

宜宾市普通高中 2018 级高考适应性考试

英语

(考试时间: 120 分钟 全卷满分: 150 分)

第一部分 听力 (共两节, 满分30分)

做题时, 先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后, 你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

第一节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 7.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题, 从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项, 并标在试卷的相应位置。听完每段对话后, 你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

例: How much is the shirt?

A. £19.15.

B. £9.18.

C. £9.15.

答案是 C.

请听下面 5 段对话, 选出最佳选项。

1. Where is the woman going to hold her birthday party?

A. At home.

B. At a pub.

C. At a restaurant.

2. What does the woman probably want to buy?

A. Coke.

B. Mineral water.

C. Fruit juice.

3. What are the speakers talking about?

A. Visiting a friend.

B. Holding a party.

C. Making a shopping list.

4. What time is it now?

A. 7:00.

B. 7:40.

C. 8:00.

5. What will the woman probably do this evening?

A. Watch TV.

B. Learn to dance.

C. Study for the exam.

第二节 (共 15 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 22.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题, 从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项选出最佳选项。听每段对话或独白前, 你将有时间阅读各个小题, 每小题 5 秒钟; 听完后, 各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

6. What is the weather like now?

A. Windy.

B. Sunny.

C. Foggy.

7. What is the weather like in April of Britain?

A. Steady.

B. lovely.

C. Changeable.

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请听第7段材料，回答第8、9题。

Why does the man make the call?

A. To ask about the meeting place.

~~B. To arrange for an appointment.~~

C. To change the meeting place.

Where will the man probably go next?

A. The cycling centre.

B. The swimming pool.

C. The stadium.

请听第8段材料，回答第10至12题。

10. What do we know about Julie?

~~A. She is good at decorating.~~

B. She has been ill since last week.

~~C. She is in her last year at university.~~

11. When is the woman's wedding?

A. On Wednesday.

B. On Thursday.

~~C. On Friday.~~

12. What is the probable relationship between the speakers?

A. Brother and sister.

B. Uncle and cousin.

~~C. Father and daughter.~~

请听第9段材料，回答第13至16题。

13. How did the man get to the park this morning?

A. By subway.

B. By bus.

C. By car.

14. What did the woman say about the restaurant?

A. It was small.

B. It was airless.

C. It was surprising.

15. What did the man like best about today's trip?

A. The film.

B. The exhibition.

C. The musical.

16. What do the speakers agree to do?

A. Finish their papers first.

B. Go traveling during the holidays.

C. Visit the museum (after the holidays).

请听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17. What does the speaker mainly talk about?

A. Education in Britain.

B. Promotion of standard English.

C. Communicative ability of British youths.

18. What is the percentage of the boys according to the text?

A. 15%.

B. 22%.

~~C. 38%.~~

19. What is the possible cause of the problem?

A. Pupils leave school too early.

B. There's not much talking in class.

~~C. No help comes from the government.~~

20. What is Trevor McDonald?

A. A news announcer.

B. A school teacher.

~~C. A government official.~~

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第二部分 阅读理解（共两节，满分40分）

第一节（共15小题；每小题2分，满分30分）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的四个选项（A、B、C和D）中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

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Lake Tekapo lies in the center of the South Island in an area known as the Mackenzie Basin in New Zealand. Tekapo Tourism provides one of the most comprehensive accommodation listings in the region. All accommodation providers in Tekapo are listed as follows.

• The Chalet Boutique Motel

Description: It's only a short distance from the Church of the Good Shepherd. You'll find the Chalet Boutique Motel very close to the shores of Lake Tekapo.

At the Chalet Boutique Motel you have the choice of six self-contained apartments varying in size from two-bedroom apartments to studio apartments. Some offer extraordinary views of the lake and mountains.

Price: \$185-\$295 for two people per night

Address: Pioneer Drive, PO Box 2, Lake Tekapo

• Tekapo B2 Apartment

Description: Tekapo B2 apartment is a self-contained, one-bedroom, upstairs apartment with views overlooking Lake Tekapo. It's only a short walk from the town center. The bedroom is suitable for two people. A sofa bed is available for a third person. Any third person in the same room will be charged half price.

Price: \$210-\$270 for two people per night

Address: 2 Murray Place, Lake Tekapo

• Mt John Historic Homestead

Description: Built in 1911, the Mount John Homestead has recently been renovated (整修). An original collection of art by a local artist and thousands of local photos are displayed throughout the rooms.

The yard is also available for special occasions such as weddings, family reunions or small parties. A minimum booking of two nights is required.

Price: \$470-\$600 for two people for two nights

Address: State Highway 8, PO Box 91, Lake Tekapo

21. What's your best choice if you want to enjoy views of the lake?
A. Tekapo B2 Apartment. ☒ B. The Chalet Boutique Motel.
C. Mt John Historic Homestead. ☐ D. The Church of the Good Shepherd.
22. How much will three persons sharing the same room for two nights pay in Tekapo B2 Apartment?
A. Less than \$420. ☐ B. \$600 at most. ☒ C. \$630 at least. ☐ D. Over \$850.
23. Which is true about Mt John Historic Homestead?
A. It has newly built apartments. ☐
B. A birthday party can be held there. ☒
C. You can book a room for one night. ☐
D. World-wide artworks are often displayed. ☐

I rescued my little Foxy several years ago. I wasn't looking for her, but she just crawled up onto my lap and went to sleep, so I took her home. She spent the night (with her head) on my pillow, and I knew she belonged with me.

I was her world. She didn't really like other people (until I met my wife-to-be. The day Angelika came over to visit (for the first time) was the the last time Foxy was truly my dog. She abandoned me for the love of a tender woman, and who can blame her? I would have done the same. Then Angelika and I got married, and we became a happy family.

The three of us always walk together through our village from the hills to the lake. We get exercise and have fun because Foxy enjoys her walks and strolls through the neighbourhood like a 10-pound prize pony (马驹).

How sweet and lovely, you say, (but) there is a dark side to the little furball! Foxy is now a one-woman dog—she has totally bonded (建立关系) with my wife and won't go for a walk at all if Angelika is out. She just lies in her bed by the window waiting for her angel to walk through the door, and I have to tell you, I feel a little rejected. But it's pretty cute.

I understand animal bonding. My therapy dog, Mercy, was with me for over a decade, and we were a total item. In fact, it wasn't until Mercy died that I decided to remarry. That's how much unconditional love she gave me.

Now my wife is getting to experience that kind of bond for the first time. Young or old, big or little, when your dog finds you, it's an amazing experience, and the love you feel just makes your life sweeter.

When you adopt an animal, remember that it's a lifetime commitment. And if your pet falls for your other half, just enjoy watching the love.

24. From Paragraph 2, we can learn _____.

- ~~A. both the author and Foxy loved Angelika.~~
- ~~B. Angelika didn't get along well with Foxy at first.~~
- C. the author ignored Foxy after meeting Angelika.
- ~~D. Foxy made no sense in building family relationship.~~

25. What is "a dark side" in Paragraph 4 refer to?

- A. Foxy's laziness.
- ~~B. Foxy's hope for Angelika.~~
- ~~C. The Author's deep love for Foxy.~~
- D. The Author's dissatisfaction with Foxy.

26. Who was Mercy in the passage?

- A. The author's former wife.
- B. The author's dead pet dog.
- C. The amazing and cute item.
- ~~D. The angel taking care of pets.~~

27. What is the main idea of the passage?

- ~~A. Exercising with dogs is good for our health.~~
- B. Citizens ought to be encouraged to keep pets.
- C. People should value human-animal connection.
- ~~D. Raising pets will break the relationship of the couple.~~

All primary and secondary school students in China will, in principle, be banned from bringing mobile phones to school, the Ministry of Education announced in early February.

Parents will now need to submit a written application if their child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, the ministry said in a notice. In such cases, the student should hand the cellphone to the school for custody during school time, it added.

No cellphones will be allowed in classrooms, the notice said. Schools should not assign or ask students to do homework via cellphones and they should set up teacher hot lines and public phones for communication between parents and students, it added.

The new measure, aimed at protecting students' eyesight, making sure they focus on study and preventing them from becoming addicted to the Internet and online games, has sparked heated debate among parents over the practicality of implementation and the need for their children to keep up pace with phone-centered technological advances in everyday life.

Dai Hanyang, a high school student in Changsha, Hunan Province, says, "I am not good at self-discipline and I could not help but check WeChat messages or moments, so not having my cell phone with me helps me focus on studying."

Zhang Ting, the mother of a fourth grader in Beijing, says she supports the ban. "For primary school students, the knowledge found in books is enough. Nowadays, information is being carried on digital channels, but the content remains the same," Zhang says. "Fragmented (碎片化的) and overloaded information online is not better than knowledge gained from books."

The misuse of mobile phones can bring a series of health problems, including memory loss, sleep disorder and eyesight deterioration (退化). It's already common practice worldwide to limit students' use of mobile phones in primary and secondary schools.

28. What does the underlined word "custody" mean?

A. Determination.

B. Preservation.

C. Safety.

D. Guarantee.

29. What is the main purpose of the ban according to the passage?

A. To satisfy parents' requirements.

B. To reduce students' homework.

C. To improve students' learning efficiency.

D. To keep students from being lost in the Internet.

30. Which one is Dai Hanyang's idea?

A. Knowledge online is useless at all.

B. WeChat can help concentrate on study.

C. Students can get knowledge from WeChat messages.

D. Cellphone ban is beneficial to students' self-discipline.

31. What can the misuse of mobile phones cause?

A. Reading boredom.

B. Backwardness of the times.

C. Bad interpersonal relationships

D. Damage of body functions.

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Avantium, a renewable chemical company based in the Netherlands, plans to start making plastics from plant sugars rather than fossil fuels, according to The Guardian. Plant sugars from wheat, beets and corn will be used to produce the plant plastic.

"This plastic has very attractive sustainability certificate because it uses no fossil fuels, and can be recycled – but would also break down in nature much faster than normal plastics do," said Tom Van Aken, Avantium's chief executive. The plant plastic would break down within a year using a composter (堆肥器) or a few years longer under normal outdoor conditions according to trials.

Bottle manufacturer Alpla and packaging developer BillerudKorsnas are also working with Avantium on the drive to produce the world's first 100 percent recyclable and biodegradable plant-based bottles which is known as the Paper Bottle Project, according to Green Matters.

The project is currently backed by Coca-Cola and Danone, a food and beverage company.

"It is a milestone in the development of high-value applications such as specialty bottles," said Avantium marketing director Marcel Lubben.

Despite the coronavirus lockdowns, the project is still on track. More partnerships with food and drink companies will be revealed later as businesses continue to seek environmentally friendly alternatives to ensure the future of their bottled products.

Plant plastic may appear in supermarkets by 2023. The project will produce 5,000 tons of plastic every year and increase its production as the demand for renewable plastic rises.

32. What is the main idea of Paragraph 2?

- A. The advantages of plant plastic.
- B. The way of producing the paper bottles.
- C. The raw materials of plant-based bottles.
- D. The companies associated with the project.

33. What is Marcel Lubben's attitude to the Project?

- A. Doubtful.
- B. Opposing.
- C. Supportive.
- D. Critical.

34. What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The coronavirus held back the development of the research.
- B. Coca-Cola and Danone have made a profit out of the project.
- C. The number of plant-based bottles will satisfy the demand by 2023.
- D. An increasing number of companies will be involved in the project.

35. What is probably the best title for the passage?

- A. Plant Plastic on the way.
- B. Plant Sugars, a New Material.
- C. The Choices of Bottle Products.
- D. Increasing Demand for Plastic Products.

第二节 (共 5 小题; 每小题 2 分, 满分 10 分)

根据短文内容, 从短文后的选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

When I was having a cold, my Chinese friends suggested “drink more hot water.” When I was exhausted, my mum said “drink more hot water.” 36 Whenever you are not feeling well, people offer you hot water.

37 It lies in history. In ancient China, people lived by rivers with access to water but the water drawn from natural sources could potentially make them sick because of microorganisms. People not only drank water from rivers but also washed clothes and threw their shits into rivers. So boiling water became the easiest way to kill the bacteria. 38 For the poor, fuel was a luxury. Also, according to the earliest work on traditional Chinese medicine, the Huangdi Neijing, warm water can effectively improve people’s health by helping their organs function properly, but drinking warm water didn’t become a habit of the entire population until the 20th century.

In the 1930s the government launched a civic movement that encouraged people to drink boiled water to prevent the spread of diseases like dysentery. In 1949, the Communist government launched a public health campaign across the country. Posters hung in schools said “Children should cultivate the habit of drinking boiled water three times a day. 39

If you travel in China, you will see every office, train station, theatre, and restaurant has hot water dispenser. If you have a formal meeting with professionals in China, the first thing they offer you will be hot water or tea. Hot water has been an important part of Chinese people’s lives and culture. 40

~~A. Hot water is very popular in China.~~

~~B. Hot water seems to be a cure-all in China.~~

C. It did improve the public health successfully.

~~D. Why are Chinese people keen on Hot Water?~~

~~E. Chinese people have formed the habit of drinking cold water.~~

~~F. But the only rich in ancient China could access to heating water.~~

~~G. So don’t panic if a Chinese person offers you hot water in summer.~~

第三部分 英语知识运用 (共两节, 满分45分)

第一节 完形填空 (共 20 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 30 分)

阅读下面短文, 从短文后各题所给四个选项 (A、B、C 和 D) 中, 选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项, 并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

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Flanigan is an entertainer at Walt Disney World, Florida. For nearly 40 years, he has been featured in stage 41, including *Nemo: The Musical* and *Tarzan Rocks*. But over the last few months, during the pandemics (流行病), Flanigan has ridden his bicycle thousands of miles to 42 a little cheer to those 43 at home.

One day, Flanigan was riding his bicycle when he 44 ~~he was near~~ the home of friend Hannah Larid. From doorstep to sidewalk, the pair 45 for a while, easing the 46 of social isolation (隔离). After the 47, Larid posted on social media, "When he 48, I burst into tears. I hadn't seen my friends or ~~castmates~~ in weeks, and it was 49 to have a face-to-face interaction with someone."

Realizing his visit's huge impact, Flanigan decided to bring some 50 to his other friends in the area. Later 51 as a "Flanigram", he cycled more than 3,000 miles and visited about 265 friends and 52. Using his talent for 53, Flanigan said, "I ding-dong the doorbell, back up and do my song and dance... This is my way to be 54."

Soon the clamors (喧闹) for a "Flanigram" 55 his social media. In response, he decided to take his singing telegrams across the country, 56 friends in Texas, Arizona and even Los Angeles, some of whom hadn't seen him in decades. After Flanigan spent months spreading 57, his friends 58 turned the tables by throwing him a surprise socially distanced 60th birthday party in Winter Garden, Florida.

Speaking at the 59, Flanigan said, "It's just a short visit, a little song, it's silly...But I love to make people smile. If I can 60 someone's day, I want to do it."

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| 41. A. talks | B. activities | C. shows | D. films |
| 42. A. promise | B. deliver | C. tell | D. announce |
| 43. A. stuck | B. treated | C. refused | D. driven |
| 44. A. understood | B. thought | C. believed | D. realized |
| 45. A. chatted | B. debated | C. rode | D. complained |
| 46. A. happiness | B. mood | C. silence | D. boredom |
| 47. A. nap | B. visit | C. break | D. share |
| 48. A. knocked | B. recalled | C. played | D. left |
| 49. A. amazing | B. worrying | C. regretting | D. frightening |
| 50. A. gifts | B. relief | C. trouble | D. ideas |
| 51. A. considered | B. served | C. termed | D. believed |
| 52. A. relatives | B. colleagues | C. leaders | D. listeners |
| 53. A. speaking | B. communicating | C. reporting | D. performing |
| 54. A. serious | B. successful | C. social | D. public |
| 55. A. filled up | B. went over | C. turned down | D. kept off |
| 56. A. shaking | B. missing | C. reaching | D. surprising |
| 57. A. intelligence | B. kindness | C. selfishness | D. bravery |
| 58. A. first | B. ever | C. finally | D. so |
| 59. A. celebration | B. decade | C. travel | D. reality |
| 60. A. mark | B. love | C. brighten | D. end |

第二节 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1.5 分, 满分 15 分)

阅读下面短文, 在空白处填入 1 个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

Hundreds of ancient relics dating back to more than 3,000 years ago have been 61 (new) unearthed from the Sanxingdui Ruins in Sichuan, shocking archaeologists and history buffs at home and abroad.

Covering 12 square km, the relics site, which 62 (locate) in the city of Guanghan, about 60 km from Chengdu, is believed to be the remnants (残留物) of the Shu Kingdom.

In the history of Chinese archaeology, some disasters 63 (occur) while technology was undeveloped, but now archaeologists have been armed with advanced equipment that has allowed them 64 (carry) out research more effectively and 65 (well) preserve the unearthed treasures. So in the process of excavation, archaeologists made full use 66 modern technologies to ensure the safety of these 67 (discovery) and sound management of relevant data and material.

Two giant sacrificial pits (坑) 68 (contain) thousands of gold, bronze, jade, ivory, and pottery artifacts were so unusual and unlike anything ever found in China before,

More than 50,000 ancient artifacts have been found (since the 1920s, 69 a local farmer accidentally came upon a number of 70 (culture) relics at the site. Now the rest of the discovered pits are still under excavation.

第四部分 写作 (共两节, 满分 35 分)

第一节 短文改错 (共 10 小题; 每小题 1 分, 满分 10 分)

假定英语课上老师要求同桌之间交换修改作文, 请你修改你同桌写的以下作文。文中共有 10 处语言错误, 每句中最多有两处。每处错误仅涉及一个单词的增加、删除或修改。

增加: 在缺词处加一个漏字符号(Λ), 并在其下面写出该加的词。

删除: 把多余的词用斜线(\)划掉。

修改: 在错的词下划一横线, 并在该词下面写出修改后的词。

注意: 1. 每处错误及其修改均仅限一词;

2. 只允许修改 10 处, 多者(从第 11 处起)不计分。

The person I respect most is my neighbor Uncle Li. He is so patient with each one that we are all like him. He was a volunteer whom worked as a gate guard during the epidemic of COVID-19, but his main duty was to measure body temperature. Uncle Li was devoted his job, even in terribly weather. It is his patient and the sense of responsibility which make me admire him.

Thanks to volunteers' efforts in epidemic prevention and control, we avoided getting infecting.

Actually, a number of selfless people like Uncle Li around us is on the rise, and they well deserve us respect.

第二节 书面表达 (满分 25 分)

假定你叫李华, 你的新西兰笔友 Sam 来信询问你在 2020 新冠疫情防控期间的在家学习生活状况, 请根据以下要点, 用英语给他写封电子邮件:

1. 学习安排;
2. 锻炼及娱乐方式;
3. 你的感受。

注意: 1. 词数 100 左右;
2. 可适当增加细节, 以使行文连贯;
3. 开头语已为你写好, 不计入总词数。

参考词汇: epidemic prevention and control 疫情防控

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第二部分 阅读理解（共 20 小题，每小题 2 分，满分 40 分）

21-25 BCBAD 26-30 BCBDD 31-35 CACDA 36-40 BDFCG

第三部分 语言知识运用（共两节，满分 45 分）

第一节 完形填空（共 20 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 30 分）

41-45 CBADA 46-50 DBDAB 51-55 CBDCA 56-60 DBCAC

第二节 语法填空（共 10 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 15 分）

61. newly 62. is located 63. occurred 64. to carry 65. better
66. of 67. discoveries 68. containing 69. when 70. cultural

第四部分 写作（共两节，满分 35 分）

第一节 短文改错（共 10 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 10 分）

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- 1. 本题总分为 25 分，按 5 档次给分。
- 2. 评分时，先根据文章的内容和语言初步确定其所属档次，然后以该档次的要求来衡量，确定或调整档次，最后给分。
- 3. 评分时，应注意的主要内容为：内容要点、应用词汇和语法的准确性、上下文的连贯性及语言的得体性。
- 4. 拼写与标点符号是语言准确性的一个方面，评分时，应视其对交际的影响程度予以考试。
- 5. 如书写较差，以至影响交际，将分数降低一个档次。

二、内容要点：

- 1. 学习安排；
- 2. 锻炼方式；
- 3. 娱乐方式
- 4. 你的感受。

三、要点认定：

- 1. 考生必须有较完整的句子表达出要点。如只有关键词而无主谓结构，不可视为要点写出。
- 2. 围绕要点的发挥，如有语言错误，则扣语言分。

四、为了操作方便，按表达要点的多少和使用语言的情况，划分为五个档次，列表说明如下：

档次	得分	要点数	语言情况
五	21—25	4	语言基本无误，行文连贯，表达清楚。
四	16—20	4	语言有少量错误，行文基本连贯，表达基本清楚。
三	11—15	3	语言有一些错误，尚能达意。
二	6—10	2	语言错误很多，影响表达。
一	0—5	1	只能写出与所要求内容有关的一些单词。

注意：

- 1. 原则上应按照考生所表达的要点数归档。如语言错误多，可降一档，如语言表达较好，可打该档最高分或上升一档。
- 2. 在同一档次内，根据语言错误的多少确定五个分值。
 - 1—2 个错误，取该档次分值的高线。
 - 3—4 个错误，取该档次分值的中线。
 - 5 个错误，取该档次分值的低线。
 - 6 个以上降一档，10 个左右错误取其降档后的低线。

录音原文

(Text 1)

W: Hi Tom, Jane here. About my birthday party, my mum said no to the pub so we're going to the restaurant. Come to my house at six. You can go with me and my sister.

M: OK.

(Text 2)

M: We need something to drink. Fruit juice, perhaps? Or Coke?

W: No way! I'm not buying soft drinks; they are full of sugar! I want something healthy.

(Text 3)

W: Kyle's going to love his surprise party! But we must keep it a secret.

M: I completely agree. We'll invite him round for dinner and surprise him. We'll have to make a list so we know how many people are coming.

(Text 4)

W: I'm sorry I'm late. I left work at 5 and it took me two hours to get here. I waited forty minutes for a taxi.

M: Well, never mind. The show doesn't start until 7:30, so we've still got half an hour.

(Text 5)

M: Hey Tina, that new dancing program starts on TV tonight. Don't forget to watch it. It's on Channel 3.

W: Are you crazy? We've got a maths exam tomorrow.

(Text 6)

W: Jack, close the window in the bathroom — the wind's getting really strong.

M: Done. Honestly, talk about changeable — we seem to have had a whole year's weather in one day today.

W: I know — this morning we could hardly see across the road because of the fog.

M: Yeah, but at lunchtime I sat in the park enjoying the sun. Then on the way home from work I got caught in the rain and sat on the bus feeling very wet and upset.

W: And now we've got this. England in April — how lovely!

(Text 7)

M: Hi Sarah. This is Mike. Is Joe at home?

W: No, he isn't. It's Thursday. Haven't you got football training at the stadium as usual?

M: No, we haven't. This Thursday the whole team wanted to have some different training.

W: Oh, I remember. Joe told me that there was a vote on where to go. Was the final decision a swimming pool or an indoor cycling centre?

M: Well, I'm at the cycling centre, but no one is here. It must be at the other place we talked about. I'm glad you mentioned it. I hope I can still get there in time!

(Text 8)

W: Hi David, did you talk to Mum yesterday?

M: Yes. She was worried about Julie because she was sick last week.

W: Oh dear, she must be so tired studying for the coming exams. How is she now?

M: She's better. It is her last year, and she is working hard to get into the university. What about you? What have you been doing?

W: I have been preparing for the wedding. We had a few last-minute jobs to do, you know, sorting out the decorations and the tables. Mum helped me with them.

M: Of course! It's on Friday. It's good that Mum is helping you with it. She has wonderful taste.

W: Yes. Oh, I can't believe it. Five days till the big day.

(Text 9)

W: It was a great day today.

M: Yes. I wish I had gone to the park with you by subway, though. There were so many traffic jams this morning, and I thought the bus would never get there on time.

W: Well, you did make it.

M: What did you think of the restaurant?

W: Well, it was much better than I expected.

M: Do you think so? It was a bit small and airless there. Anyway, this afternoon was great. I loved the film. That was the most exciting part of the trip for me.

W: I couldn't agree more. I enjoyed the tour afterwards almost as much. You know, when we went round that exhibition of musical instruments from the past, the guide was really good. I was just sorry we didn't have the chance to go to the top floor of the museum.

M: Me too. How about going back there during the holidays?

W: I'd like to, but I'm going to be very busy catching up with my papers. I'd really rather wait till after the holidays.

M: Okay.

(Text 10)

Today, we'll look at another problem that is troubling British society. It seems that young people in Britain today are losing the ability to communicate clearly and accurately in Standard English, and the British government is so concerned that it has set up a committee to "promote the better use of English". However, do British young people really have a problem in expressing themselves? A study published last October suggests that there is a real cause for concern: it showed that among the UK's 15-year-olds, only 22 percent of boys and 28 percent of girls feel comfortable using Standard English in formal situations, such as at school and in interviews. Some people think that British pupils leaving school are not as good at using languages as pupils from other countries, partly because they don't spend much time talking in class. There is some reason for being concerned about the levels of fluency and willingness to speak in public, even if "public" just means in front of the rest of the class. The government committee is made up of people from the world of business, education, sports, the arts and the media. It will be chaired by the news announcer, Trevor McDonald. He is a widely respected and popular figure.

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