

2023 年常州市天宁区中考英语一模试题

一、单项选择（本题共 10 小题,每小题 1 分,满分 10 分）

从 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出一个可以填入句中空白处的最佳答案。

1. —Who'll be made _____ captain of the spaceship during the visit in _____ space?

—Just keep quiet and watch to find the answer.

A. the; the B. /; the C. /; / D. a; the

2. If you don't take the GPS with you, you will be _____ a blind man in the rainforest.

A. as good as B. as well as C. as silly as D. as slow as

3. He has developed a good habit of running _____ the lake every morning.

A. over B. along C. beyond D. across

4. Mo Yan's experiences not only provided him with rich materials to write about but also _____ his writing style.

A. recorded B. invented C. made D. shaped

5. —Zhang Yue, how many of your classmates have brothers or sisters in their family?

—Believe it or not, it _____ to be only about a quarter.

A. takes up B. turns up C. takes out D. turns out

6. —I know Cindy is your bestie(闺蜜). Do you see much of each other now?

—Actually not. She _____ in Changzhou for 10 years, but now she is in Suzhou.

A. lives B. has lived C. lived D. had lived

7. In fact it wasn't a long time _____ the drama series won high praise from the viewers.

A. since B. before C. after D. when

8. The population of the USA is only about _____ that of China and is also much _____ than that of India.

A. second-sevens; smaller B. two-sevenths; smaller C. second-seven; less D. two-seventh; less

9. —Boys and girls, what do you want to know about H1N1(甲流)?

—I wonder _____.

A. when the disease has happened B. why has the disease spread so fast

C. how long the virus started D. what we can do to fight against it

10. —Hey, guys. Let's sit down and discuss how to win Class 2 in the basketball game.

—Why not practice more? _____.

A. Many hands make light work B. There is no smoke without fire

C. A roaring(咆哮) lion kills no game

D. Every dog has its day

二、完形填空 (本题共 12 小题,每小题 1 分,满分 12 分)

阅读下面短文,从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选出最佳选项。

That day, Tom was called to his teacher Dwyer's office. He was feeling a little 11 when he chatted with his teacher.

"I just feel as if I had no 12 of my life at the moment. My parents are telling me one thing, and my friends are telling me another. Everything keeps 13 and I am not sure what I should do next." Dwyer nodded his head and left the room for a moment, returning with a 14.

He set it down on the table between them and asked Tom to start. They exchanged a few turns without any real 15 before Dwyer spoke for the first time.

"In the game of chess, who are you?" Dwyer asked, "At the moment, I feel like a pawn(卒子). I am 16 in my movement and don't have much ability," answered Tom. "Who would you rather be?" Dwyer asked. "I'd rather be the queen, of course. She can move in any direction and is the most 17 piece on the chessboard," Tom said. "Are you sure about that?" Dwyer added. "Of course! Isn't it 18?" Tom answered.

Dwyer sat back in the chair and said in a quiet, yet firm voice, "You shouldn't be the pawn, or the queen. You need to be the 19 moving the pieces around. Stop being 20 around by others and take charge. There are too many people around us whose lives are 21 by the decisions of their bosses, their parents, their peers and the media. You are better than them, so step up and take charge! We weren't born to be pieces moved around on a chessboard. We were born to positively influence the world around us."

Tom understood and smiled, "Checkmate(国际象棋中攻击对方将帅)." With that, he 22 from his chair and walked out of Dwyer's office, decided to change the world.

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| 11. A. excited | B. scared | C. angry | D. down |
| 12. A. doubt | B. control | C. idea | D. experience |
| 13. A. changing | B. appearing | C. moving | D. complaining |
| 14. A. notebook | B. box | C. chessboard | D. bag |
| 15. A. result | B. purpose | C. attention | D. promise |
| 16. A. decided | B. limited | C. devoted | D. harmed |
| 17. A. beautiful | B. helpful | C. useful | D. powerful |
| 18. A. funny | B. clear | C. stupid | D. careful |
| 19. A. worker | B. reporter | C. player | D. director |
| 20. A. turned | B. gathered | C. laughed | D. pushed |

21. A. improved B. destroyed C. controlled D. protected
22. A. rose B. went C. left D. sat

二、阅读理解（本题共 14 小题,每小题 2 分,满分 28 分）

阅读下面短文,从短文后各题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中,选出最佳选项

A

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, be a scrub in the valley.

But be the best little scrub by the side of the rill.

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of grass.

And make some highway happier.

We can't all be captains(船长), then just be sailors.

But there's something to do for all of us here.

There's big work to do. And there's a small thing to do.

And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a footpath.

If you can't be the sun, be a star.

It isn't by size that you win or you fail. Be the best of whatever you are!

23. In the poem, the size of "pine" and "scrub" may be _____.
- A. small B. huge C. similar D. opposite
24. What should you do now according to the poem?
- A. To be a successful captain as quickly as you can. B. To be a person like a pine.
C. To be a strong-minded and hardworking Grade 9 student. D. To be a good sailor.
25. To support the topic of the poem, the poet expressed _____.
- A. by giving examples. B. by using numbers. C. by telling stories. D. by raising questions

B

The night was stormy and the rest of the family were already in their bedrooms. Catherine crossed the hall and listened to the strong wind and heavy rain outside the ancient abbey (大寺院). She was scared when the wind shut a door. She felt even more scared as she imagined all the awful situations. Catherine was happy to be at her friends' house. "I'm perfectly safe in this house. Eleanor's room is near mine so I mustn't be afraid." she thought.

She opened her bedroom door, saw a cheerful fire and was glad to be inside her room and not in the

storm. Then she noticed the curtains were moving. As she walked to the windows to make sure there wasn't a ghost behind them, she sang a little song to give her courage. She pulled back the curtains and looked behind them. Of course it was only the wind! She noticed an old box near the window. Now, Catherine, don't start imagining what's in that! Silly girl!

She started to get ready for bed but she noticed a tall, black cupboard in the corner of the room. That can't be the black cupboard Henry told me in his ghost story! Catherine picked up her candle and slowly walked towards the cupboard. It's black and old, just like the cupboard Henry told me! Catherine saw the key was in the door and couldn't help opening it to see what was inside. She could not sleep until she knew what was in that cupboard, but she was very afraid as she tried to open it. Very afraid but not discouraged, at last, the key turned, but she still couldn't open the door.

She stopped, listened to the sounds outside and she felt awful. There are surely terrible things in that cupboard and she can't sleep until she knows what they are! _____

(Adapted from *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen)

26. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. She felt afraid to open the black cupboard. B. There was something behind the curtain.
C. Catherine didn't like the black cupboard. D. She saw the cupboard when in bed.

27. What's the correct order of the following?

① Catherine crossed the hall. ② Catherine saw a cupboard. ③ Catherine noticed an old box.

④ Catherine pulled back the curtains. ⑤ Catherine came to her friend's home.

- A. ②⑤①③④ B. ⑤①④③② C. ⑤②③④① D. ①⑤③②④

28. Which of the following sentences can be the best to put in _____ in Paragraph 4?

- A. She decided to open it and look inside. B. She went to bed quickly and had a good rest.
C. She didn't care about what was in it any more. D. She blew out the candle and threw the key away.

C

What is this? Japanese ikebana(花道)? No, it's Chinese traditional flower arrangement. They seem similar, but actually differ.

Recalling experiences in flower arrangement competitions abroad, Zhang Yan said her works were often mistaken for ikebana. "Some were quite **astonished** when I told them I'm from China. We need more publicity on Chinese traditional flower arrangement. "

Zhang Yan first know about flower arrangement in college from an optional course she took. Back then, she never imagined that a single course could be the starting point of her life-long career. Now, she hopes to do her

part to introduce the art form to the world.

The art of Chinese traditional flower arrangement has been handed down since 1046 BC. Historical records show it served as offerings at temples, decorations in palaces and art at homes.

“Though it has a long history, the image of flower arrangement is still limited to the bouquets in flower shops,” Zhang said, “If people are familiar with the history of it, they would take pride in its centuries-old history and try to make it well-known. ”

As it was included in the second batch of National intangible Cultural Heritage(国家非物质文化遗产), more and more people including Zhang’s own daughter now are learning Chinese traditional flower arrangement. “Whether she makes it her career or not, I hope she can continue to hold an ability to enjoy the beauty around her,” Zhang added.

“Unlike its Western counterpart, Chinese traditional flower arrangement emphasizes(强调) simplicity,” Zhang said. The arranger must decide on what is truly necessary in his or her work and remove the rest. Sometimes learners are moved to tears because they began to reflect on what is truly necessary in their lives. The healing(治疗) effect of Chinese traditional flower arrangement is realized when the arranger come to terms with what they truly want.

In Zhang’s view, there are more to Chinese traditional flower arrangement besides its therapy effects, and the key lies in the exploration of traditional Chinese culture.

“It came from traditional Chinese culture, and it is part of it,” Zhang argued. “Only when it absorbs enough nutrition from traditional Chinese culture can it bloom and be world-known. And our mission now is to inherit and develop traditional Chinese culture. ”

29. Which of the following has the similar meaning with “astonished” in Paragraph 2?

- A. Unhappy B. Surprised C. Nervous D. Excited

30. What do you know about Chinese traditional flower arrangement from the passage?

- A. It has had a history of 1046 years since it was handed down.
B. When you arrange flowers, you’d better use as many flowers as you can.
C. Zhang’s words show there’s still a long way before making it world-known.
D. In ancient China,it was often used as decorations in many temples and palaces.

31. My friend is a busy office lady under great pressure, what may happen to her after doing flower arrangement according to Paragraph 7?

- A. She may find it difficult to choose from so many flowers and give up.
B. She is sure to be a master of the flower arrangement.

- C. She may find it relaxing and think of running a flower shop.
- D. She may reflect on her life and work to make some wise choices.

32. What's the best title of this passage?

- A. Traditional Art Form in Danger
- B. The History of a Traditional Chinese Art Form
- C. Art That Blooms(开花) from Traditional Culture
- D. Zhang Yan - A Master of Chinese Traditional Chinese Flower Arrangement

D

Ever since the earliest people painted on cave walls, we have used art to explore our experiences and what it means to be human. But what if a work of art wasn't created by a human? This is a question that's being asked more and more as artists begin programming robots to create everything from paintings and sculptures to music and literature.

In 1973, British-born painter Harold Cohen wrote a computer program called AARON. At first, AARON only made simple outlines whose color and details Cohen would later add. Fifty years later, AARON is able to paint people, landscapes and just about anything else a human could paint.

So, can AARON be called an artist or creative? In 2010, Cohen explained that although he wrote the first computer code that AARON follows, "AARON can produce unlimited numbers of images." So according to Cohen, the simple answer is yes, AARON is creative.

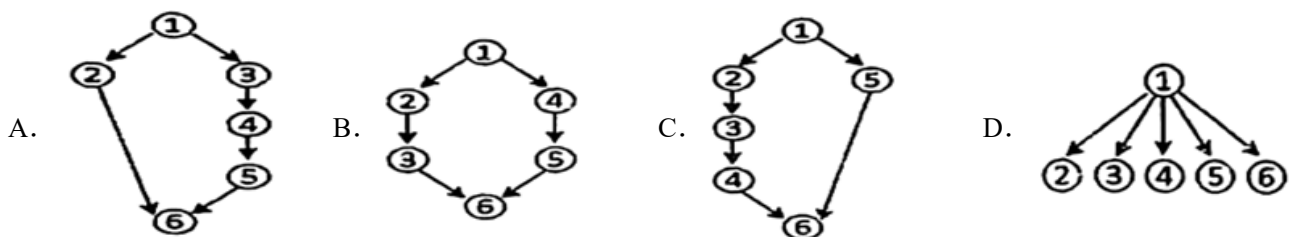
It's not just paintings that robots are creating, though. Last year, a robot called Shimon made its first album(音乐专辑) on Spotify. Built by a team at Georgia Tech's Center for Music Technology in the US, Shimon began life as a simple robot piano player. Over the years, however, it has learned how to work with other musicians, write songs and compose. Shimon does this by studying much music to know types and then uses that information to create works.

It may be cool to hear a song created by a robot, but is there any other reason to build robots that can play music? According to Gil Weinberg, one of Shimon's creators, because the robot is able to do things that a real musician might not think of, he and his team hope and believe that these new abilities would push human collaborators(合作者) to new directions that could not be achieved in human-to-human teamwork.

Whether or not you believe that art created by robots is just as creative as art created by humans, there's no doubt that robotic art assistants(助手) could have very good influence on artists. For one, they could cut down the time which an artist needs to do basic parts of art creation.

33. Which of the following is TRUE about AARON and Shimon?

- A. All people think ARRON is a great artist.
- B. ARRON can paint people and landscapes at first.
- C. Shimon is expected to push humans to achieve more.
- D. Shimon can do things that human musicians can't do.
34. Why can the robot be an assistant to help the artists?
- A. It may do better jobs than those real artists.
- B. It can create the art works as well as the real artist.
- C. It can make the artists spend less time creating art works than before.
- D. It can do some basic parts of the art creations to help artists save time.
35. Which of the following best shows the structure of the passage?



36. What is the author's opinion about the robots that create art?
- A. Supportive. B. Worried. C. Neutral(中立). D. Doubtful.

四、还原句子（本题共 4 小题,每小题 1.5 分,满分 8 分）

阅读下面短文，从短文后所给的六个选项中选出四个可以填入空白处的最佳选项（选项中有两项为多余选项）。

You may have heard of Niagara Falls(尼亚加拉大瀑布), one of the biggest waterfalls in the world. But do you know about the Niagara Escarpment(断崖)? 37 Earlier this month, our school went on a hiking trip to this beautiful place.

The weather was cold, cloudy and windy, so we wore more to stay warm. We were separated into two groups and went on different routes(路线). The whole escarpment is 725km long. 38

My favorite part of the trail(小道) was the cave. The cave was formed from many different shaped rocks. 39 We climbed down into the rocks with the help of our teachers. The rocks were steep and slippery(滑的) because they were covered with wet leaves. It was a fun and exciting experience for all of us.

40 After walking 5 km without any rest, we were hungry and tired. When our teacher finally said we could stop to have lunch, we were very excited. After all, this trail was a little different from the ones I'm used to. It was more natural with lots of caves and rocks on the path, which made it harder to walk. But it was great exercise.

Hiking is very interesting, but remember to stay warm, stay hydrated(保持体内水分) and have fun along the way!

- A. It was a challenging task indeed.
- B. It's a long steep slope(陡坡) that runs through the US and Canada.
- C. Another exciting moment was lunch.
- D. But we only covered 8 km within about four hours.
- E. Some were huge while some were small.
- F. We chose the easier route to climb.

五、综合填空(本题共 10 小题,每小题 1 分,满分 10 分)

阅读下面短文,在空白处填入一个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

When you couldn't open your mouth till the first two years on the earth, inner voice helps you understand things. Inner voice always shows 41 (think) in the body.

It justifies(判断) what is right and what is wrong. When we go 42 inner voice, we usually feel uncomfortable throughout our lives.

Sometimes when we are feeling sad, we seem to need some kind of support in spirit. We usually speak to one of our 43 (close) friends or family members during those unhappy times to feel better. After talking with them, we suddenly feel active again. Because our inner voice advises us 44 (get) on with things and leave the things of the past in the memory.

Inner voice is always right most of the time, because it knows us better than others and even 45 (we). Whenever you are trying to smoke or whenever you 46 (ask) to stand one side in an argument, you are worried about the result. During these times, your inner voice tells you 47 to do. If you don't follow your inner voice, you 48 (not be) happy in the future. It's our own 49 (choose) to either pay no attention to our inner voice 50 follow it to search for real happiness.

六、根据所给中文完成句子(共 6 小题;每小题 1.5 分,满分 9 分)

51. 因为油即将耗尽,所以他们将被迫缩短行程。

_____, so they _____.

52. 不是每个人都满意他的新发明。

Not everyone _____.

53. 你能告诉我你怎样和同龄人和睦相处吗?

Can you _____?

54. 与传统书店相比,书吧为我们打开了一个全新的世界。

_____, book bars _____.

55. 对九年级学生来说, 熬夜学习是多么不健康啊!

How _____ for Grade 9 students _____ to study!

56. Tom 和他的伙伴们碰巧在河边发现了一个未知的洞穴(cave)。

Tom and his buddies _____ by the river.

七、书面表达 (本题共 1 题, 满分 15 分)

57. 初中生活绚丽多彩, 在近三年的磨砺中, 你们都变得越来越优秀, 学习更加勤奋, 与人相处更加和谐, 更懂得关心社会生态。初中生活即将结束, 此时此刻, 你们一定感触良多。请为校广播台写一篇以 To be a better self 为题的英文演讲稿, 和学弟学妹们分享你的经验, 教他们如何做更好的自己, 成就精彩人生。

1. How do you improve your study?	1. manage your time... 2. go over... 3....
2. How do you improve the relationship with others?	1. try to communicate with... 2. share your feelings... 3....
3. What will you do for our environment or our society?	1. take part in 2....

注意事项: 1. 表达清楚, 语法正确, 上下文连贯;

2. 不得使用真实姓名, 校名和地名;

3. 词数不少于 100 词。

To be a better self

Dear all,

I am really proud that I have grown up and achieved a lot in the past three years. As a teenager, I think the most important thing that we should do is to make ourselves better persons. _____

Thank you for your listening!

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