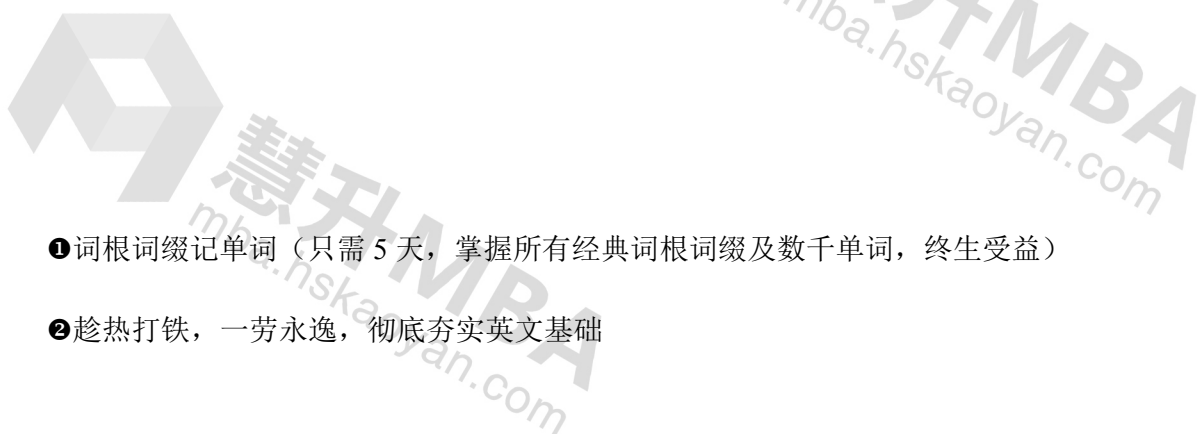




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一、英语二阅读理解必考20题

1. According to Paragraph 2, the recession has made people _____.

- A. realize the national dream B. struggle against each other
C. challenge their prudence D. reconsider their lifestyle

①No one tries harder than the jobless to find silver linings in this national economic disaster. ②Many said that unemployment, while extremely painful, had improved them in some ways: they had become less materialistic and more financially prudent; they were more aware of the struggles of others. ③In limited respects, perhaps the recession will leave society better off. ④At the very least, it has awoken us from our national fever dream of easy riches and bigger houses, and put a necessary end to an era of reckless personal spending.

2. The European Union's intended legislation is _____.

- A. a reflection of gender balance B. a reluctant choice
C. a response to Reding's call D. a voluntary action

①The European Union is now considering legislation to compel corporate boards to maintain a certain proportion of women — up to 60 percent. ②This proposed mandate was born of frustration. ③Last year, European Commission Vice President Viviane Reding issued a call to voluntary action. ④Reding invited corporations to sign up for gender balance goal of 40 percent female board membership. ⑤But her appeal was considered a failure: only 24 companies took it up.

3. As mentioned in Paragraph 4, a key question unanswered about homework is whether _____.

- A. it should be eliminated B. it counts much in schooling
C. it places extra burdens on teachers D. it is important for grades

①At the same time, the policy addresses none of the truly thorny questions about homework. ②If the district finds homework to be unimportant to its students' academic achievement, it should move to reduce or eliminate the assignments, not make them count for almost nothing. ③Conversely, if homework matters, it should account for a significant portion of the grade. ④Meanwhile, this policy does nothing to ensure that the homework students receive is meaningful or appropriate to their age and the subject or that teachers are not



assigning more than they are willing to review and correct.

4. According to the last paragraph, *Happy Money* _____.

- A. has left much room for readers' criticism
- B. may prove to be a worthwhile purchase
- C. has predicted a wider income gap in the US
- D. may give its readers a sense of achievement

① Readers of *Happy Money* are clearly a privileged lot, anxious about fulfillment, not hunger. ② Money may not quite buy happiness, but people in wealthier countries are generally happier than those in poor ones. ③ Yet the link between feeling good and spending money on others can be seen among rich and poor people around the world, and scarcity enhances the pleasure of most things for most people. ④ Not everyone will agree with the authors' policy ideas, which range from mandating more holiday time to reducing tax incentives for American homebuyers. ⑤ But most people will come away from this book believing it was money well spent.

5. According to Paragraph 3, to be a successful employee, one has to _____.

- A. adopt an average lifestyle
- B. work on cheap software
- C. contribute something unique
- D. ask for a moderate salary

① In the past, workers with average skills, doing an average job, could earn an average lifestyle. ② But, today, average is officially over. ③ Being average just won't earn you what it used to. ④ It can't when so many more employers have so much more access to so much more above average cheap foreign labor, cheap robotics, cheap software, cheap automation and cheap genius. ⑤ Therefore, everyone needs to find their extra — their unique value contribution that makes them stand out in whatever is their field of employment.

6. According to Dunn and Norton, which of the following is the most rewarding purchase?

- A. big house.
- B. A special tour.
- C. A stylish car.
- D. A rich meal.

① What would you do with \$590m? ② This is now a question for Gloria Mackenzie, an 84-year-old widow who recently emerged from her small, tin-roofed house in Florida to collect the biggest undivided lottery jackpot in history. ③ If she hopes her new-found fortune will yield lasting feelings of fulfillment, she could do worse than read *Happy Money* by Elizabeth Dunn and Michael Norton.

① These two academics use an array of behavioral research to show that the most rewarding ways to spend money can be counterintuitive. ② Fantasies of great wealth often involve visions of fancy cars and extravagant homes. ③ Yet satisfaction with these material purchases wears off fairly quickly. ④ What was once exciting and new becomes old-hat; regret creeps in. ⑤ It is far better to spend money on experiences, say Ms Dunn and Mr. Norton, like interesting trips, unique meals or even going to the cinema. ⑥ These purchases often become more valuable with time—as stories or memories —particularly if they involve feeling more connected to others.

7. The author's attitude toward the role of outside directors is _____.

- A. permissive
- B. positive
- C. scornful
- D. critical

① Outside directors are supposed to serve as helpful, yet less biased, advisers on a firm's board. ② Having made their wealth and their reputations elsewhere, they presumably have enough independence to disagree with the chief executive's proposals. ③ If the sky, and the share price, is falling, outside directors should be able to give advice based on having weathered their own crises.

8. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. Sales of contemporary art fell dramatically from 2007 to 2008.
- B. The art market surpassed many other industries in momentum.
- C. The art market generally went downward in various ways.
- D. Some art dealers were awaiting better chances to come.

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9. According to Paragraph 2, which of the following is true of colours?

- A. Colours are encoded in girls' DNA.
- B. Blue used to be regarded as the colour for girls.
- C. Pink used to be a neutral colour in symbolising genders.
- D. White is preferred by babies.

①Girls' attraction to pink may seem unavoidable, somehow encoded in their DNA, but according to Jo Paoletti, an associate professor of American Studies, it is not. ②Children were not colour-coded at all until the early 20th century: in the era before domestic washing machines all babies wore white as a practical matter, since the only way of getting clothes clean was to boil them. ③What's more, both boys and girls wore what were thought of as gender-neutral dresses.④When nursery colours were introduced, pink was actually considered the more masculine colour, a pastel version of red, which was associated with strength. ⑤Blue, with its intimations of the Virgin Mary, constancy and faithfulness, symbolised femininity. ⑥It was not until the mid-1980s, when amplifying age and sex differences became a dominant children's marketing strategy, that pink fully came into its own, when it began to seem inherently attractive to girls, part of what defined them as female, at least for the first few critical years.

10. It can be inferred that Facebook is self-enhancer's paradise because people can _____.

- A. present their dishonest profiles
- B. define their traditional lifestyles
- C. share their intellectual pursuits
- D. withhold their unflattering sides

①Knowing the results of Epley's study, it makes sense that many people hate photographs of themselves so viscerally — on one level, they don't even recognise the person in the picture as themselves. ②Facebook, therefore, is a self-enhancer's paradise, where people can share only the most flattering photos, the cream of their



wit, style, beauty, intellect and lifestyle. ③ “It's not that people's profiles are dishonest”, says Catalina Toma of Wisconsin-Madison University, “but they portray an idealized version of themselves”.

11. It can be inferred from the last paragraph that outside directors _____.

- A. may stay for the attractive offers from the firm
- B. have often had records of wrongdoings in the firm
- C. are accustomed to stress-free work in the firm
- D. will decline incentives from the firm

① But the researches believe that outside directors have an easier time of avoiding a blow to their reputations if they leave a firm before bad news break, even if a review of history shows that they were on the board at the time any wrongdoing occurred. ② Firms who want to keep their outside directors through tough times may have to create incentives. ③ Otherwise outside directors will follow the example of Ms. Simmons, once again very popular on campus.

12. In the following part immediately after this text, the author will most probably focus on _____.

- A. a vivid account of the new book Divorce Talk.
- B. a detailed description of the stereotypical cartoon.
- C. other possible reasons for a high divorce rate in the U.S.
- D. a brief introduction to the political scientist Andrew Hacker

In short, the image that best represents the current crisis is the stereotypical cartoon scene of a man sitting at the breakfast table with a newspaper held up in front of his face, while a woman glares at the back of it, wanting to talk.

13. Judging from the context, the phrase “wreaking havoc” (Lin3, Para.2) most probably means _____.

- A. generating motivation
- B. exerting influence
- C. causing damage
- D. creating pressure

① This episode crystallizes the irony that although American men tend to talk more than women in public situations, they often talk less at home. ② And this pattern is wreaking havoc with marriage.

14. By saying “spending of any sort became deeply unfashionable” (Lines 1-2, Para.3), the author suggests that _____.

- A. collectors were no longer actively involved in art-market auctions
- B. people stopped every kind of spending and stayed away from galleries
- C. art collection as a fashion had lost its appeal to a great extent
- D. works of art in general had gone out of fashion so they were not worth buying

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- A. are competing for the leading position
- B. are busy handling their own crises
- C. fail to reach an agreement on harmonization
- D. disagree on the steps towards disintegration

① Yet the debate about how to save Europe's single currency from disintegration is stuck. ② It is stuck because the euro zone's dominant powers, France and Germany, agree on the need for greater harmonisation



within the euro zone, but disagree about what to harmonise.(11/4/2)

16. In the first paragraph. Damien Hirst's sale was referred to as “a last victory” because _____.

- A. the art market had witnessed a succession of victories
- B. the auctioneer finally got the two pieces at the highest bids
- C. Beautiful Inside My Head Forever won over all masterpieces
- D. it was successfully made just before the world financial crisis

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17. The quotation in Paragraph 4 explains that _____.

- A. gains of technology have been erased
- B. job opportunities are disappearing at a high speed
- C. factories are making much less money than before
- D. new jobs and services have been offered

①Yes, new technology has been eating jobs forever, and always will. ② But there's been an acceleration. ③As Davidson notes, “In the 10 years ending in 2009, U.S. factories shed workers so fast that they erased almost all the gains of the previous 70 years; roughly one out of every three manufacturing jobs — about 6 million in total — disappeared.”

18. The most appropriate title for this text could be _____.

- A. Fluctuation of Art Prices
- B. Up-to-date Art Auctions
- C. Art Market in Decline
- D. Shifted Interest in Arts

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19. In the opening paragraphs, the author introduces his topic by _____.

- A. making a comparison
- B. justifying a consumption
- C. explaining a phenomenon
- D. posing a contrast

20. The author mentions Google's database in the opening two paragraphs in order to _____.

- A. depict the operation of the database
- B. explain the significance of the creation
- C. support the studies with search engines
- D. introduce the topic under discussion

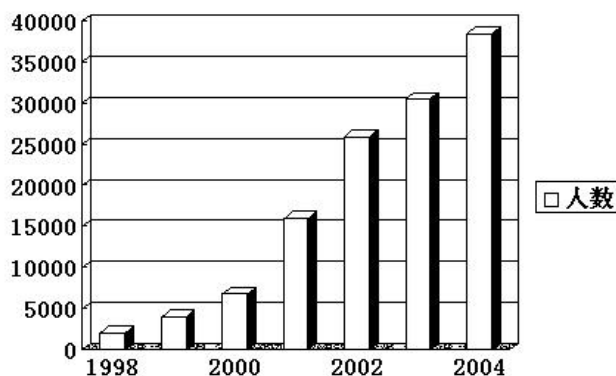
21. What might the previous paragraphs deal with?

- A. Protests against constant testing.
- B. A reaction against reading test-prep.
- C. The short-term effect of prepping for reading tests.
- D. Prepping for math tests.

二、大作文

1. **Directions:** In this section, you are asked to write an essay based on the following diagram. Describe the diagram and analyze the possible causes. You should write at least 150 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

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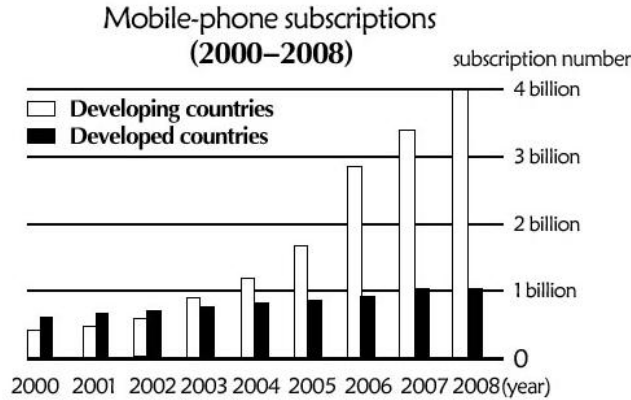
工程硕士: Master of Engineering

2. **Directions:** In this section, you are asked to write an essay based on the following chart. In your writing, you should

- 1) interpret the chart and
- 2) give your comments.

You should write at least 150 words.

Write your essay on ANSWER SHEET 2. (15 points)

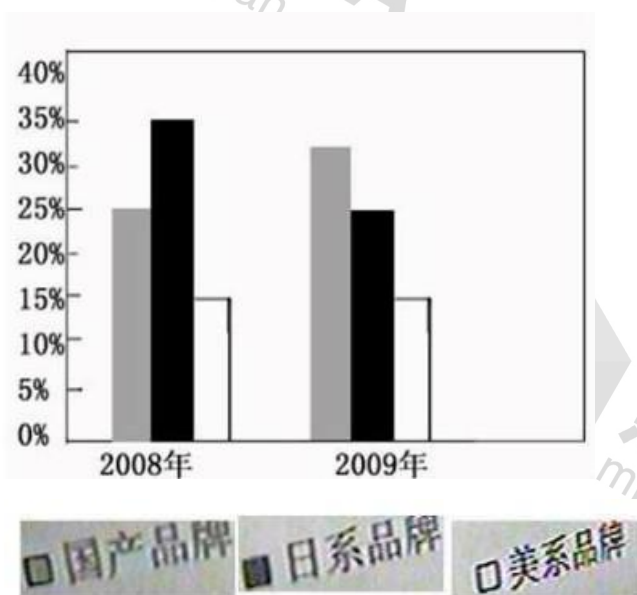


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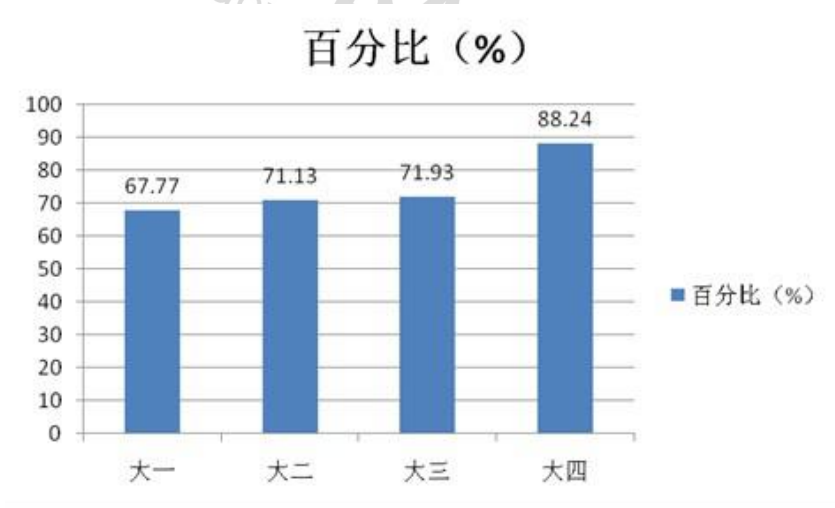
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4. **Directions:** Write an essay based on the following chart. In your writing, you should

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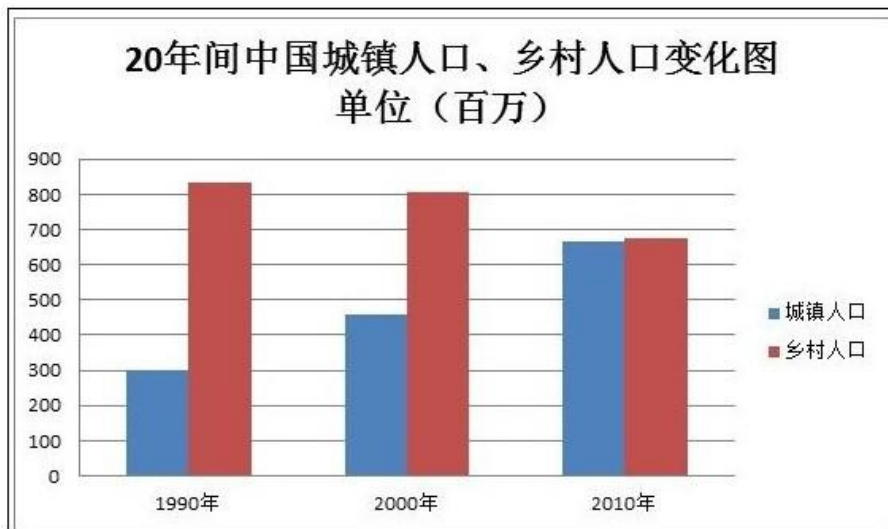


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5. **Directions:** Write an essay based on the following chart. In your writing, you should

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- 2) give your comments.

You should write about 150 words on the ANSWER SHEET. (15point)



6. **Directions:** In this section, you are asked to write an essay based on the following table. *Describe the table and state your own opinion.* You should write 150 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

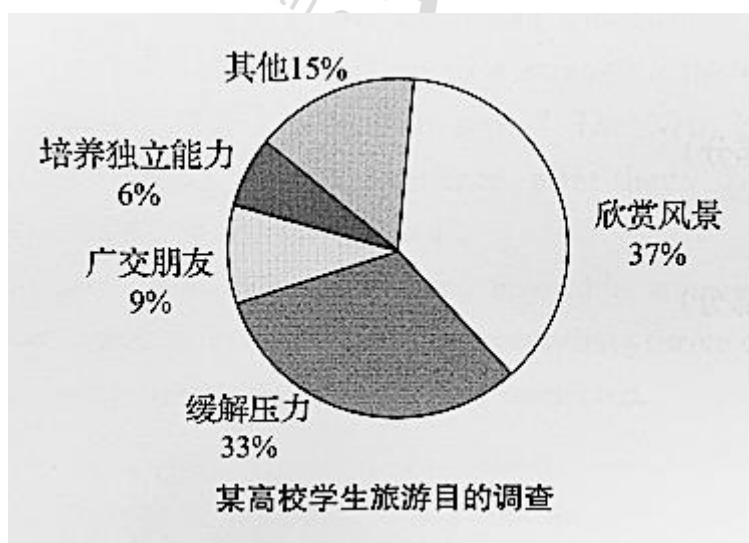
Accidents in a Chinese City

Main accident causes	Number of accidents in 2005	Percentage rise (+) or fall (-) over 2004
Drivers turning left without due care	608	+10%
Drivers turning too close to other vehicles	411	+9%
Pedestrians crossing roads carelessly	401	+12%
Drivers driving under the influence of alcohol	281	+15%
Drivers failing to give a signal	264	-5%

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- 1) interpret the chart, and
- 2) give your comments.

You should write about 150 words on the ANSWER SHEET. (15 points)



8. Directions: Write an essay based on the following table. In your writing, you should

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- 2) give your comments.

You should write at least 150 words.

Write your essay on the ANSWER SHEET . (15 points)

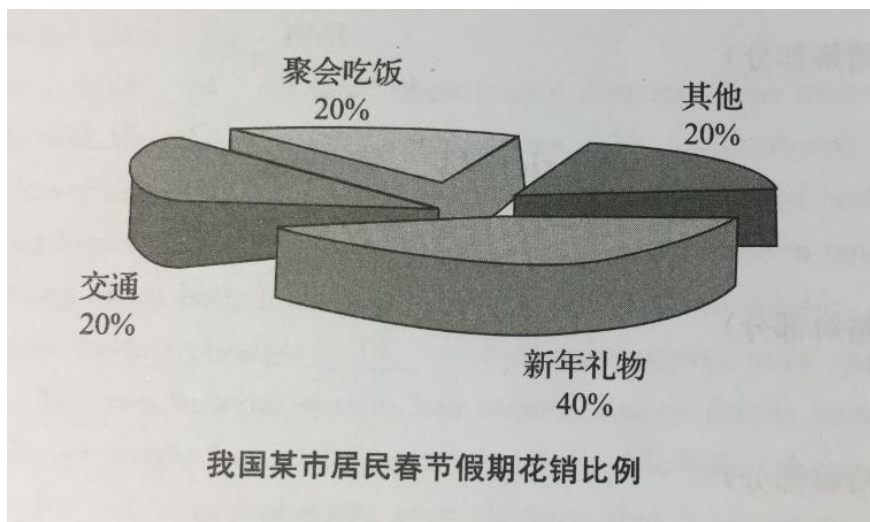
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41-50岁	0.0%	36.0%	64.0%
>50岁	40.0%	50.0%	10.0%

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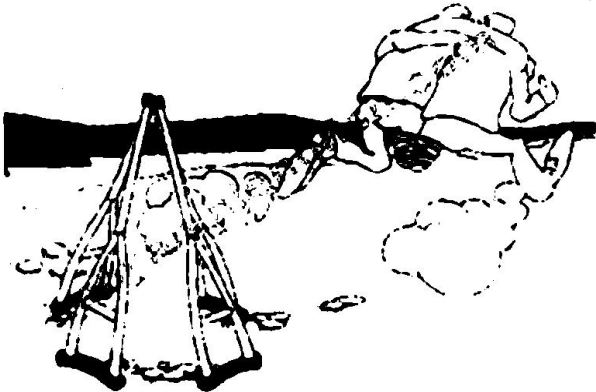
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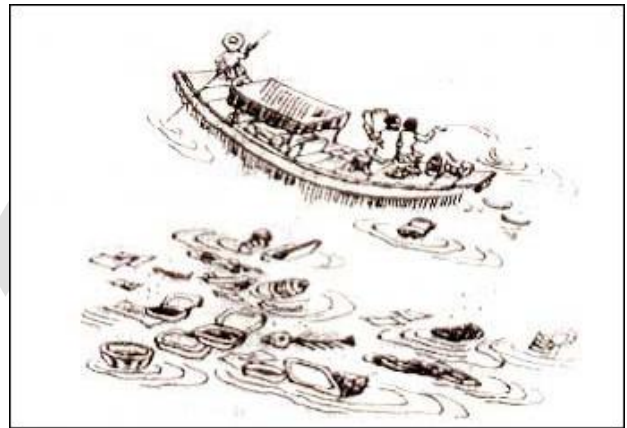
1. Directions: Write an essay of 160-200 words based on the following drawing. In your essay, you should

- 1) describe the drawing briefly,
- 2) explain its intended meaning, and then
- 3) support your view with an example/ examples.

You should write neatly on ANSWER SHEET 2. (20 points)



你一条腿，我一条腿；
你或一起，走向南北。



旅游之“余”

三、小作文

1.Directions:

You have just come back from the U.S. as a member of a Sino-American exchange program. Write a letter to your American colleague to

- 1) express your thanks for his/her warm reception;
- 2) welcome him/her to visit China in due course.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Zhang Wei" instead.

Do not write the address.

2. Directions:

Suppose your cousin Li Ming has just been admitted to a university.

- 1) congratulate him/her, and



2) give him/her suggestions on how to get prepared for university life.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Zhang Wei" instead.

Do not write the address.

3. Directions:

Suppose you have found something wrong with the electronic dictionary that you bought from an online store the other day. Write an email to the customer service center to

1) make a complaint and

2) demand a prompt solution

You should write about 100 words on ANSWER SHEET 2

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Zhang Wei" instead.

4. Directions:

Suppose your class is to hold a charity sale for kids in need of help. Write your classmates an email to

1) inform them about the details, and

2) encourage them to participate.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Li Ming" instead.

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5. Directions:

Suppose you are going to study abroad and share an apartment with John, a local student. Write him an email to

1) tell him about your living habits, and

2) ask for advice about living there.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Li Ming" instead.

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6. Directions:

Suppose your university is going to host a summer camp for high school students. Write a notice to

- 1) briefly introduce the camp activities, and
- 2) call for volunteers.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not use your name or the name of your university.

Do not write your address. (10 points)

7. Directions:

Suppose you won a translation contest and your friend, Jack, wrote an email to congratulate you and ask for advice on translation. Write him a reply to

thank him, and

give your advice.

You should write about 100 words on the ANSWER SHEET.

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To: All students of the English Department (D)

From: Li Ming/Zhang Wei (Li Ming)

Date: December 24th, 2016 (O)

Subject: Spring Excursion (Y s)

