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Once a very rich man and his young son collected paintings by famous artists like Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet.

Later, the son left to join the army. After a few weeks, the old man got a letter saying his son had died while taking a little girl to a hospital. The man became very lonely and sad.

One day, a young man visited the old man and gave him a painting — it was a portrait (肖像) of his son. The painting of his son became the old man's most precious thing. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever got. The following spring, the old man died.

All of the old man's paintings would be sold at an auction (拍卖会). The auction began with the painting of the old man's son.

"Who will open the price at \$100?" the auctioneer asked. All people got into silence until someone said: "Who cares about that painting? Let's get on to good ones." More people agreed. "No, we must sell this one first," replied the auctioneer. "Now, who will take the portrait of the son?"

Finally, a good friend of the old man spoke: "Ten dollars!" "Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence he said: "Going once... going twice... sold!" The auctioneer then announced that the whole auction was over. "According to the father's will (遗嘱), whoever takes the son's portrait gets the whole collection," the auctioneer said. Because of sharing the father's love, whoever took the son got it all.

() 56. Why did the old man feel lonely and sad?

- A. Because his son lost his life.
- B. Because his son left to join the army.
- C. Because a little girl was ill in hospital.

() 57. What does the underlined word "precious" mean?

- A. 美妙的
- B. 珍贵的
- C. 常见的

() 58. Which of the following is TRUE?

- A. The auctioneer kept the painting of the old man's son.
- B. People were interested in the painting of the old man's son.
- C. The old man's good friend got all the paintings for only ten dollars.

() 59. When others heard the old man's will, how did they probably feel about themselves?

- A. Stupid.
- B. Unusual.
- C. Successful.

() 60. What is the best title of the passage?

- A. A Hot Auction
- B. A Father's Love
- C. A Famous Painting



书面测试 (非选择题 共 30 分)

VI. 阅读理解(二) (共 5 小题, 每小题 2 分, 满分 10 分)

阅读下面短文, 并回答所给问题。

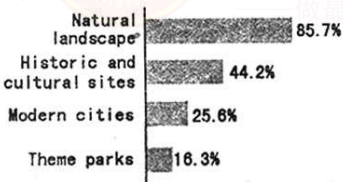
When Google Street View first came out in 2007, people were happy to visit streets all over the world by using their computers. Now we can travel with the help of virtual reality (VR), which means experiencing things through our computers.



If you don't have time or money to travel, you may choose virtual traveling. Victor White shared how excited he felt after he used VR: "I could run in the morning on a beautiful beach and walk along the streets of a city in the evening. I could be a virtual traveler to travel deep in the sea," he wrote. "All of these experiences were so real, without risk, and of course cheap..."

However, virtual traveling doesn't mean it will make people give up real-world travel. Instead, it encourages people to have a second travel in the real world. For example, once some people use VR to hike the Grand Canyon in the US, they may find themselves expecting to go to the real place one day.

The favorite kind of tourist sites of the heavy VR users in the real world



SOURCE REPORT ON CHINESE VR USERS' BEHAVIORS, 2016

Word Bank

site n. 景点
 landscape n. 风景
 experience v. 经历

61. What does virtual reality mean in English?

62. How did Victor White feel after he used VR?

63. Do 44.2% of the heavy VR users hope to visit modern cities?



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64. Which is the most popular tourist site for the heavy VR users?

65. Do you want to be a virtual traveler? Why or why not?

Ⅶ. 词汇运用(从 A, B 两题中任选一题作答。共 10 小题, 每小题 1 分, 满分 10 分)

A. 请选用方框中的词或短语填空, 使短文完整、通顺, 每个词或短语只能用一次。

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The city Venice is famous all over the world. Long time ago, people built it on more than 110 islands. So the seawater is everywhere. People in Venice move from place to place by 66. _____. And they like to enjoy the beautiful city 67. _____ they are taking boat trips.

Water makes the city become one of the most popular places in Europe. However, in this city, something 68. _____ often happens to travelers like this: they walk 69. _____ the Rialto Bridge, and they find that there's 70. _____ special. But when they come back to the same bridge an hour later, it's under the water and everyone is wearing rain shoes 71. _____.

Once, people in Venice 72. _____ too much underground water. This made the city sink(下沉) 73. _____. Another problem is that the temperature 74. _____ for many years. This has made the ice of the Arctic Ocean (北冰洋) melt (融化). As a result, more water has come into the city.

Scientists are trying different ways to 75. _____ the city from sinking. The Italian government also plans to do something to solve the problems.

B. 请选用方框中所给词的正确形式填空, 使短文完整、通顺, 每个词只能用一次。

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Many of us love stories of time travel, aliens (外星人), and the future. But Chinese science fiction doesn't seem to be popular with book lovers. One book from a Chinese 66. _____ changed the situation.

On August 23, 2015, Liu Cixin 67. _____ the world's top science fiction prize. He's



the first Asian to get the prize for Best Novel through 68. _____ book *The Three-body Problem* (《三体》). In the book, scientists found a planet with three suns. The aliens on the planet had high 69. _____ and they planned to invade (入侵) Earth. When humans on Earth got the news, they started 70. _____ themselves from danger.

Liu once was an engineer, 71. _____ there are a lot of interesting facts about engineering in this book. That is why it becomes the best 72. _____ the similar Chinese books. At the same time, some readers think the Chinese culture in this book also makes it 73. _____ than others.

According to Liu, China is developing 74. _____. This creates the good time for science fiction. In fact, Liu's books 75. _____ great joy to people since they came out. "We nowadays live in a small box of reality, science fiction is a way to open up our minds." said Liu.

Ⅷ. 书面表达 (满分 10 分)

生活中我们有时会收到一些礼物,每份礼物都包含着一份沉甸甸的爱,带给我们一个美好的记忆或感人的故事。请谈谈你收到的最有意义的(meaningful)礼物是什么?并分享你的故事。

要求:1. 60 词左右;

2. 文中不要出现真实的人名和校名。



太原市2016~2017 学年第二学期八年级期末考试

英语试题参考答案及评分标准

I. 听力 (共20小题, 每小题1分, 满分20分)

1-5 CABAB 6-10 ACBCC 11-15 ACABC

16. nature 17. around 18. regard 19. safe 20. nine/9

II. 单项选择 (共15小题, 每小题1分, 满分15分)

21-25 ACBCC 26-30 ABCBA 31-35 BCBA

III. 补全对话 (共5小题, 每小题1分, 满分5分)

36-40 AEGCD

IV. 完形填空 (共10小题, 每小题1分, 满分10分)

41-45 CCBBA 46-50 CAABC

V. 阅读理解(一) (共10小题, 每小题2分, 满分20分)

51-55 CCABA 56-60 ABCAB

VI. 阅读理解(二) (共5小题, 每小题2分, 满分10分)

61. It means experiencing things through our computers.

62. He felt excited.

63. No, they don't.

64. Natural Landscape.

65. Yes, I do. I think it's interesting/wonderful/exciting.

评分说明: 只要答案符合题意, 表达正确, 即可得满分。以5个小题为单位, 不影响意思表达的语法错误, 累计两处扣1分; 单词拼写错误, 累计4处扣1分。

VII. 词汇运用 (从A, B两题中任选一题作答。共10小题, 每小题1分, 满分10分)

A. 66. boat 67. while 68. strange 69. across 70. nothing

71. instead 72. used 73. slowly 74. has risen 75. stop

B. 66. writer 67. won 68. his 69. technology 70. to protect / protecting

71. so 72. among 73. more special 74. quickly 75. have brought

VIII. 书面表达 (满分10分)

One possible version:

In our life, people sometimes get gifts which are special for them. On my desk lies a CD. It's the most meaningful gift I have received so far.

Last month, I joined an English speaking competition. To win the competition, I practiced



my pronunciation hard with my best friend Lucy. It seemed that everything was going well. The day before the competition, I suddenly became too nervous to speak an English word. Lucy was also worried, so she took out a CD from her schoolbag and gave it to me. When I listened to the CD at night, the soft music in it really made me relaxed and I got much courage from it. The next day, I won the competition with a confident heart.

I'll keep the CD forever. It's a symbol of the friendship between Lucy and me.

评分说明:

- 9~10分:包含了所有提示要点,能按要求适当发挥,内容丰富。应用了较丰富的语言知识和词汇,用词准确,句子通顺,行文流畅,表达清楚,没有或有个别语言错误,具备较强的语言应用能力。
- 7~8分:包含了所有提示要点,有一定的发挥,但内容欠丰富。应用的语言结构和词汇能满足任务要求,句子较通顺,表达较清楚,有少量语言错误。
- 5~6分:漏掉了一个提示要点或只是简单说明要点,内容不够丰富得体。语言表达简单,行文不够流畅,句子不够通顺,有部分语言错误。
- 3~4分:所写内容明显偏离要点,内容过少。语言不规范,句子不条理,行文不连贯,语言错误较多。
- 0~2分:未完成所规定的任务或所写内容要求几乎无关,内容杂乱,不知所云。语言很不通顺,用词很不准确,错误过多,几乎难以读懂。

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