**概要写作(共41小题)**

1.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Matthew speaks nine languages fluently and understands more than a dozen more.We work in the same office in Berlin so I constantly hear him using his skills，switching from language to language like a chameleon(变色龙) changing colors.When I told Matthew how I’ve been struggling to merely pick up a second language，he had the following advice for me.

If you don’t have a good reason to learn a language，you are less likely to stay motivated over the long&shy;run.Wanting to impress English&shy;speakers with your French is not a very good reason; wanting to get to know a French person in his or her own language is another matter entirely.No matter what your reason is，once you’ve decided on a language，it’s very important to commit: “OK，I want to learn this and I’m therefore going to do as much as I can in this language，with this language and for this language.”

Matthew learned several languages together with his twin brother Michael.“We were very motivated，and we still are.We push each other to really go for it.So if he realizes that I’m doing more than he is he’ll be full of envy and then try to beat me.” Even if you can’t get a brother or sister to join you on your language adventure，having any kind of partner will push both of you to always try just a little bit harder and stay with it.

When you have no one else to speak to，there’s nothing wrong with talking to yourself.This can keep new words and phrases fresh in your mind and build up your confidence for the next time you speak with someone.

Talking to people will keep the learning process relevant to you: “You’re learning a language to be able to use it.The creative side is really being able to put the language that you’re learning into your everyday life.For example，you can go to the Greek restaurant down the road and order in Greek.”

【答案】Matthew who speaks and understands many languages gives some advice on learning a second language.He thinks that to learn a language well，first you must have a good reason to stay motivated.Then you should find a partner to push each other.Besides，talking to yourself when you have no one else to speak to is a really good idea.Finally，you should use the language in your everyday life.

【解析】

2.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

The printing press had a long history.It was invented in Germany by Joannes Gutenberg around 1440，and brought to England by William Caxton in the 1470s.Yet the basic technology of printing remained the same up to the end of the 18th century，requiring two men to operate a wooden screw press by hand，producing about 200 impressions an hour.The 19th century was the period in which this process was mechanised(机械化)，automated，and made many times faster.

A key moment in the development of mass newspapers was the development of the steam&shy;powered printing press，adopted by the*Times*in 1814.The new presses were able to print per hour around five times the number produced by the machines they replaced.The editor，John Walter，had the machines fixed secretly at night，so that when his printers reported for duty the next morning the majority of them found that they were out of work.The*Times*went from a circulation(发行量) of 5,000 a day in 1815 to around 50,000 in the middle of the century.This was not caused only by the steam press，but neither could it have happened without it.

Later developments improved this effect: the Applegath machine achieved 5,000 impressions per hour，and the Hoe press，an import from the United States，reached to 20,000 impressions per hour.Increases in the speed of papermaking in this period brought down the cost of printed material both for the producer and the customer.In 1896，the*DailyMail*was sold at the cost of only half a penny，and by 1900 it was selling nearly 1,000,000 copies a day.

If print production was completely changed in those years，then so was its distribution(分销)．The appearance of the steam railway meant that for the first time newspapers could be distributed across the country on a daily basis.

【答案】The passage mainly deals with the history of the printing press.The first printing press was invented in Germany by Joannes Gutenberg around 1440.It remained the same up to the end of the 18th century.Then in the 19th century it was mechanised，automated，and made many times faster，such as the Applegath machine，the Hoe press.At the same time its development led to the low cost and the wide distribution of newspapers.

【解析】

3.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

One of my MBA students who recently moved to Houston from Europe was puzzled by so many mattress(床垫) stores she found here.She said that in America，there appear to be more mattress stores than there are Starbucks shops.And this is saying something because the city of Houston alone has 135 Starbucks stores.She wondered whether the denseness(密集) of mattress stores said something about Americans, something about mattresses，or whether it was about something else entirely.

I admit I was confused by the question.In spite of driving past many mattress stores regularly，I had never considered why they appeared to be popping up like weeds.So after some research and a bit of thinking，here is why I think there are so many mattress stores in America.The answer is more complicated than one might think.

Compared to its listed price，it costs little money to make a mattress.Consumer Reports says that markups(加价) in the 40&shy;50% range are standard.Once a mattress’ price reaches over1,000，markups are even higher.For instance，one check of a3,000 mattress has found that it costs about300 to make，resulting in an astonishing 900% markup.That is a lot of profit when you consider that the average mattress sold is priced at well over1,000.

In old America，the bed was considered a family’s most important possession.In a fire，it was the very first thing to be removed to safety by firemen.Today，beds are just as important.Most people buy mattresses rarely—about once every decade—and they do so with a lot of thought and effort.Not surprisingly，unlike sales of clothes online，most Americans still prefer to try out different mattresses and make the purchase in a store.

I want to make one final point which might explain my European student’s surprise.America has 46 square feet of retail space a person，while the number in the UK is 9 square feet，or less than one fifth as much.So seen with European eyes，America has too many mattress stores.

【答案】The passage is mainly about the reasons for too many mattress stores in America.The writer thinks there are three reasons.First，there is much profit in selling mattresses.Second，most Americans prefer to try out different mattresses and make the purchase in a store.The third one is that America has more square feet of retail space a person than Europe.

【解析】

4.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Some post&shy;80s graduates have given up the dream of working in a big city，and heading back home has become part of future job consideration.Two of the more common ones are trying to avoid the intense competition and the pressure，and seeing unprecedented opportunities in the growing economies back home.

Chang Ping，a 22&shy;year&shy;old student from Hainan University，said that if he would decide on starting his business，he’d certainly return to his hometown，Xiangfan，in Hubei Province.That was because he has his own network of people who could help him in every way.Also，he could get some good business ideas like setting up advanced kindergartens in small cities.If no one was doing that，the chance of being successful seemed higher.

But Chen Haihua，a college student from Guangzhou Medical College，said that she would plan to stick to a big city，Guangzhou，instead of going back to her hometown，Zhanjiang，in Guangdong Province.She wanted to struggle in the big city for a more exciting，better life.She explained that she also could be a role model，letting the kids in her hometown work hard to go to key universities.

【答案】Post&shy;80s graduates hold different views towards job choices.Some graduates，like Chang Ping，will head back to his hometown where he is more likely to succeed to avoid the competition and pressure in big cities，while others，like Chen Haihua，would prefer to stay in big cities to seek a better job to live a better life.

【解析】

5.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

The serious decline in the health of Chinese students is causing concern among parents，schools and experts.The next generation’s future is in danger and there is a need to understand the causes of the problem and find a solution.

In the last 10 years，studies have found an alarming increase in：

•Obesity—The number of overweight in middle school students has doubled.Poor diet，especially the overeating of junk food and the overdrinking of soft drinks，and the lack of physical activities are identified as the main reasons for this problem.

•Poor eyesight—More students now wear glasses from an early age.Long hours of study and heavy use of computers and mobile phones are most commonly blamed.

•Stress—Students feel under more pressure to succeed than ever before.The long hours of study and homework they must do to achieve success，plus pressure from parents and schools are the main causes.

Some have suggested including Physical Education (P.E.) in the College Entrance Examinations as a possible solution to students’ health problems.They say this will force students to be more active，play sports and therefore lose weight.Others，however，oppose the idea，saying that adding one more test to the College Entrance Examinations would only increase students’ workload and stress and would actually worsen their overall health.

Although there is no easy answer，all agree that something must be done to stop the serious decline in students’ health.

【答案】This passage lists some of the causes for the decline of Chinese students’ health, such as obesity, poor eyesight, stress, and discusses one possible solution to the problem—including P．E.in the College Entrance Examinations, but it also causes debates.Anyhow，it is time to take measures to solve the problem.

【解析】

6.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

A car needs gas to run and your body also needs food to work for you.Eating the right kind of food is very important.It can keep your body strong，so you should take care of what you eat.

There are four main food groups altogether.The dairy products group has food like milk.The other three groups are the meat and fish group，the fruit and vegetable group，and the bread and rice group.Each meal should have at least one food from all the four main groups.With all these food together you will be given enough energy during the day.

It is easy to get into bad eating habits.You may eat your breakfast in a hurry to get to school on time.Or you may not have time for a good lunch.It may seem easy to finish your supper with fish and chips all the time.But you will find yourself tired during these days and you can not think quickly.

Watching what you eat will help keep your body healthy and strong.It is also good to take some exercise.It will help you eat more if you take a walk or play games in the open air.Having a good eating habit with some exercise is the key to your health.

【答案】We are what we eat.What we eat depends on four main food groups.When we have got enough energy from all the food together，we can keep fit.We shouldn’t get into bad eating habits，which will make our bodies work improperly.In a word，a good eating habit with some exercise is good for our health.

【解析】

7.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Chen Yuhang doesn’t know why，but every year when the Spring Festival arrives，the 25&shy;year&shy;old civil servant feels a natural impulse(冲动) to go home.Not to the one he rents in Beijing，but the old apartment back in Jiangxi Province.It’s not an easy ride.It’s a feeling Chen shares with many people in China at this time of year.

What makes home so unique in the Chinese value system？“The family has social function，” says Ye Tao，a researcher specializing in folklore(民俗)．“The deep roots of family culture come from the warmth of being with relatives，and because the family as a unit，has long been regarded as an important part of the social mechanism.”

That’s why China’s long history of a shared lifestyle is so fundamental in shaping people’s attitudes towards home：it is not only a place to live，but also a social responsibility.

【答案】The passage tells us that when the Spring Festival arrives，millions of people like Chen Yuhang feel a natural impulse to go home.Home is unique in the Chinese value system and China’s long history of a shared lifestyle is so fundamental in shaping people’s attitudes towards home.Experts also give explanations to this phenomenon.

【解析】

8.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Recently，a video of a Chinese mainland mother defending her child after he relieved himself on a Hong Kong street has ignited heated debate across the country.

While traveling with his parents，the 2&shy;year&shy;old boy urinated(小便) on the street in Mongkok，a popular shopping spot for many visitors traveling to the island city.

When a young man photographed the scene “out of disgust at the behavior”，the baby’s parents fought with him and tried to take his camera.The mother explained that they’d queued for a long time and the kid couldn’t help any more.Local passers&shy;by soon joined in the argument：most supporting the photographer and criticizing the parents for not showing due respect for local Hong Kong customs.

The issue started a war of words on Weibo.

Some net users have criticized the attitude of the local Hong Kong people towards the mainland visitors.They argue that the incident demonstrates how many Hong Kong people wrongly look down on mainland Chinese.

At the other extreme of the debate are those who are critical of the mainland couple for bringing shame on the people of China through their actions.

【答案】A heated debate was going on when a Chinese mainland mother defended her child after he relieved himself on a Hong Kong street.There was also a debate on the Internet.Net users hold different opinions on the issue.Some have criticized the attitude of the local Hong Kong people towards the mainland visitors, while others have criticized the mainland couple.

【解析】

9.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

English is probably the most widely used language in the world today.It is the standard language for international communication in areas as diverse as science，information technology，business，air and sea transportation，entertainment and government relations.

The spread of English across the world began more than 400 years ago.Britain introduced the language to the countries it discovered or controlled，and by the end of the 19th century，it was already the main language used in the United States，Canada，Australia and New Zealand.But it was the growing economic，political and cultural influence of the USA after World War Ⅱ that sped up the use of the language across the planet.English overtook French as the main language of communication between governments during the second half of the 19th century.English replaced German as the language used in international science research during the second half of the 20th century.

A working knowledge of English has become a requirement in a number of fields，occupations and professions，such as medicine and computing.As a consequence，more than a billion people speak English to at least a basic level.It is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

【答案】The article describes the importance of English.English has gradually spread over the world and became today’s language of international communication in many fields.These owe to the influence of Britain and the United States.Because of its usefulness，English is now learned by billions of people everywhere.

【解析】

10.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Recently，in Jiangsu Province, the cover of a fourth&shy;grade language textbook was printed with the words “Pok Oi (博爱) Hospital”．The cover of the book is the scene of several children nursing flowers；the background is a building printed with Red Cross, and above the floor of the building are four big characters of the Pok Oi Hospital.In the textbook，on Page 76, are assignments about the fight against SARS, beneath which is the same cover illustration(插图)．

It is reported that the Pok Oi Hospital is a private hospital.As for the ad, many parents showed their anger, “Such hospital ads like this shouldn’t be implanted(植入) in the textbooks.It will mislead the pupils.”

However, the creator of the cover illustrations, a professor of Jiangsu Education Arts College explained，“The textbook contains a text*MedicalWorker*which is about the deeds of Ye Xin who has sacrificed for the treatment of SARS patients.So this illustration is used to promote the human love and the name is created in the SARS context of carrying forward the great love, not the reality of Pok Oi Hospital.”

His explanation didn’t satisfy the parents.The whole thing is just like a stone arousing layer waves.

【答案】In Jiangsu Province, a hospital advertisement appeared in the textbook and it made parents angry because they are afraid that it will mislead the pupils.The issue caused a heated argument, though the creator explained that the illustration was not an ad for a hospital but showing the human love.

【解析】

11.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Mount Fuji is a world&shy;famous mountain in Japan.It is one of Japan’s “Three Holy Mountains” along with Mount Tate and Mount Haku.

Mount Fuji is 3,776 meters high，and its perfect beautiful shape can be seen from all around.Mount Fuji presents different faces in different seasons.In Japan，people describe the mountain as “Diamond Fuji” when it is at dawn or dusk and as “Red Fuji” when the mountain is lit by the early morning sun.

Mount Fuji is an important part of Japanese culture.The mountain has been the subject of numerous works of art.It has also been part of Japan’s ancient faiths.

Mount Fuji is one of the world’s classic examples of a stratovolcano(层状火山)，meaning that it is formed from many layers(层) of hardened lava(硬化熔岩) that has spread to produce a huge base.The last eruption(爆发) of Mount Fuji was in 1707.

There is a collection of hot springs and lakes nestled around Mount Fuji.The views over the springs are wonderful，with endless blue water，fresh green water plants and fish swimming lazily.You can soak(浸泡) in outdoor hot springs while admiring the view of Mount Fuji and have Japanese food，such as fresh sweet fish.

At the northern foot of the mountain，about 1,000 meters above sea level，is the Fuji Five Lake area.The shores of the lakes are decorated with seasonal flowers.The image of Mount Fuji reflected on a lake surface is called “Upside&shy;Down Fuji” in Japan.

The Japanese used to believe that God lived on Mount Fuji.Japan’s highest mountain and highest volcano is closely woven(编织) into the country’s legends and art，and is drawing thousands of tourists.

【答案】The passage is about Mount Fuji，one of Japan’s “Three Holy Mountains”．It presents different faces in different seasons.It is one of the world’s classic examples of a stratovolcano.Around it there is a collection of hot springs and lakes.Seasonal flowers make the shores of the lakes beautiful.It attracts thousands of tourists.

【解析】

12.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

If you’re a kid in South Korea these days，you might have trouble playing the latest online game on your smartphone for as long as you want.That’s because the South Korean government has started to take some control over what kids can access on their phones.

The government of South Korea has developed an app called Smart Sheriff that lets parents know about the websites their kids visit or the apps they use.South Korea has required that kids 18 and under install(安装) this app，or another one like it，on their smartphones.The recent ruling has led to a debate in South Korea over kids’ right to privacy.

Teens in South Korea have a high level of smartphone and online&shy;game use.Constant access to the Web distracts(使分心) students.Parents and educators are also worried that kids will access harmful content on the Internet.So the government has set out to protect kids from the dangers of the Web.

When apps like Smart Sheriff are installed on a phone，the user is kept from visiting certain websites，and warnings get sent to parents when a kid types “problem words.” Smart Sheriff can disable apps，and it keeps a record of how much time teens spend on the phone.If the app is not installed，the phone simply won’t work.Supporters of Smart Sheriff believe that this will protect kids from dangers on the Web.

Others disagree.Teens complain that the app encroaches on(侵犯) their right to privacy and freedom of expression.Some parents feel that they，as parents，should be the ones in control of their kids’ smartphone use.They argue that children should be taught how to safely use the Web instead.

【答案】The South Korean government has started to take some measures to control what kids can access on their phones.An app called Smart Sheriff can let parents know about the websites their kids visit or the apps they use.The recent ruling has caused a debate.Differente people have different opinions about it.

【解析】

13.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Laughter Yoga(大笑瑜伽) is one form of yoga.Madan Kataria，a doctor in Mumbai，India invented it.He believed that people had forgotten how to really laugh.Through his research he made an interesting discovery.The human mind does not know the difference between forced laughter and real laughter.Forced laughter can also lead to a feeling of happiness.

And then Kataria had the idea for a group of people who would laugh together.He gathered a few of his friends together.They met in a public park in Mumbai.That small group grew and grew！And this is how people began to do Laughter Yoga.People doing Laughter Yoga usually meet together in a Laughter Club.Kataria’s friends formed the first Laughter Club in 1995.

Today，there’re over 5,000 Laughter Clubs in 53 countries.But what exactly do people do in a Laughter Club？People in Laughter Yoga meetings usually do a series of exercises.The exercises include body movement，correct breathing，and of course，laughter！At the beginning of the meeting，people may have to force themselves to laugh.But by the end，everyone is usually laughing in a real way！Each meeting is a little different.But there are common exercises groups may do.

Experts say that the exercises help blood move around the body faster.They also say that Laughter Yoga helps people deal with the bad things in their lives.They say that a person may go into a Laughter Club meeting feeling sad，angry，or worried.But then，people act happy.After a time，forced laughter becomes real laughter.This is one reason why people may enjoy Laughter Yoga so much!

【答案】Laughter Yoga was invented by Madan Kataria，a doctor in Mumbai，India.Laughter includes forced laughter and real laughter.They both lead to a feeling of happiness.A group of people laughing together first met in public parks and then formed Laughter Clubs.They usually do a series of exercises.Laughter Yoga is beneficial to people’s health.

【解析】

14.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

In Britain，the trials of dynamic wireless power transfer(动态无线电力输送) technology are expected to start later this year and run for 18 months.The government will install the devices under test roads and in vehicles，and determine if the charging could work on Britain’s busiest roads.Mobile charging would solve one of the biggest hurdles(障碍) to electric vehicles，staying charged on long drives.

The power transfer could potentially work for all types of vehicles，and since it goes under the road，it won’t require building any devices above the ground that could increase risks of electric shock.The wireless transfer is safer than the overhead cables(电缆) used for city trains and trolleys(有轨电车)．

If the technology works for the highways of Britain，it might change the game for long&shy;distance electric vehicle travel.A full charge of BMW’s i3，for instance，lasts 81 miles.It’s 84 miles for the Nissan Leaf and 38 miles for the Chevy Volt.Those ranges are enough to cover most daily commutes，but insufficient(不足的) for long road trips.Stopping for hours to charge up on the side of a highway doesn’t make you feel much better about saving the earth.Picking up a charge without stopping，though，is one of the coolest things you could expect.

Charging roads could pair well with another developing technology：street surfaces that generate(产生) their own power with solar panels.The Dutch SolaRoad bike path does that for a few hundred feet.In the US，Solar Roadways technology is planning for tests in sidewalks and parking lots in Idaho.Perhaps the smart roads of the future won’t just make their own energy from the sun but transmit it wirelessly to a fleet(车队) of electric vehicles.

【答案】Britain will try dynamic wireless power transfer technology to charge electric vehicles.The power transfer goes under the road.That can decrease risks of electric shock.If the technology is used in the highways of Britain，it is a wonderful thing to see.It can also pair well with another developing technology.

【解析】

15.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Identity theft，an almost unknown crime 25 years ago，is one of the most horrible consequences of the digital age.According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics,7 percent of the Americans over 16 years old were identity theft victims in 2012，the most recent year for which such statistics were collected.

With the risk rising，the Federal Trade Commission(FTC) has published a website specifically aimed at helping victims of ID theft to avoid loss of money.*IdentityTheft*.*gov*is a clear and straightforward guide to dealing with such a catastrophe.

Of course，it’s a good idea to avoid reaching the point that you need to visit an FTC checklist to begin with.Here are several best practices and simple precautions(预防措施) everyone should take to stay safe and minimize their risk of identity theft.

Always use HTTPS.This might sound crazy，but use the “https” version of websites whenever they’re offered.So，when you go to any online service that requires you to log in(进入)，try entering “https：∥” in the browser.If available，it’ll protect your data with end&shy;to&shy;end encryption(加密)．

Manage your passwords smartly.You’ve heard this many times，but it needs repeating：Use unique，strong passwords for all of your accounts.And to avoid the need to memorize dozens or hundreds of passwords，store them in a password manager like Lastpass or Dashlane.

Beware of phishing attacks(钓鱼攻击)．Finally，be generally doubting.The Internet isn’t kind to the naive(轻信的) or uncritical user，so never click links to financial institutions or other sensitive sites from within emails.Instead，type the URL into the address bar directly.

And be cautious about anyone claiming to be from your bank or the government.You should always call them back using their published phone numbers，for example.Remember that in the same way that your bank will never ask for your password over the phone or email，the government will not ask you for money over the phone，either.

【答案】Identity theft causes horrible consequences of the digital age.FTC has published a website to help victims of ID theft to avoid loss of money.Besides，there are several practices and precautions helping you to stay safe.Always use HTTPS and manage your passwords smartly.At the same time，beware of phishing attacks and be cautious about anyone claiming to be from your bank or the government.

【解析】

16.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Wuba，a cartoon baby in the 3D fantasy epic*MonsterHunt*，has become a big star.The part&shy;cartoon and part&shy;live&shy;action adventure movie is set in a fictional ancient world where humans and monsters battle to rule the land.Song Tianyin，abandoned son of a monster hunter，accidentally gives birth to a baby monster king，Wuba，and then starts a journey with the little monster and another new monster hunter Huo Xiaolan.

From this year’s Oscar&shy;winning comedy*BigHero*6 to global hit*Minions*，many successful cartoon movies share one common feature：a super cute character.They aren’t always pretty.On the contrary，they often look chubby(胖乎乎的) and even silly，but they have to be cute.Wuba is no exception.The white，four&shy;armed creature with big eyes and a lovely voice，melts audience’s hearts.

The director，Chinese&shy;American animator(动画片绘制者) Raman Hui，who is best known for co&shy;directing*Shrek*3，is captivated(迷住) by traditional Chinese ghost and monster culture.He got inspiration from ancient mythological(虚构的) collection*ClassicofMountainsandSeas*.

Lovable cartoon characters are more than cute，they are also healing and heart&shy;warming.If Baymax from*BigHero*6 is the comforting friend that everyone needs，then Wuba stimulates our love for little babies.

Born to be the king of the monsters，Wuba is supposed to feed on the blood of humans and animals.But to please his mother Song，the little creature forces himself to eat jujubes(枣) instead.In*MonsterHunt*，themes of adventure，growing up and family are intended to make people laugh.But Wuba arouses(引起) our tears several times when he is to be abandoned.

【答案】A cartoon baby named Wuba in the 3D fantasy epic*MonsterHunt*has become a big star.Many successful cartoon movies share common features and this cartoon is no exception.The director，Raman Hui got inspiration from ancient mythological collection*ClassicofMountainsandSeas*.Wuba not only melts audience’s hearts but also arouses their tears.

【解析】

17.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

It’s important to be reminded of boarding times and gate openings，but these continually bounce(弹跳) around the airport，making for a tense atmosphere.

Thankfully，some international airports，particularly in Europe，are becoming aware of passengers’ disdain(蔑视) for noise pollution and adopting a “silent airport” philosophy.Information updates will simply take a different form，thanks to new technological advancements.But this doesn’t mean that your time spent shuttling between flights will be entirely wordless.

Angela Gittens，director general of Airports Council International，says that there’s a growing desire among airports and airlines to “create a calm，relaxing environment” for passengers while they’re waiting to board.

In June，Finland’s Helsinki Airport began to adopt the silent airport idea by making flight announcements only in gate areas.All dining，shopping and living spaces will be far quieter，as terminal announcements can only be made in exceptional emergency circumstances.Instead，to get flight information，guests will be able to visit interactive(人机对话的) kiosks(售货亭) or simply check their phone for a flight reminder via an app.

And in Munich，Germany，the revolution has already started with InfoGate Information Systems developing technology to inspire the silent airport concept.Saudi Arabia’s new airport in Jeddah is expected to use the same interactive technologies.

Additionally，most international airports today have apps that can easily provide flight status updates，terminal maps and other more specific features—just make sure your phone or tablet is charged before you head off.

And some European airports have already found a way to solve heavily&shy;accented intercom(内部通话系统) confusion through software with which high&shy;quality artificial voices can be generated in several languages.

【答案】Thanks to new technological advancements，some international airports are becoming aware of passengers’disdain for noise pollution and adopting a “silent airport” philosophy.Some airports in Finland and Germany began to adopt the silent airport idea.Most international airports and some European airports have already taken measures to serve the passengers well.

【解析】

18.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Cramped(狭窄的) aeroplane journeys could be a thing of the past thanks to a new legroom(供伸腿的空间) adjustable plane seat，which can be moved backwards or forwards depending on your height.

The revolutionary seat designed by B/E Aerospace，who describe themselves as a world leading manufacturer of cabin interior products，has adjustable wheels that sit on tracks in the cabin floor.

The device enables the seats to be pushed backwards or forwards，meaning that long&shy;legged passengers may gain a few more inches of much needed legroom if they are sitting in front of a child or shorter&shy;legged person.

Cabin crew will control the movement of seats，most likely with a tablet or a smartphone，but passengers need to inform airlines of their height at check&shy;in.

In plans submitted to patent the idea，designers say that the “one size fits all” attitude to airline passengers is outdated.

In their patent application，the designers said，“The one size fits all seating arrangement can cause discomfort for tall passengers，while a child or a relatively small adult may be seated in an identical seat with more than enough legroom and in relative comfort.”

They added，“Even a relatively small incremental(增加的，递增的) increase in seat spacing for the tall passengers can provide additional comfort with no loss of comfort to the much smaller passengers seated in front of the tall passengers.”

The invention will come as a relief to taller passengers.

【答案】Passengers will sit comfortably because of the new legroom adjustable plane seat.This kind of seat is revolutionary.It means that the “one size fits all” attitude to airline passengers is outdated.Everyone sitting in this new kind of seat will have a comfortable journey by plane regardless of their heights or their ages.

【解析】

19.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

**You’ll Never Fish Your Phone Out of the Toilet**

More than 82 million phones are damaged each year after being dropped down the toilet，into swimming pools or lost at the beach.A number of waterproof(防水的) handsets have been released to solve this problem，but Comet takes it to the next level.

Not only is the Android handset IPx7 waterproof，it has been designed to float，meaning owners don’t have to fish it out from the bottom of the sea，or stick their hands into a toilet basin.

Comet is designed by California&shy;based Prashanth Raj Urs who has launched a campaign to fund production of the device.

Comet has a 4.7&shy;inch screen，a 16MP camera and runs Android.It additionally has LED notification(通知) lights，similar to those on the Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge.

While a mood recogniser uses biometric(生物计量的)sensors to detect a person’s body temperature to gauge(判断) how happy he is.The LED lights will then display different colours to suit these different moods.Comet additionally features an encryption(加密)tool called Qlock.

The campaign describes it as military grade encryption to protect your privacy when you call or text your friends who also use a Comet smartphone.

It is designed to protect calls and texts between Comet handsets to make it difficult for anyone to track or spy on users.

Early Bird prices for the phone start at279 for a 32GB handset，and the first devices are expected to ship to campaign backers.A 64GB model is available for289.Both models are available in black，white and gold.Mr Urs is hoping to raise100,000 and the campaign has currently received more than13,300.

【答案】The passage is about a new kind of mobile phone called Comet.It is not only waterproof but also has other features.The colours of its LED lights will show the mood of its owner.Its Qlock can protect its owner from being tracked or spied.Now there are two models available.

【解析】

20.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

**The Drinkable Book**

Many people around the world have no way to get clean water.However，a new invention could potentially save millions of lives around the world.Postdoctoral researcher Theresa Dankovich invented the drinkable book.Its pages are made of treated paper that can purify water that passes through them，killing over 99% of bacteria.

For several years，she developed and tested the technology，working at McGill University in Canada and at the University of Virginia.The pages of the book contain nanoparticles(纳米颗粒) of silver or copper(铜)，which are responsible for killing bacteria.

“All you need to do is tear out paper，put it in a simple filter holder and pour water into it from rivers，streams，wells，etc.and out comes clean water—and dead bacteria as well，” explained Dr.Dankovich.

According to tests conducted in the lab，each page is able to clean up to 100 liters of water.Therefore，a single book can filter one person’s water supply for about four years，which makes the drinkable book highly useful and relevant(有重大意义的)，given that 663 million people around the world don’t have access to clean drinkable water.Trials were also conducted at 25 sources of contaminated(受污染的) water in South Africa，Ghana，and Bangladesh，proving that the paper could successfully eliminate(除去) 99% of all waterborne germs.

Now that the drinkable book is a success，Dr.Dankovich and her team are stepping up efforts to produce more copies.They currently make the books by hand，but they hope to get into mass production pretty soon.“We need to get them into people’s hands to see more of what the effects are going to be.There is only so much you can do when you’re a scientist on your own，” she said.

【答案】The invention of the drinkable book can save millions of lives around the world.Dr.Dankovich explained its function.It can apply to a lot of countries to help people to get clean drinkable water.Now the drinkable book is successful and Dr.Dankovich and her team are trying their best to produce more copies and they hope to get into mass production pretty soon.

【解析】

21.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

When was the last time you read a book or a substantial magazine article？Do your daily reading habits center around tweets，Facebook updates，or the directions on your instant oatmeal packet？If you’re one of countless people who don’t make a habit of reading regularly，you might be missing out：reading has a significant number of benefits，and just a few benefits of reading are listed below.

First，studies have shown that staying mentally stimulated can slow the progress of Alzheimer’s(老年痴呆症) and dementia，since keeping your brain active and engaged prevents it from losing power.Just like any other muscle in the body，the brain requires exercise to keep it strong and healthy，so the phrase “use it or lose it” is particularly reasonable when it comes to your mind.Doing puzzles and playing games such as chess have also been found to be helpful with cognitive stimulation.

No matter how much stress you have at work，in your personal relationships，or countless other issues faced in daily life，it all just slips away when you lose yourself in a great story.A well&shy;written novel can transport you to other realms，while an engaging article will distract you and keep you in the present moment，letting tensions drain away and allowing you to relax.

Everything you read fills your head with new bits of information，and you never know when it might come in handy.The more knowledge you have，the better&shy;equipped you are to tackle any challenge you’ll ever face.

【答案】The passage lists some benefits of reading.Facing distractions from electronic products，countless people lose the habit of reading.However，reading regularly can benefit us a lot in many ways，such as making our mind active，reducing our stress，filling our head with new bits of information and updating our knowledge.

【解析】

22.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

High school students in Victoria，Australia have been offered Education Department advice ahead of their written exams.The advice has been developed by the State Education Department together with a mental health organization.“Exams can be a stressful time and the government is ensuring that students have the support they need to get through the period，” Education Minister Martin Dixon said.

Students are advised to breathe deeply through their noses as a relaxation technique，to have a healthy diet，and to improve their mood by exercising.The importance of sleep，staying connected with family and friends，and planned study times are emphasized.Students will also learn “positive self&shy;talk”．“The positive way that you talk to yourself can be used for greater confidence and reducing stress，and can be a very effective way to prepare yourself for a big test or exam，” students are told.

The tips encourage young people to speak up if they are having difficulties，and remember that life will go on beyond exams.At the same time，students with serious problems are urged to seek professional help.

【答案】High school students in Victoria，Australia have been offered Education Department advice to get through the period ahead of their written exams.The local authourities have provided their students with some practical advice in a bid to help them to better handle the stress from the approaching exams and they encourage the students to be positive and seek professional help.

【解析】

23.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Behavioral scientists have done countless experiments to prove that any human being tends to repeat an act which has been immediately followed by a pleasant result.In one such experiment，a number of schoolchildren were divided into three groups and given arithmetic tests daily for five days.One group was consistently praised for its previous performance；another group was criticized；the third was ignored.

Not surprisingly，those who were praised improved dramatically.Those who were criticized improved also but not so much.And the scores of the children who were ignored hardly improved at all.Interestingly，the brightest children were helped just as much by criticism as by praise，but the less able children reacted badly to criticism，who needed praise the most.Yet the latter are the very youngsters who，in most schools，fail to get the pat on the back.

To give praise costs the giver nothing but a moment’s thought and a moment’s effort—perhaps a quick phone call to pass on a compliment(称赞)，or five minutes spent writing an appreciative letter.

It is such a small investment—and yet consider the results it may produce.“I can live for two months on a good compliment，” said Mark Twain.

【答案】The experiment done by the behavioral scientists shows that those who were praised improved dramatically and those who were criticized improved also but not so much and that the scores of the children who were ignored hardly improved at all.We can conclude that praise has a great influence on the students’ improving.

【解析】

24.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Don’t worry if you have problems！If you’re breathing，you have difficulties.It’s the way of life.And believe it or not，most of your problems may actually be good for you!

The lagoon(环礁湖) side of the Great Barrier Reef looks pale and lifeless，while the ocean side is lively and colorful.The reason is that the coral(珊瑚) around the lagoon side is in still water，with no challenge for its survival.It dies early.The coral on the ocean side is constantly being tested by wind，waves and storms.It has to fight for survival every day of its life.As it is challenged and tested it changes and adapts.It grows healthy.It grows strong.And it reproduces.

That’s how it is with people.Challenged and tested，we come alive！Like coral struck by the waves，we grow.Physical demands can cause us to grow stronger.Mental and emotional stress can produce strength and patience.Spiritual testing can produce strength of character and faithfulness.

So，you have problems—no problem！Just tell yourself，“There I grow again！”

【答案】Life is full of challenges.The writer uses an example which reflects our life to inspire us to bravely face problems in our daily life：corals on the ocean side are stronger than those on the lagoon side of the Great Barrier Reef because they go through various challenges.

【解析】

25.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Big or small，rejection affects us all.*HarryPotter*was rejected.So was*TheTwilightSaga*.If authors J．K.Rowling and Stephenie Meyer hadn’t kept trying with publisher after publisher，we’d all have missed out on some great adventures.

Rejection doesn’t have to be about the big thing like not getting into your top college，not making the team，or not getting asked to the prom(舞会)．Everyday situations can lead to the feeling of rejection，too，like if your joke doesn’t get a laugh，if no one remembers to save you a seat at the lunch table，or if the person you really like talks to everyone but you.

Feeling rejected is the opposite of feeling accepted.But being rejected (and we will all be at times) doesn’t mean someone isn’t liked，valued，or important.It just means that one time，in one situation，with one person，things didn’t work out.

Rejection hurts.But it’s impossible to avoid it altogether.In fact，you don’t want to—people who become too afraid of rejection might hold back from going after something they want.Sure，they avoid rejection，but they’re also 100% guaranteed to miss out on what they want but won’t try for.

【答案】Everyone has experiences of being rejected.There is different kinds of rejection in our life.Although rejection affects all of us and makes us feel hurt，being rejected doesn’t mean we aren’t liked，valued，or important.We can never avoid rejection，or we’ll certainly miss out on things we want.

【解析】

26.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

“He who bears the greatest hardship becomes the greatest man.” This idiom shows Chinese people’s traditional belief in the vital role that hardship plays in a person’s life as they grow up.But today，as our lives have greatly improved，do we still need this so&shy;called “hardship education”？

“We definitely do，” said Wang Weiqiong，mother of a 15&shy;year&shy;old girl in Jiangxi，“Many children take everything for granted，as they’ve never known how difficult it is to make money.”

Wang is not alone.According to a recent survey of 2,017 people done by*ChinaYouthDaily*.81.8 percent of the interviewees supported hardship education including experiencing life in poor areas，outdoor training，taking part&shy;time jobs，and doing housework.

Qiao Yu，from Tianjin Foreign Languages School，also supports the idea.“Hardship helps us grow and be prepared for the difficulties of society，”said the 18&shy;year&shy;old，who worked in a cake store this summer.

But while it contributes to students’ development，“hardship education shouldn’t be seen as simply making students suffer，” Sun Yunxiao，deputy director of the China Youth and Children Research Center told*ChinaYouthDaily*.“It should follow teenagers’ growth.” Sun said that students could also do sports to learn to face difficulties，for doing sports can greatly strengthen their bodies and minds.

【答案】The Chinese have a traditional belief that hardships contribute to one’s growth.A recent survey shows that many parents and students support hardship education.While it contributes to students’ development，some experts are opposed to it.They think that some other ways such as doing sports can also do good to one’s growth.

【解析】

27.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

When we get some money as a gift，how to deal with the money becomes a problem we must face.From my perspective，the answers are diverse in different periods.However，no matter how you deal with the money，the most important thing is to use it wisely.

In my childhood，when the cartoons about the car race extremely attracted me，I would use the money I received to buy toy cars.But when I entered the school，toys could not attract me.In this period，the things I wanted most were some electronic products.I always hurried to buy the up&shy;to&shy;date mobile phone immediately I received money as a gift.

Now I have got a job，the things above me are not important for me.I do not need some useless things or something I have already had.Probably，saving money in the bank is my best choice.

In conclusion，if I receive a sum of money，in different periods I may have different choices.Whatever I choose to do with the gift of money，it must make me feel happy.

【答案】How to deal with the money you get as a gift is very important.The way the author deals with money changes over time.In the past he would use it to buy toy cars or mobile phones but now he chooses to save it in the bank.The most important thing is to make him happy whatever he chooses to do with the gift of money.

【解析】

28.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Scientists find that hard&shy;working people live longer than average men and women.Career women are healthier than housewives.Evidence shows that the jobless are in poorer health than the job&shy;holders.A study shows that whenever the employment rate increases by 1%，the death rate decreases correspondingly by 2%.All this comes down to one point：work is helpful to health.

Why is work good for health? It is because work keeps people busy，away from loneliness.Researches show that people feel unhappy，worried and lonely when they have nothing to do.Instead，the happiest are those who are busy.Work serves as a bridge between man and reality.By work，people come into contact with each other.By collective activities，they find friendship and warmth.This is helpful to health.The loss of work means the loss of everything.It affects man spiritually and makes him likely to disease.

Besides，work gives one a sense of fulfillment and a sense of achievement.Work makes one feel his value and status in society.When a writer finishes his writing or a teacher sees his students grow，they are happy beyond words.

【答案】Scientists find that hard&shy;working people are healthier than those jobless people.Researches show that work can rid one of loneliness，and work gives one a sense of fulfillment and a sense of achievement，makes one feel his value and status in society, which always contributes to a good body.

【解析】

29.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

What can you do when you are unhappy? If you want to let out your anger or pressure by breaking things，you just do.Now a school in Nanjing has built a “stress wall” to help students who feel unhappy due to heavy schoolwork or for other reasons.

The leader of the school said the idea of a stress wall started when footprints were found on some newly painted walls and some school windows were broken.

“These things happen because some students feel lots of pressure from their studies or because they don’t get along well with other students.When under stress，the body gets ready to either run or fight and becomes very nervous.Hitting the wall can help relax the body and take away stress，” he said.

“Tests and homework make me sad，” said a junior girl，“I can’t wait to hit the wall.It will help me a lot with my problems.” However，another girl student who wouldn’t give her name said，“The wall won’t help because it can’t talk，” and she added，“I need to talk to someone when I’m sad.”

【答案】The passage conveys to us that to help students who are unhappy for different reasons to relax，a school in Nanjing built a “stress wall”. They think this can help the students to reduce stress.However，some students have different opinions towards the construction.

【解析】

30.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Human Flesh Search—thousands of individuals working to find and make public someone’s personal information，mostly online—will be ruled as leaking personal data，which is against the law，according to China’s top court.

Internet users or network service providers who leak people’s personal information such as phone numbers，addresses，and clinical data will have to hold legal responsibility.

Network service providers will also be held responsible if they are aware that their users have violated others’ rights but have failed to take action.

The decision comes after years of arguments over whether it’s right for the public to try those who behave wrongly.

On the one hand，cyber hunting does have its positive influences.Some public officials have been removed from their positions after human flesh searches led to corruption investigations.During disasters like the Sichuan earthquake in 2008，the search method also helped many people to find their loved ones.

But many think that online cyber hunting is creating a threat to privacy.“People’s ‘unusually high enthusiasm’ makes the human flesh search engine phenomenon unique，” Xujun Eberlein，a Chinese&shy;American author and commentator，told Forbes.“Participants often ‘reach out their hands’ thoughtlessly，violating people’s rights instead of being righteous(正直)．”

【答案】The article announces that after years of arguments，Human Flesh Search will be ruled because it is thought to be against laws.Towards this decision，public’s opinions vary：some people support it，thinking that Human Flesh Search violates people’s rights，while some other people are against it.

【解析】

31.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Jane is an Asian student studying in the United States.She liked the United States very much.But during Jane’s study there，she found that foreign students had cultures that were different on many levels from the culture in the USA.So the foreign students had some problems in getting along with the foreign students.“There are language problems，and maybe some social skills，such as small talk，that are possibly not as important in their native countries，where it’s not as important to start friendships with small talk，” she said.

During that time，she also found that many East Asian students blamed themselves for their limited friendships with Americans.The vast majority blamed themselves，actually for not speaking the language well enough，not knowing the culture well enough.There were also some comments about the college environment，like many of them were in the natural sciences or worked in labs where they were surrounded by other East Asians.

Actually，a report from the Chronicle of Higher Education shows that many foreign students feel lonely or unwelcome in the USA and have problems in making new friends.This upset them.It is believed that if you want to make new friends in a foreign school in a foreign country，be nice to someone and thoughtful of someone，like saying “hi” in the hall，or giving congratulations on a job well done.It can make wonders.

【答案】Jane，who is a student from Asia，found cultural differences led to various problems for foreign students to make friends in America，especially for East Asian students.The students，most of whom felt lonely or unwelcome in the USA，often blamed themselves for their limited friendships with Americans.To begin new friendships，foreign students are advised to be kind and considerate to someone in a foreign school.In this way it can make wonders.

【解析】

32.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

GUANGZHOU—At least 25 people have been confirmed dead after typhoon Usagi made a landfall in South China’s Guangdong Province on Sunday evening，according to the provincial flood control headquaters.

“Electricity and water supply was cut off in the Huilai county，Jieyang city，and houses were collapsed as wind speeds at the center exceeded 180 km per hour on Sunday afternoon，” said Li Feng，a border police officer of the city，*Xinhua*reported Sunday.

Intercity trains between Guangzhou，Shenzhen and Zhuhai were suspended at 6 pm and nearly 50 trains，including those along the high&shy;speed lines to Beijing，Shenzhen and Hong Kong，will be suspended until Tuesday，according to the Guangzhou Railway (Group) Corporation.

At a Xiecheng gas station on National Road 324 near Shanwei city，where at least 13 of the 25 victims were killed，winds were strong enough to blow cars off the road and all traffic was stopped.

Resident Li Huolong said he was on his way home in Shanwei，when the back window of his car was broken by the wind.

Educational authorities in 14 cities ordered schools to suspend classes on Sunday，a school day in China because of the three&shy;day Mid&shy;Autumn Festival which just ended.

More than 47,000 fishing boats are in harbor，with nearly 20,000 fishermen kept onshore.

All beaches in the province have been closed.

【答案】Typhoon Usagi struck China’s Guangdong Province just after the Mid&shy;autumn Festival，causing at least 25 deaths.In addition to having damaged many houses，it also stopped traffic and transports and even some cars were blown off the road.What’s worse，electricity and water supply was cut off，and it also kept fishermen onshore and students off school.All beaches in the province have been closed.

【解析】

33.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

**Social Practice**

Social practice has been more and more popular in schools.Senior school students are asked to enter society and get some ideas of it.Surely，social practice has many advantages.Firstly，social practice can offer students a chance to contact society and meet different kinds of people.In this way students can gain some precious social experience，which will be useful to their future career.Secondly，students can apply what they have learned in class to practical work，thus knowing themselves more clearly.Thirdly，social practice can bring them some financial reward and make them more independent of their family.

However，some problems may arise if no correct guidance is made.For example，some students get overly interested in social practice and want to work full&shy;time and earn more money，thus neglecting their studies.And some students are likely to get in touch with the dark side of society，which will affect their future values.

In order to carry out social practice smoothly，students should first know their objective.They should put their studies in the first place and see social practice just as a useful supplement (补充)，so they ought to try to strike a balance between social practice and their studies.

【答案】Social practice，which has been more and more popular in schools，enriches students’ social experience，puts their knowledge into practice and rewards them with money.However，it may affect their studies and their future values due to getting overly interested in social practice.Therefore，students should put their studies in the first place and balance their studies and social practice.

【解析】

34.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Is a knife a useful instrument or a dangerous weapon? It depends on how it is used.It’s the same with technology.The greatest inventions are those that affect the mass of people; and one of those greatest inventions are cell phones.They have revolutionized the human existence.This is possible only because they are getting cheaper and cheaper day by day.The technology has made it even easier to give them a longer life.

Undoubtedly，if cell phones are in right hands，no matter how far we are sitting we can talk anytime anywhere! We can watch our favourite TV shows，listen to favourite songs，etc，as cell phones are equipped with all high&shy;tech features.In fact，it’s good to the parents as well as children.Parents can every time monitor their children and children are also safe.If anyone is in any kind of danger she or he can call for help immediately.

There are always two sides of a coin.The advanced technology has caused a danger that we keep ignoring.The cell phones have progressed rapidly and at the same time they provide us with more tasks than what we would attempt.When a person is multitasking rather than completing a single task.This causes burden and results in stress.Also cell phones have made terrorist attacks in the world very easy.This has become a global matter of concern.Besides，children spend much of their time in playing games，listening songs，etc.Instead of going out and playing，they stick to their easy chairs and play games on their phones，which is very harmful to them!

Now mobile phones have come into their lives so much that some have started considering it as an inevitable part of their lives.They are addicted to it like a drug addict and some have gone even worse！Using cellphones while driving has contributed 10% to the road accidents.

We should always remember，that there lives a wise man between the valley of two mountains.Plain and pleasure are a result of modern technology.Are cell phones a useful instrument or a dangerous weapon? The answer lies in our hands!

【答案】Cell phones are one of the greatest inventions of modern technology.But just as there are always two sides of a coin，they have many advantages and disadvantages.Their main advantage is to make our life easier and more convenient.On the other hand，they have a bad effect on our life.To be honest，whether they are a useful instrument or a dangerous weapon is decided by us human.

【解析】

35.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Getting rid of dirt，in the opinion of most people，is a good thing.However，there is nothing fixed about attitudes to dirt.

In the early 16th century，people thought that dirt on the skin was a means to block out disease，as medical opinion had it that washing off dirt with hot water could open up the skin and let ills in.A particular danger was thought to lie in public baths.By 1538，the French king had closed the bath houses in his kingdom.So did the king of England in 1546.Thus began a long time when the rich and the poor in Europe lived with dirt in a friendly way.Henry Ⅳ，King of France，was famously dirty.Upon learning that a nobleman had taken a bath，the king ordered that，to avoid the attack of disease，the nobleman should not go out.

Though the belief in the merit(好处) of dirt was long&shy;lived，dirt has no longer been regarded as a nice neighbor ever since the 18th century.Scientifically speaking，cleaning away dirt is good to health.Clean water supply and hand washing are practical means of preventing disease.Yet，it seems that standards of cleanliness have moved beyond science since World War Ⅱ.Advertisements repeatedly sell the idea：clothes need to be whiter than white，cloths ever softer，surfaces to shine.Has the hate for dirt，however，gone too far?

Attitudes to dirt still differ hugely nowadays.Many first&shy;time parents nervously try to warn their children off touching dirt，which might be responsible for the spread of disease.On the contrary，Mary Ruebush，an American immunologist(免疫学家)，encourages children to play in the dirt to build up a strong immune system.And the latter(后者) position is gaining some ground.

【答案】People have mixed opinions towards dirt on our skin.For a long time in history，people of some European countries，such as France，believed that dirt protected people from getting ill.However，people began to change their attiudes to dirt about 200 years ago. People have been told that washing dirt off our body can keep us healthy.However，some scientists believe that exposure to some dirt may help our immune system.

【解析】

36.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Once upon a time，industrial goods were made to last for ever.If you bought a car or a stove，it was a once&shy;in&shy;a&shy;lifetime investment.You paid good money for it，and you took care of it.

Nowadays industry has persuaded us that products couldn’t last a long time.It is cheaper to throw them away than to repair them.This has led directly to the “throw&shy;away society” which is a great waste of the earth’s resources.Just think of the cars that are traded daily，just because they are out of style.Think of the expensive packaging material that is thrown away every time a new object is bought.And we shoppers have to pay for that material!

Our industrial society has turned us into spoiled children.This wastefulness has got us into the great trouble we are in now.When we have no resources left，then we will start to take care of what we have.But why can’t we act before this happens？Why can’t we try to build a society in which the prevention of waste is a virtue?

【答案】Some time ago，industrial goods were made durable and cost a lot of money.But this is not a preferable idea to the manufacturers.They advise us to throw them away rather than repair them，which has caused a great waste of the earth’s resources，especially the expensive packaging material.This wastefulness has brought us great trouble.When we have no resources left，what shall we do?

【解析】

37.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

A new study warns that about thirty percent of the world’s people may not have enough water by 2025.

A private American organization called Population Action International (PAI) did the new study.It says more than three hundred and thirty&shy;five million people lack enough water now.The people live in twenty&shy;eight countries.Most of the countries are in Africa or the Middle East.

PAI researcher Robert Engelman says by the year 2025，about three thousand million people are short of water.At least eighteen more countries are expected to have serious water problems.The demand for water keeps increasing.Yet the amount of water on the earth stays the same.

Mr.Engelman says the population in countries that lack water is growing faster than in other parts of the world.He says population growth in these countries will continue to increase.

The report says that lack of water in the future may result in several problems.It may increase health problems.Lack of water often means drinking water is not safe.Mr.Engelman says there are problems all over the world because of diseases like cholera that are carried in water.

Lack of water may also lead to more international conflict.Countries may have to fight for water in the future.Some countries now get sixty percent of their fresh water from other countries.This is true of Egypt，the Netherlands，Cambodia，Syria，Sudan and Iraq.And the report says lack of water would affect the ability to improve their economies.This is because new industries often need large amounts of water when they are beginning.

The Population Action International study gives several solutions to the water problem.One way，it says，is to find ways to use water for more than one purpose.Another way is to teach people to be careful not to waste water.A third way is to use less water for agriculture.

The report also says long&shy;term solutions to the water problem must include controls on population growth.

【答案】A new study shows that about thirty percent of the world’s people may suffer a shortage of water in the following ten years.At present over 335 million people in 28 countries lack enough water.It is expected that 18 more countries will lack water in the years to come，while the amount of water remains the same and the population is growing faster.The shortage of water will cause health problems and international conflict.But fortunately，ways are found to settle the water problem.

【解析】

38.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Rats eat our food or make it so dirty that it isn’t fit for people at all.That’s why people often kill them by laying down poison.After a day or two，they find the poison still there.The rats haven’t touched it even though it is near the food they eat.People think that they must be clever and cunning.Some scientists have been trying to find the best way to see just what a rat does day and night.They have found out that rats aren’t so clever.They are just very shy!

Rats usually live in holes.They run from these holes to the places where they eat and drink.They have special paths on which they travel each time.So they know their paths quite well.

If anything new，such as a stone or wood，is put in the path，the rats won’t go near it at first as they are too frightened.It will take them many days to get over the fear.They are also frightened to go near a place that they know，where something has been taken away.If a path goes around the rock，the rats follow the same path around the rock each time.If the rock is taken away，they will still run round the place where the rock was！They won’t cross the empty place，which is now open to them，even though it would be quicker.

Rats will always keep away from anything unusual to them.That’s why they won’t eat poison on the first or second night.They usually won’t go anywhere near it for about four days until they get used to being there.Even then they only eat a little at a time.If people want to kill rats with poison，all they have to do is to leave it out for a few days.Once the rats have got used to it，they will eat it and die.

【答案】It is generally considered that rats are very clever and cunning.However，scientists have discovered that they are just very shy.For example，rats have special paths to go through，and if you make some changes to the paths，the rats are too frightened to travel on the same fixed routes.In this sense，rats always keep away from anything new and unusual，so they won’t eat poison at first.The rats won’t be poisoned until they get used to it.

【解析】

39.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

The food we eat seems to have a great effect on our health.Although science has made big steps in making food more fit to eat，it has，at the same time，made many foods unfit to eat.Some research has shown that perhaps eighty percent of human illness is related to food and forty percent of cancer is caused by food.This is not a new discovery.In 1945，some researchers realized that things commonly used to keep colors in meats and other food additives caused cancer.

Yet，these additives remain in our food，and it is difficult to know which things on the wrappings of foods are helpful or harmful.The additives which we eat are not all so direct.Farmers often give penicillin to their animals，and because of this，penicillin has been found in the milk of cows.Sometimes similar things are supplied to animals not for their health，but just to make a profit.

The farmers are simply trying to fatten the animals in order to get a higher price on the market.Although some countries have tried to control such things，the practice continues.

【答案】Science has made the quality of our food greatly improved.Meanwhile some foods are made unfit to eat.Research has proved that most of our diseases including cancer are caused by some food additives.Apart from this，similar things are provided for animals by farmers not for their health，but just to make a profit，which has an indirect effect on our health.Although some countries have made efforts to control such things，this phenomenon still exists.

【解析】

40.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Recently，a professor of philosophy in the United States has written a book called*MoneyandtheMeaningofLife*.He has discovered that how we deal with money in our day&shy;to&shy;day life has more meaning than we usually think.One of the things he asks his students to do is to keep a record of every penny they spend for a week.From the way they spend their money，they often see what they really value in life.

He says our relation with others often becomes clearly defined when money enters the picture.You might have wonderful friendship with somebody and you think that you are very good friends.But you will know him only when you ask him to lend you some money.If he does，it brings something to the relationship that seems stronger than ever before.Or it can suddenly weaken the relationship if he doesn’t.This person may say that he has a certain feeling，but if it is not carried out in the money world，there is something less real about it.

Since money is so important to us，we consider those who possess a lot of it to be very important.The author interviewed some millionaires in researching his book.

Question：What is the most surprising thing you have discovered about being rich，because you are a self&shy;made man?

Answer：The most surprising thing is why people give me so much respect.I am nothing.I don’t know much.All I am is rich.

People just have an idea of making more and more money，but what is it for？How much do I need for any given purposes in my life？In his book，the professor uncovered an important need in modern society：to bring back the idea that money is an instrument rather than the end.Money plays an important role in the material world，but expecting money to give happiness may be missing the meaning of life.

【答案】A US professor has found out the relationship between money and the meaning of life.Some people think friendship and good relationship depend on whether you have money and whether you are generous.Money is generally considered very important，but a millionaire doesn’t feel he is very important，because he thinks he is nothing except that he has money.The professor’s findings reveal that money is a tool rather than the goal，and money is not equal to happiness.

【解析】

41.阅读下面短文，根据其内容写一篇60词左右的内容概要。

Punishing children is a controversial topic.Everybody has different opinions about how to act to correct a child’s behavior.Parents，teachers，doctors，and specialists like psychologists，have disagreements about whether it is good for a child’s education to punish him.

The word “punish” means different things to different people.Punishment can be physical or emotional.Physical punishment is when the parent hits，slaps or spanks the child.On the other hand，emotional punishment is when the parent，in order to educate the child，doesn’t let him watch TV，go to play with his friends，or do things like that.The parent doesn’t teach him，but still he punishes the child.

Although many surveys and studies have been made about what the correct way is to raise a child，nobody has the answer or the truth.I think it will be very difficult to find the answer or get people to agree.

I think parents should love their child and give him the best education，but at the same time，they should punish the child if he deserves it.I think if you love your child，you should be rational when you apply the punishment.It should be reasonable and strict.

The parent’s goal is to have a good man or woman in the future in society，so sometimes you should do what is necessary to get your child to behave well.

【答案】People have mixed opinions towards punishing children.Punishment can be physical or emotional，but the key problem is the way they are punished.It is difficult to find the correct way to raise a child.Proper punishment can be instructive and necessary to children if it is reasonable and strict.But love and education are the most important for us to make our kids behave well.

【解析】