changing its leaf chemistry.

首字母I

◆ I am very happy to share my story about breast enlargement in Thailand. Anyone who is not sure about breast enlargement should read this story first.

Firstly, I was amazed at the level of care I received at the Thailand private hospital. It was like being in a luxury hotel. The nursing staffs were also better than those who I have ever met in all my years in America. Not only were they professional, but kinder and more patient than Western nurses.

The hospital food was excellent, so I was able to choose from a large and varied Menu. In my private room, there was cable T.V., a fridge, a phone, and impressive views of Bangkok (曼谷). My Translator was able to communicate with me, and the plastic surgeons arranged the whole operation without me lifting a finger.

The operation cost me a third of the price of the U.K. With the low cost of the air tickets and a holiday, it worked out at about half UK's price, because the cost in Thailand is so cheap.

Combining a plastic surgery with a holiday in an amazing place is an unforgettable experience. From the moment I arrived in Bangkok airport, I felt relaxed and welcomed by the Plastic Surgery & Holiday team, it made me feel that I had friends here already.

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[单选题] ◆ Where did the author have her breast-enlargement operation? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. In Thailand.

B. In America.

C. In U.K.

[单选题] ◆ Was the author satisfied with the nursing staffs for her? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. No, because they were no better than America nurses.

B. Yes, because they were more patient than Western nurses.

C. No, because the care was very poor.

[单选题] ◆ Which of the following statement is TRUE? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. The author was content with the food in the hospital.

B. When the author was in the hospital, she lived in a public room.

C. There was cable T.V., a bridge and a phone in the author's room.

[单选题] ◆ What does the underlined phrase lifting a finger mean in paragraph three? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. Doing something with only one finger.

C. Carrying something.

[单选题] ◆ Why did the author think her experience unforgettable? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A.Because she had an operation there.

B.Because she was satisfied with everything there.

C.Because she was satisfied with the service and price there.

◆ **If you think 3D**

printing is only good for making flimsy paperweights.then you're pretty

much right. However, a group of audacious Dutch architects have already begun 3D printing an entire canal house in Amsterdam. Is the first 3D printed house a gimmick? Definitely! Is it an experiment that pushes the possibilities for 3D printing technology and architecture? Maybe! 3D Print Canal House is the brainchild of DUS Architects. "KamerMaker", Dutch for "room maker", is their giant printer built inside a shipping container. Just a few weeks ago, KamerMaker began printing plastic furniture and walls at an empty canal-side lot in northern Amsterdam. Smaller versions of the unusual honeycomb walls have been tested on normal desktop printers, and everyone just needed to scale it up. Well, if only it were that easy.

The printer did not always manage to spread the plastic evenly, making some of the ribs of the honeycomb structure of the block uneven, reported ARN (Australian Radio Network), to the surprise of no one who has used a 3D printer. But the architects remain optimistic. The first few printed blocks are meant to be test pieces as they improve the process.

It takes about a week to print a 3-meter high block right now. The project's leader hopes to eventually get that down to two hours and finish the first of 12 rooms in a year, and the entire house in less than 3 years.

Ultimately, 3D Print Canal House is an architectural research project, one that is very much being conducted in the public eye: you can actually buy tickets to visit the construction site for 2,50 Euros.

The top floors will become more ornate, for example, as newer techniques are incorporated. They'll explore the possibilities of 3D printing, like the honeycomb walls or an entire room recycled, redesigned, and built anew. Nobody's going to move into a 3D printed house soon, but, if any one ever does, something might be learned from this experiment by the canal.

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[单选题] ◆ **What have** the Dutch architects begun to use the 3D printer to do according to the passage? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. To make heavy paperweights.

B. To print the unusual honeycomb

C. To print an entire canal house.

D. To build a shipping container.

[单选题] ◆ **Where** did KamerMaker begin printing plastic furniture and walls several weeks ago? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. It was inside a shipping container in Amsterdam.

B. It was at an empty canal-side lot in northern Amsterdam.

C. It was in a canal house in Amsterdam.

D. It was in a room.

[单选题] ◆ **What is** the weakness of the 3D printer mentioned in the passage? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. It cannot always spread the plastic evenly.

B. It needs to be shortened.

C. It cannot make the ribs of the honeycomb structure.

D. It can print anything smoothly.

[单选题] ◆ **How** long will it take for the 3D printer to make the canal house in Amsterdam? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

A. A week.

B. Two hours.

C. More than 3 years.

D. Less than 3 years.

[单选题] ◆ Which of the following statements is WRONG according to the passage? (红色字体为本题正确答案)

- A. This canal house is being built in the public eye.
- B. The top floors of the canal house will be more decorated.
- C. Some one is going to move into this canal house soon.
- D. One can visit the construction site for 2.50 Euros

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◆ Imagine you sitting on your front garden admiring the shining sun when your neighbor comes

with that annoying car with the noisy sound and the exhaust pipe blowing out the horrible black smoke. What are you going to do about it?

In our modern days, too many people depend on their cars to get to work or to drop off their children to school. However, is it safe to have an increasing number of cars on our roads? Research shows that cars create serious pollution. Exhaust from all combustion engines produce harmful effects on the health of both car users and all innocent walkers. Cities have become islands of toxic chemicals from the unrestrained use of vehicles burning fossil fuels. The harmful health effects of car exhaust are pervasive and difficult to measure. For example, people with asthma would suffer with attacks due to the pollution. The world wild life also suffers from the cars' toxic emissions. No matter how much manufacturers try to make cars environmentally friendly it will damage our earth in one way or another.

Additionally cars are too dangerous for our community.Careless drivers put themselves and others in danger.Cars are critical to walkers especially to children if the driver is not looking on the road or somehow distracted Have you known someone whose toes or feet have been run over by cars while crossing the street?

Lastly.cars create social problems,which could lead to poor health.A few drivers suffer“Road Rage”and put themselves.loved ones and others in a threatening situation.Some cars create disturbing noises,which disturbs people living near highways,freeways,etc.not to get enough sleep.People depend on their cars so much that they forgot to exercise their bodies and end up being obese or having a heart problem.

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