

“Information Please,” I spoke into the receiver. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear, “Information”.

“I hurt my finger...” I cried into the phone.

“Isn’t your mother home?” came the question.

“Nobody’s home but me.” I sobbed.

“Are you bleeding?” the voice asked.

“No,” I replied. “I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts.”

“Can you open your icebox?” she asked. I said I could.

“Then take a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger,” said the voice.

After that, I called “Information Please” for everything. I asked her for help with my geography and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me her name was Sally.

Then there was the time my pet canary(金丝雀) died. I called “Information Please” and told Sally the sad story. “Why is it that birds sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a pile of feathers?” She listened, then said quietly, “Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in.” Somehow I felt better.

One day when I called “Information Please” again, a different voice answered “Information”.

I asked for Sally. “Are you a friend?” she said.

“Yes.” I answered.

“I’m sorry to have to tell you this,” she said. “She died five days ago.” Before I could hang up she said, “Wait a minute. Did you say your name was Paul?”

“Yes!”

“Well, Sally left a message for you.” The note said, “Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He’ll know what I mean.” I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

()4. When the author hurt his finger, he rang because _____.

- A. he believed that the telephone knew everything
- B. the telephone could tell him a doctor’s number
- C. his mother was on the other end of the telephone
- D. he was once told to ask for help in this way

()5. Through the help from Sally, it can be inferred that _____.

- A. Sally was a geography teacher
- B. Sally was the author’s friend
- C. Sally was a considerate person
- D. Sally was an imaginary person

()6. What did Sally really mean by her message?

- A. She was sure that she could sing in other worlds.
- B. She didn’t want Paul to be sad about her death.
- C. Singing helped Paul to face death more easily.
- D. There was no need for Paul to call her anymore.

()7. What is the best title for this passage?

- A. My Pet’s Death
- B. An Amazing Woman
- C. A Healing Message
- D. My Magic Box

C

Who’s in control of your life? Who’s pulling your strings? For the majority of us, it’s other people—society, colleagues, friends, family or our community. We learned this way of operating when we were very young, of course. We were brainwashed. We discovered that feeling important and feeling accepted was a nice experience and so we learned to do everything we could to make other people like us. As Oscar Wilde puts it, “Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else’s opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation.”

So when people tell us how wonderful we are, it makes us feel good. We long for this good feeling like a drug—we are addicted to it and seek it out wherever we can. Therefore, we are so eager for the approval of others that we live unhappy and limited lives, failing to do the things we really want to. Just as drug addicts and alcoholics live worsened lives to keep getting their fix (成癮物), we worsen our own existence to get our own constant fix of approval.

But, just as with any drug, there is a price to pay. The price of the approval drug is freedom—the freedom to be ourselves. The truth is that we cannot control

what other people think. People have their own agenda, and they come with their own baggage and, in the end, they're more interested in themselves than in you. Furthermore, if we try to live by the opinions of others, we will build our life on sinking sand. Everyone has a different way of thinking, and people change their opinions all the time. The person who tries to please everyone will only end up getting exhausted (tired) and probably pleasing no one in the process.

So how can we take back control? I think there's only one way—make a conscious decision to stop caring what other people think. We should guide ourselves by means of a set of values—not values imposed from the outside by others, but innate values which come from within. If we are driven by these values and not by the changing opinions and value systems of others, we will live a more authentic, effective, purposeful and happy life.

- () 8. What Oscar Wilde says implies that _____.
- A. most people have a variety of thoughts
 - B. we have thoughts similar to those of others
 - C. other people's thoughts are more important
 - D. most people's thoughts are affected by others
- () 9. What does the author try to argue in the third paragraph?
- A. The price of taking the drug is freedom.
 - B. We may lose ourselves to win the approval of others.
 - C. We need to pay for what we want to get.
 - D. Changing opinions may cost us our freedom.
- () 10. It can be concluded from the passage that _____.
- A. it's better to follow others' opinions
 - B. it's important to accept others' comments
 - C. we shouldn't change our own decision
 - D. we shouldn't care too much what others think
- () 11. The author tries to persuade the readers to accept his arguments mainly by _____.
- A. discussing questions
 - B. making suggestions
 - C. analyzing causes and effects
 - D. providing examples and facts

D

In the 1950s, Central American commercial banana growers were facing the death of their most economical product, the Gros Michel banana. Now it's happening again to its successor—the Cavendish.

With its easily transported, thick-skinned and sweet-tasting fruit, the Gros Michel banana plant dominated the plantations of Central America. United Fruit, the main grower and exporter in South America at the time, mass-produced its bananas in the most efficient way possible: it cloned shoots from the stems of plants instead of growing plants from seeds, and cultivated them in densely packed fields.

Unfortunately, these conditions are also perfect for the spread of the fungus, which attacks the plant's roots and prevents it from transporting water to the stem and leaves. The TR-1 strain of the fungus was resistant to crop sprays and travelled around on boots or the tyres of trucks, slowly infecting plantations across the region. In an attempt to escape the fungus, farmers abandoned infected fields, flooded them and then replanted crops somewhere else, often cutting down rainforest to do so.

Their efforts failed. So they searched for a variety of bananas that the fungus didn't affect. They found the Cavendish, which wasn't as well suited to shipping as the Gros Michel, but its bananas tasted good enough to keep consumers happy. Most importantly, TR-1 didn't seem to affect it. In a few years, United Fruit had saved itself from bankruptcy by filling its plantations with thousands of the new plants. However, the Cavendish banana itself is far from safe. In 2015, the exports of Cavendish bananas had dropped by 46 per cent thanks to a combination of another strain of the fungus, TR-4, and bad weather.

Racing against the inevitable, scientists are working on solving the problem by genetically modifying the Cavendish with genes from TR-4-resistant banana species. Researchers have successfully grown two kinds of modified plant which have remained resistant for three years so far. But some experts think this is just a complicated version of the same temporary solution the original Cavendish provided. If the new bananas are planted in the same

monoculture(单种栽培) as the Cavendish and the Gros Michel, the risk is that another strain of the disease may rise up to threaten the modified plants too.

- ()12. The underlined word “dominated” in the second paragraph means “_____”.
- A. occupied B. grew
C. faced D. interested
- ()13. Mass-produced bananas are _____.
- A. grown from seeds because its efficient
B. cloned because it’s fast and cheap to grow them
C. sweeter than other bananas
D. exported to Central America
- ()14. The spread of the TR-1 strain was _____.
- A. caused by lack of water
B. speeded up by the flooding of banana fields
C. slowed down by crop spraying
D. helped by the movement of people and vehicles
- ()15. Genetically modified bananas may _____.
- A. mean farmers can grow the Gros Michel again
B. cause farmers to repeat the mistakes of the past
C. encourage farmers to try new growing methods
D. only be a short-term solution

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。

Lots of people find it hard to get up in the morning, and put the blame on the alarm clock. In fact, the key to easy morning wake-up lies in resetting your body clock. 16. _____ Here’s how to make one.

● 17. _____ In order to make a change, you need to decide why it’s important. Do you want to get up in time to have breakfast with your family, get in some exercise, or just be better prepared for your day? Once you are clear about your reasons, tell your family or roommates about the change you want to make.

● Rethink mornings. Now that you know why you want to wake up, consider re-arranging your morning

activities. If you want time to have breakfast with your family, save some time the night before by setting out clothes, shoes, and bags. 18. _____ That’s a quarter-hour more you could be sleeping if you bought a coffee maker with a timer.

● Keep your sleep/wake schedule on weekends. If you’re tired out by Friday night, sleeping in on Saturday could sound wonderful. But compensating on the weekends actually feeds into your sleepiness the following week, a recent study found. 19. _____

● Keep a record and evaluate it weekly. Keep track of your efforts and write down how you feel. After you’ve tried a new method for a week, take a look at your record. 20. _____ If not, take another look at other methods you could try.

- A. Get a sleep specialist.
B. Find the right motivation.
C. A better plan for sleep can help.
D. And consider setting a second alarm.
E. If the steps you take are working, keep it up.
F. Stick to your set bedtime and wake-up time, no matter the day.
G. Reconsider the 15 minutes you spend in line at the cafe to get coffee.

第二部分 语言知识运用(共两节,满分35分)

第一节 (共20小题;每小题1分,满分20分)

阅读下面短文,从短文后各题所给的A、B、C和D四个选项中,选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

I was riding the train home from a downtown Chicago courtroom. I was sitting in my seat, in tears, looking out of the window, hoping no one would 21. My husband and I had just ended our marriage, and my heart was filled with 22. I had never felt so helpless and lonely.

23, a hand appeared—the tiny beautiful hand of a woman. She 24 me a small envelope, then smiled and disappeared before I could even look into her eyes and express my 25. On the outside of the envelope were a rainbow and a sun, drawn 26 in pen. Inside it were the 27 words I had ever read:

I know you don’t 28 me, but I was watching you there 29, and my heart goes out to you. 30 I am only a stranger to you, I feel your pain and I 31. It may not seem that way, but the sun will

32 again and you will see the rainbow.

Love,

Someone who cares

I never saw the woman again. But 33, this mysterious 34 has remained deep inside my heart. It always tells me that we are never 35. In 36 to me in my hardship, this woman filled me with a 37 love. It makes me realize that no matter how sad my life seems there is always 38. And more importantly, her act of 39 woke me up to the amazing connection between human beings. I know now if I take one minute, one second, to stop and show love and care to others who may be hurting, I can make a(n) 40.

- ()21. A. read B. observe
C. notice D. follow
- ()22. A. sadness B. excitement
C. happiness D. sympathy
- ()23. A. Shyly B. Naturally
C. Frequently D. Suddenly
- ()24. A. threw B. handed
C. recommended D. tore
- ()25. A. thanks B. fear
C. love D. support
- ()26. A. hurriedly B. gently
C. slowly D. heavily
- ()27. A. wisest B. warmest
C. clearest D. simplest
- ()28. A. accept B. treat
C. know D. remember
- ()29. A. sleeping B. waiting
C. laughing D. crying
- ()30. A. Because B. While
C. When D. If
- ()31. A. appreciate B. fail
C. care D. admit
- ()32. A. set B. move
C. disappear D. shine
- ()33. A. once B. still
C. ever D. again
- ()34. A. postwoman B. feeling
C. gift D. scene
- ()35. A. alone B. poor
C. quiet D. stupid

- ()36. A. opening up B. getting over
C. living through D. reaching out
- ()37. A. strange B. great
C. crazy D. similar
- ()38. A. pleasure B. success
C. hope D. luck
- ()39. A. kindness B. courage
C. politeness D. patience
- ()40. A. offer B. decision
C. promise D. difference

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。

BEIJING—The box office(票房) of the Avengers movies in China 41. _____ (witness) rapid growth these years. The previous three movies, *The Avengers* (2012), *Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015) and *Avengers: Infinity War* (2018), earned 568 million yuan, 1,464 million yuan and 2,390 million yuan, respectively. Disney and Marvel's "Avengers: Endgame" has earned 3 billion yuan (around 445 million US dollars) in box office 42. _____ (sale) in China's mainland since it hit the screens on April 24. This year is even special 43. _____ the "Avengers: Endgame" is released 44. _____ (early) in the Chinese mainland than in North America, 45. _____ has become a key factor for the box office hit on the opening day. 46. _____ has replaced "The Fate of the Furious" by the end of Tuesday to become the top-grossing (最卖座的) 47. _____ (import) film of all time in the mainland. The film also set a new opening day record (including midnight shows) for IMAX China, 48. _____ (earn) an estimated 93 million yuan. *The Avengers: Endgame* is 49. _____ (joint) distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, China Film Group Corp and Huaxia Film Distribution Co., Ltd. in the Chinese market. The stock price of China Film Group Corp has increased 50. _____ 16.37 percent.

第三部分 写作(共两节,满分25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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