

2023 届高三名校周考阶梯训练·英语卷(一)

阅读理解之应用文(一)

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阅读下列短文,从每题所给的 A、B、C 和 D 四个选项中,选出最佳选项。

A

Best Picks

Shining music albums

All the elements(要素) of great music—exciting singsong skills and a band playing with total commitment—are there and shining like diamonds on Katie Crutchfield's new album, *Out in the Storm*. In what's turning out to be a very impressive year for female bands, writer/singer Katie Crutchfield and her all-female band are on a roll.

Time tracking app

If you're frequently on your international flights and tired of trying to remember whether the kids will still be awake for a call or to schedule a conference call for work, the app Circa can help you keep track of time in many different places. It'll give you one less thing to worry about. The app is \$3.99 for iOS and free for Android users.

"Finest" propaganda(宣传) movie

The movie *Their Finest*, set during World War II, centers on the film division of the British Ministry of Information, where Catrin Cole is employed to make movies that appeal to women. *Film Review* critic(评论家) Peter Rainter writes, "The film's best comic(喜剧的) character is Ambrose Hilliard... performed with plenty of playful fun by Bill Nighy." *Their Finest* is available on DVD and blue-ray.

Favorite books

Four Liverpooldians taught us that all you need is love. After reading *Great Beatles Songs*, you will dive into the history, memories and meaning of the Beatle hits, from Toure and Rosanne Cash to Jane Smiley and Roz Chast. And you may find more in our favorite books.

1. What is special about Katie Crutchfield's band?

- A. It is an overnight success.
- C. All its members are female.

- B. It performs just rock music.
- D. Most of its audience are women.

2. What is Bill Nighy?

- A. A movie star.
- C. An app designer.

- B. A film critic.
- D. A novelist.

3. Which might be suitable for a reader who loves Beatle music history?

- A. *Four Liverpooldians*.
- C. *Great Beatles Songs*.

- B. *Out in the Storm*.
- D. *Their Finest*.

B

Everything to Know About Venice

When to Go

Spring and autumn are usually the best times to go, although November can bring high-tide flooding—the streets filled with water, which can be messy. Summer can mean steamy heat, mosquitoes, and the city crowded to the rafters. In midwinter, Venice is a little quieter and extremely cold but with crystal-clear skies, although some hotels and restaurants close down.

Celebrate

The world-famous Venice Carnival (February) spells not only fun with masks and costumes but also an awful lot of people. Vogalonga (May) is a non-competitive celebration of rowing as thousands of colorful small boats follow a 30-kilometer circle from Venice and out around the islands. The Regata Storica (September) is a parade of beautifully decorated boats rowed along the Grand Canal and bearing local people in costumes.

What to Eat

As a snack, try mouth-watering cichetti: a kind of bread topped with salted fish, goat cheese or dried tomato, to name a few. For dinner, order le seppie in summer and autumn. Wintertime is good for radicchio, then spring for local carciofi, tiny purple artichokes (法国百合) from the nearby islands.

WeChat-Worthy View

The broad waterfront Riva degli Schiavoni (near Piazza San Marco) is a good spot for sunset light over the lake and city, and during daylight hours, the Accademia bridge spells excellent Grand Canal shots with the iconic ferries and boats included.

Other Travel Tips

There is no reason to purchase bottled mineral water. The city water is both safe and regularly checked, and drinking fountains and taps are all around the city. Tap water can be requested in restaurants. Avoid taking the big cruise ships (游轮) that may soon be forbidden from entering the Venice Lagoon. They are huge polluters and out of scale (比例) with this unique city.

4. When should you go if you want to attend the Venice Carnival?
A. In February. B. In May. C. In September. D. In November.
5. What is recommended for dinner in winter?
A. Cichetti. B. Le seppie. C. Radicchio. D. Carciofi.
6. Why are visitors advised to avoid the big cruise ships?
A. They are too ugly. B. They are unsuitable for picture-taking.
C. They are not safe enough. D. They are not good for the environment.

C

Here are some New Year traditions from around the world that are likely different from what you're used to.

Bulgaria

In Bulgaria, there is a local New Year tradition called Survakane. In the morning of January 1, children across Bulgaria go from house to house offering to hit the adults on the back with decorated cherry branches (called Surwatschki). It is believed that this act ensures good health and a long life ahead for the adult victims. In return, the kids are rewarded with small cakes, nuts, dried fruits, and other small gifts.

Spain

In Spain, when midnight arrives, you should eat 12 grapes (each eaten with every strike of the clock). When eating each grape, people are also encouraged to make a wish for the new year ahead. If you find yourself in Spain on New Year's Eve and you don't have any grapes on hand, don't panic—you can easily find them on sale in all shops and pubs in every town. Handily, these grapes even come in packs of 12!

Italy

If you're celebrating the New Year in Italy, you need to make sure that your underpants (内裤) are red. In Italy, wearing red underwear guarantees good luck and success for the year ahead! That's why shortly after Christmas, Italians rush to department stores across the country in order to get their hands on some "lucky" red underpants.

Brazil

If you're ever lucky enough to find yourself on a beach in Brazil on New Year's Eve, then you've to make sure that you celebrate the new year like the locals do—by jumping into the sea when the clock strikes 12! You have to jump over seven waves, making a New Year's wish every time you clear a wave. If you really want to make sure that these wishes come true, then you should wear different-colored underwear for each wish. Yellow for money, red or pink for love, green for hope, and white for peace. And all the underwear should be brand new!

7. What can children do in the morning of January 1 in Bulgaria?

- A. Put on colorful underwear to swim.
- B. Ask for snacks and other small gifts.
- C. Hit the adults with cherry branches.
- D. Make twelve wishes for the new year.

8. In which country do the people eat grapes to celebrate the new year?

- A. Bulgaria.
- B. Spain.
- C. Italy.
- D. Brazil.

9. What is a New Year's bestseller in both Italy and Brazil?

- A. Red underpants.
- B. Yellow underpants.
- C. Green underpants.
- D. White underpants.

D

These art camps for kids lead them on fantastic creative adventures all summer long! Don't miss out.

Architecture Camp

Young New Yorkers who never stop to be amazed by skyscrapers can imagine and build their own models—after they've learned how to handle the design challenges of really tall buildings. Similar five-day programs exist for tree houses and bridges, and other offerings allow future architects to study digital design using 3-D computer modeling or old-school freehand drawing. Ages: 8~17.

Writopia Camp

The Writopia Camp program in the Poconos is perfect for those longing to pen the next great American novel. Buses transport campers from Manhattan and Westchester for a 12-day escape filled with writing workshops and creative classes. Published authors and playwrights help kids learn the secrets to short story writing, poetry and what makes a great novel, while campers also enjoy arts activities such as photography, theater and filmmaking. Ages: 7~18.

Art Summer Camp

Children who consider art their favorite subject will love this bright, colorful Brooklyn studio's offerings. Campers spend their summer days creating great works worthy of special exhibit in their homes that go beyond basic projects. Each week has a different theme, including collage(拼贴画), textile(纺织品) printing and sculptures. Ages: 4~10.

Textile Arts Camp

Students choose between two concentrations: weaving(织布), in which kids learn to use a loom(纺车) and read patterns; and surface design, which allows them to experiment with a variety of fiber and textile arts like printing, sewing and drawing. Most days are spent at the studio working on projects; Friday afternoons feature an Open House where campers can show their projects for family and friends. Completed projects may include bags, toys, fabrics and more. Ages: 7~14.

10. What is the age range required for the Architecture Camp?

- A. 8~17.
- B. 7~14.
- C. 7~18.
- D. 4~10.

11. Which camp is best suitable for those who love writing?
A. Architecture Camp.
C. Writopia Camp.
- B. Textile Arts Camp.
D. Art Summer Camp.
12. What do the last two camps have in common?
A. The same materials are used.
C. Similar abilities are developed.
- B. Similar products are completed.
D. The same tools are employed.

E

Four Films Worth Watching This Year

Peter Rabbit 2

In *Peter Rabbit 2*, the lovable rabbit is back. Bea, Thomas and the rabbit have created a temporary family, but despite his best efforts, Peter can't seem to shake his mischievous(淘气的) reputation. Adventuring out of the garden, Peter finds himself in a world where his mischief is appreciated, but when his family risks everything to come looking for him, Peter must figure out what kind of rabbit he wants to be.

Spirit Untamed

It is a story of adventure, family and friendship. Free-spirited Lucky Prescott moves to Miradero. She is unimpressed with the sleepy town until she discovers a unique tie to her late mother who was a fearless horse-riding performer. She quickly forms a bond with a wild horse named Spirit. When a heartless hunter captures Spirit, Lucky sets off on a journey to rescue the horse who has given her an unbreakable connection to her mother.

Profile

Inspired by true events, *Profile* follows an undercover British journalist on her quest to track and expose a terrorist recruiter(招募者) through social media, while trying not to be changed by her recruiter and become a militant extremist herself. The unconventional thriller, directed by Timur Bekmambetov, plays out entirely on a computer screen in the Screenlife format.

Joey & Ella

This film, which makes you laugh all the time, begins as two clumsy jewel thieves lose the mysterious Mazinski Diamond. The jewel is pocketed by a baby circus kangaroo that escapes to a nearby farm and is found by Ella, a lonely teen who names the animal Joey. But the magical jewel causes Joey to grow quickly and gain the power of speech! Soon the thieves, the police, and Joey's owners are all hunting for the mischievous creature and the alien jewel. If Ella wants to get Joey to safety in time, they had better jump away quickly!

13. Which film mentions an animal as a tie to a girl's dead mother?
A. Profile.
C. Peter Rabbit 2.
- B. Joey & Ella.
D. Spirit Untamed.
14. Who is the director of Profile?
A. Bea.
C. Timur Bekmambetov.
- B. Thomas.
D. Lucky Prescott.
15. What kind of film is probably Joey & Ella?
A. A thriller.
C. A romance film.
- B. A comedy.
D. A documentary.

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