

苏州市2026年初中学业水平考试

英语

第一部分 完形填空 (共10小题;每小题1分,满分10分)

Once a week, I was allowed to sleep over at my friend Nicole's home, a chance to stay away from my mother.

Nicole's relationship with her mom was 1 different from mine. They were more like friends than mother and daughter. And they actually seemed to 2 spending time together. They often baked (烘烤) in their home, dreaming of the coffee shop her mother wished to 3 .

Watching Nicole's mother made me question my mother's dream. Taking care of me played such an important 4 in her life that she had no time to develop a hobby.

As a teenager, I found it impossible to imagine a 5 life without a career or at least a hobby. Why did her interests and dreams never seem to bubble up to the 6 ? Could she truly be happy as only a homemaker? I began to suggest possible ways to my mom: having 7 at the university in design or fashion or starting a restaurant.

"Too much work! You know, Gary's mom starts her own restaurant-now she's always running around! She 8 has time for anything else," said my mother.

"When I'm at school, what do you do all day?"

"I do a lot, okay! You just don't understand. When you move out, you will see 9 Mommy has done for you."

It wasn't until years later, after I left for college, that I began to understand what it 10 to make a home. And I realized how much I had taken mine for granted (视...为理所当然).

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| 1. A. hardly | B. finally | C. completely | D. equally |
| 2. A. regret | B. enjoy | C. practise | D. avoid |
| 3. A. open | B. draw | C. find | D. sell |
| 4. A. trick | B. game | C. tool | D. part |
| 5. A. popular | B. familiar | C. meaningful | D. difficult |
| 6. A. surface | B. market | C. pool | D. sky |
| 7. A. shows | B. gifts | C. courses | D. parties |
| 8. A. always | B. never | C. certainly | D. really |
| 9. A. something | B. nothing | C. anything | D. everything |
| 10. A. meant | B. saved | C. mentioned | D. shared |

第二部分 阅读理解（共15小题;每小题2分,满分30分）

A



The 2026 Aranya 34 productions from 14 countries, aiming to draw worldwide attention.

The festival opens with *City of Fiction*, adapted (改编) from Yu Hua's novel. It tells the story of a young man from northern China who starts a journey south in search of an imaginary city. The festival also presents a lot of other highly expected works. One such show is *Na Han*, a Chinese German production adapted from the short story collection by Lu Xun. It explores themes like family relationships. *Dans la tempete continue* is a French - Chinese production, which focuses on the Time: dynamics (动态) within a family.

Besides drama performances, the festival offers other activities such as workshops and street shows, making visitors' cultural experiences richer.

11. How many days does the festival last?
 A. 12 days. B. 14 days. C. 28 days. D. 34 days.
12. What do *Na Han* and *Dans la tempete continue* have in common?
 A. They tell the story of the young.
 B. They try to explore family themes.
 C. They are French-Chinese productions.
 D. They are adapted from Lu Xun's works,
13. What do we know about the festival according to the passage?
 A. It opens with a foreign production.
 B. It allows visitors to direct a drama.
 C. It is to draw Chinese people's attention.
 D. It is an international event held in China.

B

In 2014, doctors told Cai Lu he would never walk again. After twelve years, the 34-year-old is proving them wrong---not just by walking, but by running a company.

When he was 22, he lost his right leg in an accident on a business trip. In 2018, Cai began using a prosthetic (义肢) and relearned to walk. **But stepping outside was another fight for him.** The stares (凝视) he received made him uncomfortable.

A turning point came through Wei Qing, who is a member of a local disabled persons' organization. Wei visited Cai repeatedly, gently inviting him to attend group outings. Cai finally went. "I realized I wasn't alone," he said.

Around 2020, Cai tried starting a fried chicken delivery (快递) business but failed. "Don't rush. Take your time," his mother told him. Hearing her words, Cai stepped back and poured himself into training programs. In 2023, he won a national championship for persons with disabilities in tea art-an achievement that gave him the confidence to start his prosthetics company the same year.

As a prosthetic user himself, Cai could better understand his customers. "Traditional companies fit you and send you away," he said. "We provide full life cycle service: pre-fitting training, fitting, and future support."

His athletic career has also taken off. In 2025, Cai was chosen for China's disabled park golf (高尔夫) team. When he isn't on the green or in the company, he travels as a speaker for schools across Zhejiang province.

Looking back at his experiences, we find the message is simple: "Keep being brave."

14. What does the underlined sentence mean in paragraph 2?

- A. He couldn't step outside with disabilities.
- B. He was afraid of being treated differently.
- C. He lost the chance to go on a business trip.
- D. He was worried about another accident.

15. What is the right order of Cai Lu's experiences?

- a. He was badly hurt in an accident.
- b. He started his prosthetics company.
- c. He tried a fried chicken delivery business.
- d. He won a national championship in tea art.

A. b-a-d-c B. b-a-c-d C. a-c-b-d D. a-c-d-b

16. What makes Cai Lu's company different from traditional ones?

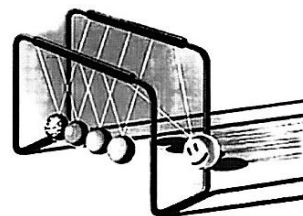
- A. It provides free support.
- B. It helps to fit customers.
- C. It offers full-period service.
- D. It sends customers home.

17. What is the main message we can get from Cai Lu's story?

- A. Accept help from others.
- B. Obey traffic rules strictly.
- C. Spread ideas in schools.
- D. Face challenges bravely.

C

It is easy to be worried about the future of our planet. Forests are disappearing. Water cycles are breaking down. Pollution is harming cities. But I am still a little bit hopeful about our planet's future.



Nature is making a comeback in many places. Even in the worst landscapes, nature is developing and regaining its own land. Wolves are moving across Europe and there are more tigers in India. I am not saying we should stop worrying about losing biodiversity (生物多样性), but the good news is that nature isn't so **fragile**. And in many parts of the world, we are giving it more room to do its thing. For example, farmers are returning

would be more difficult for the goats to hide the Bison from humans as they went down the hill.

"No," Freya said. "We're not going. We thought we could, but this short journey has already proven we are not ready for more. We can't make it."

"But why let me--let all of us--go through all this trouble?" I asked.

"You needn't be angry," Freya said. "Or sad. Or even surprised. Look at us. We're slow and old. We couldn't go across the sea in strange boats. Seeing this is enough."

She was still looking at the morning sea, which had grown brighter and whiter. She turned to me then. "Thank you, Johannes." She turned to the goats. "We are so thankful. We have lived quiet lives. But you have freed our eyes and our minds. What you did today mattered a great deal. You gave us the sea. And we will not forget it."

I tried to organize my thoughts. Was all this for nothing? And would we all have to go back to the park? I stood on the top of that small mountain, wondering what to do.

Then one of the goats said to me, "You could come with us. We will protect you, and when you reach the mainland, you can stay with us, or simply run free. There are a million free dogs like you. You can run with them and see places and things."

I thought about this. I knew it was true. I knew I would go.

22. What did Freya think of their journey?

- A. It was worth it. B. It was too long. C. It was boring. D. It was smooth.

23. What can we infer from paragraph 3?

- A. The goats messed up everything. B. Their plan was very well-organized.
C. The Bison were at the foot of the hill. D. Their secret was discovered by humans.

24. What would Johannes do in the end?

- A. Protect the goats. B. Join the Bison.
C. Continue the journey. D. Return to the park.

25. What is the theme of the story?

- A. Some friends cannot be trusted. B. Humans can make friends with animals.
C. We can make choices for others. D. Everyone can find their place in the world.

第三部分 信息还原 (共5小题;每小题1分,满分5分)

We use language for all kinds of reasons, but the major one is to talk to each other. We use it to have a chat, play a game, tell jokes, ask for help, and do a thousand other things. 26 The everyday use of language is to have conversations with each other.

Having a conversation seems like the most natural thing in the world. We don't think twice about it now. But it wasn't always that way. We had to learn how to do it. 27

What's the most basic rule of having a successful conversation? We take turns. I speak and then you do and then I do and then you do. 28 In an argument, we do sometimes hear a lot of people speaking together. But once the argument ends, everyone takes turns again.

This is especially important if there are several people taking part in a conversation. Imagine: you're in the street talking to three other people about the latest film *Dear You*. 29 If it's going to be a successful conversation, then all four of you need to get the chance to have your say. If that happens, everyone's happy. If that doesn't happen, you can end up feeling quite mad.

30 We have to learn how to do it. And babies start that learning process (过程) very early on, during the first year of life. They hear their mother talking ... they coo or babble ... the mother replies ... they coo or babble again ... the mother replies again. Listen- speak-listen-speak-listen. That's the key of any conversation. We have to learn to be listeners as well as speakers.

- A. We had to learn rules.
- B. We don't speak at the same time.
- C. Some people are always cutting in.
- D. Turn-taking doesn't come naturally.
- E. Everyone has got something to say about it.
- F. None of these could happen without language.
- G. We have learned all the sounds in our language.

第四部分 词汇运用 (共13小题;每小题1分,满分13分)

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Should we say "thank you" to AI? Here are two o31 ideas. Some people consider it a w32 of energy and money. According to a CEO of an AI company, saying "thank you" 33 (花费) the company tens of millions of dollars every year, for AI has to reply every time. H34, some argue that saying "thank you" to AI is necessary. In our real life, AI's r35 for humans is not simple: it can be a helper, a friend or even a family member. Whenever we feed it with a question, AI offers us as many possible 36 (答案) as we need. It can listen to us, comfort us, praise us and even c37 us up when we are sad. By showing politeness to AI, we could make o38 more warm-hearted and more willing to communicate with others. So, what's YOUR opinion?

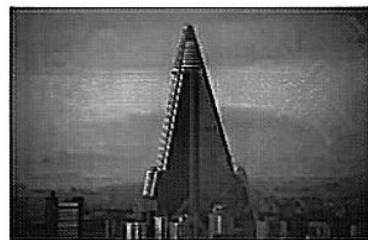
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What makes a building "ugly"? Everyone has their own opinion, so it's hard to say. There are some buildings that seem to appear often on lists of the 39 "ugliest" buildings. Here are three of them.

The Ryugyong Hotel

It is in Pyongyang. The hotel looks like a huge rocket. Work on the building started in 1987, but stopped in 1992 when money 40. The hotel was finally finished in 2011.



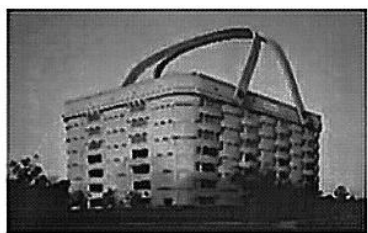
The Prague TV Tower

The tower is in Prague. It stands 216 meters high and looks like a tall, thin spaceship. There's a restaurant on the top providing 41 views of the city skyline. The city has its beautiful buildings, so when the tower was put up in 1985, many felt it didn't fit in.



The Longaberger Basket Company

It is in Newark, Ohio. The office block was opened in 1997 and looks like a large basket with two handles (提手). The handles 43 about 150 tons. It may not be the ugliest building in the world, but it's certainly one of the most unusual.



第五部分 短文填空 (共10小题;每小题1分,满分10分)

Planning a Chinese menu is an art. There are no fixed rules. It is important 44 (create) a balance of ingredients (材料) and cooking methods. This can make your guests feel happy and 45 (satisfy). Let's take Jiangnan meals as 46 example.

Jiangnan meals usually begin 47 cold dishes, such as smoked fish, saltwater duck, cucumber salad, and so on. Most of them are prepared in advance (提前), 48 guests can start eating at any time. Hot dishes are served as soon as they 49 (cook). The main dishes may include Dongpo pork, squirrel fish in sweet-and-sour sauce (song shu gui yu) and fresh green 50 (vegetable). The number of hot dishes 51 (be) normally the number of guests plus one. Soup and rice are offered at the end of the meal, followed by fruits. Fruits are always cut and placed 52 (beautiful) on a serving plate.

It's also worth 53 (keep) in mind that Jiangnan dishes can be put together on a menu with dishes from other places. For example, a mixture of Jiangnan and Sichuan dishes is very popular in Suzhou, especially among young people.

第六部分 阅读表达 (共3小题;54题2分,55题2分,56题3分,满分7分)

Sometimes, students may have back or neck pain after class. Their pain might be a result of chairs too low for their height. When they sit uncomfortably for too long, they may get tired during classes. And this makes it difficult for them to take an active part in learning activities.

One way to solve this problem is to adjust (调节) the height of their chairs. Adjustable chairs are designed to help students sit straight with their feet flat (平放的) on the floor and their knees at a 90-degree angle (角). Each student can choose their own chair height to fit their body and desk height. Proper chair height can help students reduce pain on the neck, shoulders, and lower back.

Students spend hours sitting on their chairs every day. The chair becomes a silent partner in their development. The right chair allows students to focus better. But some students prefer to sit at a lower height than normal. This is not good for their health as well as their study. They need to know that a balanced sitting position can make a big difference.

54. What may happen if students sit uncomfortably for too long?

55. How can students reduce back or neck pain according to the passage? List two ways.

56. What else can be a "silent partner" in your life? How does it make a difference to you?

第七部分 书面表达 (共1题;满分25分)

57. 你校英文报以 "Give new life to old things" 为题向全校中学生开展征文活动, 请你用英文写一篇短文投稿, 介绍一次你让旧物焕发新生的经历, 内容包括:

1. 旧物的名称、来历等;
2. 你让旧物焕发新生的原因、方式 (例如: 修理、改造、赠送他人等);
3. 你的感受或收获。

注意: 1. 词数100左右;

2. 内容需涵盖所有要点, 可适当发挥;
3. 照抄试卷中的语篇内容不得分;
4. 文中不得出现真实校名和姓名等信息。

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英语试题参考答案

第一部分 完形填空

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. D 5. C
6. A 7. C 8. B 9. D 10. A

第二部分 阅读理解

11. A 12. B 13. D 14. B 15. D
16. C 17. D 18. B 19. C 20. A
21. D 22. A 23. B 24. C 25. D

第三部分 信息还原

26. F 27. A 28. B 29. E 30. D

第四部分 词汇运用

31. opposite 32. waste 33. costs
34. However 35. role 36. answers
37. cheer 38. ourselves 39. world's
40. ran out 41. wonderful 42. is famous for
43. weigh

第五部分 短文填空

44. to create 45. satisfied 46. an 47. with 48. so/and
49. are cooked 50. vegetables 51. is 52. beautifully 53. keeping

第六部分 阅读表达

54. They may get tired during classes. / They may have back or neck pain. / They may have difficulty taking an active part in learning activities.
55. By adjusting the height of their chairs. / By choosing the right chair. / By choosing a balanced sitting position.
56. My dictionary. It helps me learn new words more easily. / My basketball. Playing basketball helps me stay healthy. / My diary. It keeps a record of my life. (言之有理即可)

第七部分 书面表达

57. (略)