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(Total: 150 marks Time: 120 minutes)

### Part I Listening Comprehension (30 marks)

#### Section A (5 marks)

In this section, you will hear **five** short conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, one question will be asked, and you have **fifteen seconds** to read the **four** choices marked **A, B, C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

1. A. Its price.                      B. Its colour and size.    C. Its quality.                      D. Its power source.
2. A. Don't talk about a woman's age.  
   B. Don't lend money to others.



## Section B (10 marks)

In this section, you will hear **two** long conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, there will be a **one-minute** pause. During the pause, read the **questions** and make your answers on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

### Conversation One

Listen to the conversation. You will hear four choices marked **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer according to what you hear. You must mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

9. What does the man want?

A. To have his shirts ironed.

B. To have his shirts washed.

C. To have his shirts cleaned.

D. To have his shirts polished.

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A. Polishing of the surfaces.

B. Sweeping of the floor.

C. Polishing of the surfaces.

D. Cleaning of the oven.

9. What additional service does the man want?

A. Cleaning the carpets.

B. Cleaning the microwave.

C. Ironing his shirts.

D. Washing the curtains.

10. What is the man going to do with his balcony?

A. Use a washer to clean it.

B. Decorate it with plants.

C. Get it washed regularly.

D. Place curtains around it.

### Conversation Two

Listen to the conversation, and complete the sentences with **one** word according to what you hear. Then write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

11. Dr. Russel is worried about people's \_\_\_\_\_ although they are living a richer and better life than previous generations.

12. Many people are suffering from illnesses due to their less \_\_\_\_\_ way of eating according to Dr. Russel.

13. If they eat food with less fat, people will find their blood pressure go down with less \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer the questions.

14. The magazine is intended for \_\_\_\_\_ people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer:

### Section C (5 marks)

In this section, you will hear five short news items. Each item will be read only **once**. After each item, you will have 15 seconds to answer the question.

There will be a **fifteen-second** pause. During the pause, read the question and the four choices.

Choose the correct answer, A, B, C and D, and decide which one is the best answer.

Answer the questions.

1. The first news item is about \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The second news item is about \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The third news item is about \_\_\_\_\_.

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C. Bird and fish killed hundreds of sea mammals in South Brazil.

D. Countless farm animals were affected by a new virus in Brazil.

20. What does the new fossil study suggest?

A. Ancient mammals may have attacked and eaten larger dinosaurs.

B. Dinosaurosaurs may have lived in somewhere in China 125 million years ago.

C. The place where the fossil was found was destroyed by a volcano.

D. More than 2,000 ancient mammal fossils were found in “China’s Pompeii”.

### Section D (10 marks)

In this section, you will hear *one* monologue. The monologue will be read *twice*. After listening, answer the questions using *no more than* 100 words.

21. What is the speaker’s main purpose in the monologue? Tick the correct box.

22. What are the three processing speeds that the mind works at?

23. Why is the change of the mind important to the speaker?

24. What is the speaker’s definition of the mind? Tick the correct box.

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### Part III Cloze (10 marks)

#### Section A (5 marks)

Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct forms of 5 words or phrases out of the 7 given in the box. Write the answers on the *answer sheet*.

reason; necessity; payment; transportation; differ; dry; change

The Silk Road runs between China and Europe. It became an active trade route in about 100 B.C. For the first time, people in Europe and Asia could exchange goods. <sup>(1)</sup> For the first time its importance, Europeans could (1) bring their goods to China and bring



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It was used for the exchange of goods, ideas, and culture between different civilizations.

Wang Wei

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The golden age of the Silk Road happened in the C-400s. The city and all governments were under the control of the Silk Road. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting the East and the West. It was used for the exchange of goods, ideas, and culture between different civilizations. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting the East and the West. It was used for the exchange of goods, ideas, and culture between different civilizations.

## Section B (5 marks)

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with **one** word in one of the following **three** ways: according to the context, by using the correct *form* of the given word(s), or by using the given word(s) of the word. Write the answers on the answer sheet.

Frogs and toads, salamanders and newts, and the little brown newt are amphibians, a word derived from the Greek *amphibios*, meaning “double life”. The name is a good one to describe these animals that live part of their lives in water and part on land.

Structurally, this group of amphibians are very different. Frogs and toads, for example, are (46) (tail). They have short, thick bodies, two short forelegs, and two powerful hind legs. Salamanders and newts have long (47) (lizard-snapped) bodies, and two pairs of equal-sized limbs. Caecilians may have short, potbelly tails.

(47) All amphibians are structurally diverse, they have many similar characteristics. All amphibians are vertebrates, or animals with a backbone that have the body shape and provide for

development of the head, eye, ear, nose, mouth, and

developed nervous system that lets them receive and react to messages

from their surroundings. Amphibians are cold-blooded, meaning that their

body temperature (49) with their surroundings. Amphibians also





## Section A (10 questions)

Questions 51 — 55 are based on the following passage.

Do you live 'in the air'? Most people do, because their homes are built on the ground. The result is that most homes lose heat and the outside of them wears out because of the effect of the weather. But this doesn't happen to earth houses! They are very different from traditional homes. They are built into the ground, which covers them like a blanket and protects them from rain, wind and low temperatures.

(51) \_\_\_\_\_ Instead of working against nature, they work with it. This means that they are close to nature, and their curves also remind people of the shapes in nature.

(52) \_\_\_\_\_ In the past, when architects designed houses, they didn't think about the effect their buildings would have on the environment. They use the environment to their advantage.

Architect Peter Vetsch, who has designed earth houses, says, 'They don't need a great lot of energy. In fact, they need about half the energy of a typical house, the kind that people build in the air.'

The design also means that air cannot easily enter the house from outside. (53) \_\_\_\_\_ It also means that these homes are quieter. Stefan, who moved into an earth house for the first time last year, explains, 'The heating bills in our previous house were enormous.' The earth house, on the other hand, keeps us warm in winter and cool in summer. It's a much more pleasant environment and means of life.



- A. This makes it easier to control the room temperature.
- B. As well as fitting into the environment, earth houses benefit it.
- C. The truth is that earth houses are filled with sunlight.
- D. They offer an exciting new living experience.
- E. Today, however, they are used to considering environmental matters.

F. Their natural heating is broken and needs to be repaired.

G. The roof is part of the environment and the wind cannot blow it off.

## Section B (10 marks)

Questions 56 — 60 are based on the following passage.



As mobile devices are becoming more popular, there are always new apps to download. An app, short for an application, is software which is designed for a particular purpose. For example, you can download apps that help you find a taxi or a restaurant, apps to improve your photos or to make music. There are thousands to choose from, and now

there is a new kind which makes use of augmented reality. This is the name for technology which mixes the

digital world with the real world. Apps using this technology are just getting going on, thanks to a new company based in Scotland called Zappar, which recently promised to change the world with its augmented reality products.

The Zappar Company has worked with big names in publishing and entertainment. The inventors

Zappar have used virtual phone magazines, greetings cards, and much more.

Zappar app onto your tablet or mobile phone, you can bring whatever you are looking at to life with characters or exciting video content. There are also film posters that use this technology. For example, by viewing the new penguin movie *Happy Feet Two* poster with your Zappar app, you can make the penguin will act itself in your world. You can also keep him on your screen so that when you point your phone at a real place, the

look as if he were really there! As well as film and game technology can help advertise products. If you point your mobile device at a magazine ad which uses this technology and shows, for example, a trainer, you will be able to lift the trainer off the page and see it from all sides, as you would examine it in real life.



Perhaps the company's biggest success is clothing. The Zappar T-shirts are already extremely popular. If you have downloaded the app, when you point your mobile at a friend wearing a Zappar T-shirt, the magic begins! The design on the T-shirt comes to life, famous cartoon characters seem to jump out of the T-shirt and start to perform! Or the wearer may appear to be playing the drums on his T-shirt! The head of the clothes department in one large UK supermarket agreed to sell the Zappar range, because, he said, it was an amazing invention which he expected to fly off the shelves.

My son's friend was wearing a Zorbat. It looks like a pullover but it's the kind of thing you can wear in winter. Look at it through the Zappar app, though, and a digital mask appears over the person's face. You can turn your friend into a cartoon character or a scary monster. Business the small company will

be a success. I think you will find it very interesting. The Zappar app is available for free on the App Store and Google Play. It's a great way to have fun with your friends and family. You can also find out more about the Zappar range on the Zappar website.

1. Zappar

2. Zappar



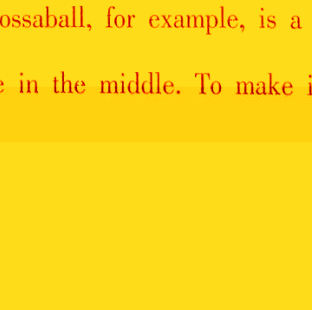
3. Zappar



4. Zappar



5. Zappar



these are a mix of existing sports, sometimes with a local element added. Bossaball, for example, is a mix of football and volleyball, played on an inflatable pitch with a trampoline in the middle. To make it more exciting, it also has elements of Brazilian martial arts!

If you are very good at horse riding, you could try the national sport for Afghans, Buzkashi. Many versions have been played in the Central Asian region for hundreds of years. The game involves players on horseback trying to get hold of a dead goat. The Afghan Buzkashi Federation wants the game to spread throughout the world and has finally written down the rules because they hope to get Olympic status for the



game. It is a very dangerous sport and players can be injured. It is a very old game and has been played for centuries.

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If you have had enough of the ordinary sports people play, you can try a number of (61) sports. Some of these were created when people mixed two well-known sports. Sometimes people (62) from the part of the world where they live. Bossaball is an example of this. It involves volleyball, probably, together with juggling, gymnastics and some elements of Brazilian martial arts. Buzkashi, a sport from Afghanistan is played (63) and uses a dead goat instead of a ball! People in Afghanistan would like this sport to become international. Chess boxing is a sport where you need to (64) from one type of activity to another. Roshambo, a game originating from China, has got an international society and a league which holds (65).

## Part V Translation (15 marks)

### Section A (5 marks)

Translate the following paragraph into Chinese. Write the answer on the *answer sheet*.

66. *Logistics* (物流) represents effective planning and *distribution* (分配) of products and materials from one point to another. Probably the first application of logistics was for military purposes. Various ancient civilizations need an efficient way to expand their influence through trading and warfare. They need adequate methods to transport goods to distant parts of the world. However, they were also looking for solutions to deliver weapons and provision supplies to their armies.

### Section B (10 marks)

Translate the following paragraph into English. Write the answer on the *answer sheet*.

67. 向慈善机构捐赠的最重要原因之一就是：你有这个能力。我们许多人生来就比其他人为优越，不仅仅是富有，也可能是你受过更多的教育或者拥有更健康的身體。請利用你的优越条件为弱势群体带去希望。慈善不一定要很大，也不必产生巨大影响。适时的小小善举就能让他人度过美好的一天。如今，你还可以进行在线捐赠，这样即使在忙碌的生活中，也能让慈善事业经久不衰。



## Part VI IQ Test (10 marks)

There are five IQ Test questions in this part. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

68. What is the longest ant in the world?

69. Which of the following is **NOT** a famous author?

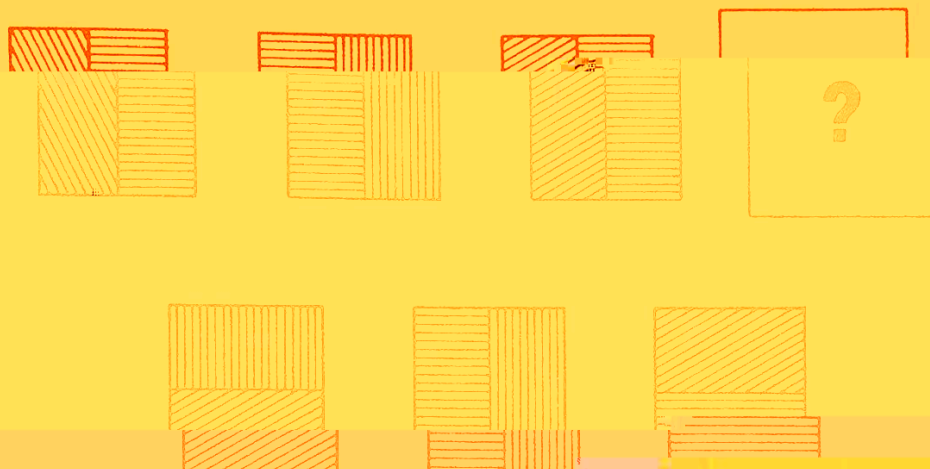
- A. Oscar Wilde                      B. Anton Chekhov  
C. Gustav Holst                      D. Mark Twain

70. What's the Chinese for the underlined phrase?

*Freddie is so keen on football that he'd go to watch any game at the drop of a hat.*

71. Susan bought a bracelet for £21 which she then resold for £25. She unwisely accepted a cheque from the purchaser for £35 and gave them £10 change. She then gave the cheque to her landlord but it was rejected. She had to borrow a further £25 to pay the rent. How much money has Susan actually lost?

72. What is the missing figure?



## Part VII Error Correction (10 marks)

There are **10** errors altogether in the following passage. The errors are: missing words, unnecessary words and wrong words. Please correct them as follows: for a missing word, mark its position with the symbol “^” and write it; for an unnecessary word, cross it out with the symbol “\”; for a wrong word, underline it and write the correct word. An example of how to correct the error is provided below. Write the answers on the answer sheet.

For example:

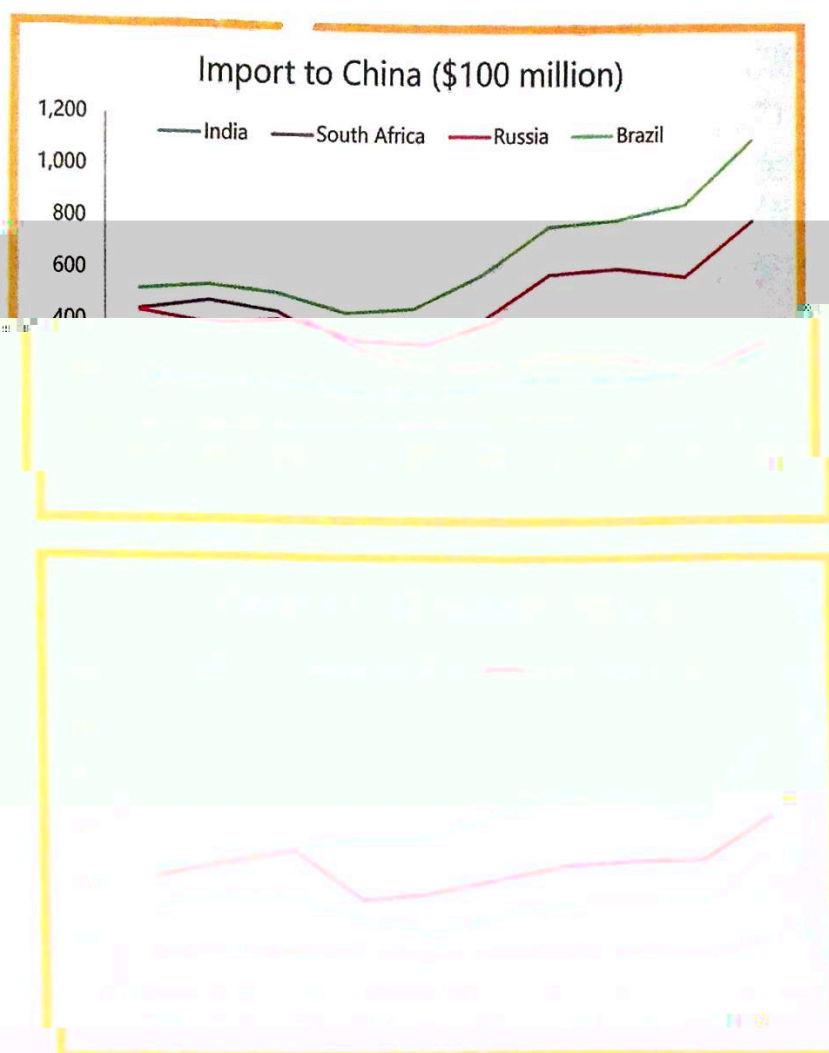
One of my favourite writers are Charlotte Brontë. She was born in the early is nineteenth century when women had far fewer opportunities ^ they have now. than She lived in a small village in Yorkshire and she took a great pleasure in a

... encourage you to enjoy food — 74. \_\_\_\_\_  
any food — and there are no meals that are ‘forbidden’. We just emphasis 75. \_\_\_\_\_  
moderation.  
Twice a week, all of us go out for a dinner together. Some restaurants we 76. \_\_\_\_\_  
have visited serve food that high in fat, but that is the whole point of eating 77. \_\_\_\_\_  
healthy — treat yourself, but not too often. And every week, 78. \_\_\_\_\_  
together to cook a meal to share, where can have some interesting results! 79. \_\_\_\_\_  
Many people believe that you can’t be healthy and eat high-calorie 80. \_\_\_\_\_  
meal. We believe that you don’t have to choose either one above the other: 81. \_\_\_\_\_  
It is possible to do both.  
And this is an idea that whole of our members would agree with. Come along 82. \_\_\_\_\_  
to our stall at the Society’s Fair and see for yourself. 83. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VIII Writing (30 marks)**

**Section A (10 marks)**

83. Write a **120-word** report on China's trade with other BRICS countries through the years of 2012–2021.



**Section B (20 marks)**

84. Tourism bureaus across China are promoting local attractions and employing innovative means to entice visitors. The recovery of tourism has become a driving force for China's economy. Did you go anywhere in the past winter vacation? What's your opinion on the issue?



*Write a 180-word essay to express your opinion. Write the essay on the answer sheet.*