2014 北京西城高三（上）期末

英　　语

本试卷共 12 页，共 150 分。考试时长 120 分钟。考生务必将答案答在答题卡上，在试卷上作答无效。考试结束后，将本试卷和答题卡一并交回。

第一部分：听力理解（共三节，30 分）

第一节（共 5 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 7.5 分）

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一道小题，从每题所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听完每段对话后，你将有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话你将听一遍。

例：What is the man going to read?

A. A newspaper.　　B. A magazine.　　C. A book.

答案是 A。

1. What does the woman mean?

A. She likes fruits.　　B. She likes peanuts.　　C. She likes neither.

2. What is the man doing?

A. Giving advice.　　B. Asking for permission.　　C. Making an invitation.

3. Where does the dialogue probably take place?

A. At a hotel.　　B. In a restaurant.　　C. In a supermarket.

4. What is the woman probably going to do?

A. Take exercise.　　B. Give a speech.　　C. Go out for a walk.

5. What does the woman probably do?

A. A housewife.　　B. A secretary.　　C. A manager.

第二节（共 10 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 15 分）

听下面 4 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几道小题，从每题所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项。听每段对话或独白前，你将有 5 秒钟的时间阅读每小题。听完后，每小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白你将听两遍。

听第 6 段材料，回答第 6 至 7 题。

6. What do we know about Sarah?

A. She doesn’t like her job.

B. She likes to meet different people.

C. She is going on a holiday next Monday.

7. What does the man think of the woman talking with him?

A. She is quiet.　　B. She is talkative.　　C. She is outgoing.

听第 7 段材料，回答第 8 至 9 题。

8. Why does the woman want to lose some weight?

A. To attend a meeting.　　B. To fit into her clothes.　　C. To meet her friend.

9. What does the man advise the woman to do?

A. To have cabbage soup.　　B. To take some diet pills.　　C. To eat smaller meals.

听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。

10. When will the man fly to Shanghai?

A. On February 6th.　　B. On February 7th.　　C. On February 8th.

11. What class will the man fly?

A. First class.　　B. Business class.　　C. Economy class.

12. How will the man pay for the ticket?

A. In cash.　　B. By credit card.　　C. By check.

听第 9 段材料，回答第 13 至 15 题。

13. What is the arrangement for Wednesday afternoon?

A. Going to the sports center.

B. Doing some shopping.

C. Taking a tour of the city.

14. When will the listeners have a rest?

A. On Friday afternoon.　　B. On Saturday afternoon.　　C. On Sunday afternoon.

15. Where will the listeners go on Sunday?

A. To St. Louis.　　B. To New York.　　C. To Washington.

第三节（共 5 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 7.5 分）

听下面一段对话，完成第 16 至 20 五道小题，每小题仅填写一个词。听对话前，你将有 20 秒钟的时间阅读试题，听完后你将有 60 秒钟的作答时间。这段对话你将听两遍。请将答案写在答题卡上。

Report Form	
Name	Emily ___16___
Address	No. 306, ___17___ Avenue
Nationality	___18___
Lost Items	An SH462513 laptop An Ipod G3 phone A ___19___ with about 200 dollars in it
Telephone No.	2237676
Best Time to Contact	Between 9 and ___20___

第二部分：知识运用（共两节，45 分）

第一节 单项填空（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，共 15 分）

从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中，选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

例：It's so nice to hear from her again. _____, we last met more than thirty years ago.

A．What's more　　B．That's to say

C．In other words　　D．Believe it or not

答案是 D。

21. _____ more about university courses, write to this address.

A. Find　　B. Finding　　C. Found　　D. To find

22. The doctor said Carl might recover, _____ it would be a slow process.

A. so B. but C. and D. or

23. He drove his new car at an amazing speed, _____ resulted in a terrible accident.

A. who B. that C. when D. which

24. He ran toward the coming train, _____ his camera's flash to warn the driver of the danger.

A. to fire B. firing C. fired D. having fired

25. In the biography, Anne describes _____ her science teacher inspired her to become a medical scientist.

A. how B. what C. why D. whether

26. — I have not heard from Mark for a long time. I'm quite worried about him.

— OK. I'll let you know the minute I _____ anything.

A. will hear B. am hearing C. heard D. hear

27. We can also visit the Palace Center at weekends, but it will mean increasing the entrance fee _____ $5, from $10 to $15.

A. for B. by C. at D. of

28. A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure _____ he begins to blame somebody else.

A. when B. if C. until D. once

29. — Where are you working now, Jason?

— In the Mondadori Publishing House. But I _____ in a TV station for six years.

A. worked B. had worked C. was working D. work

30. Scientists predict that by 2025, 90 percent of all electronic communication _____ by mobile phone.

A. will conduct B. is conducted

C. has conducted D. will be conducted

31. — Make a turn at the corner.

— _____ I make a right or a left? I'm terrible at directions.

A. Must B. Could C. Should D. May

32. I bought this computer because it was _____ I could find.

A. the lightest B. the lighter C. the light D. lighter

33. — If I _____ my dog run out in the street, it wouldn't have been injured by the car.

— Don't blame yourself any more. Owning a pet is a tough job.

A. hadn't let B. didn't let

C. wouldn't let D. wouldn't have let

34. Loneliness is a feeling _____ by many parents whose children have gone to faraway places for education or work.

A. experience B. to experience C. experienced D. experiencing

35. — Where's my raincoat?

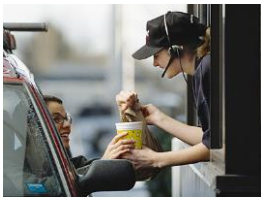
— I don't have the slightest idea. _____ the closet?

A. Did you check B. Have you checked

C. Do you check D. Had you checked

第二节 完形填空（共 20 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 30 分）

阅读下面短文，掌握其大意，从每题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。


drive-through window

Every fast-food employee knows that the drive-through window is the worst position. The window sticks with constant ice; the roar of engines hurts your __36__; your words are lost in the howling wind.

On a __37__ afternoon, everything changed.

Every once in a while, the sub-zero temperatures seal a __38__ windows shut. Drivers don't exactly enjoy having to stand outside in the cold, __39__ their orders into a speaker box, when they expect to drive through on their heated leather seats. In such cases, most customers tend to show their annoyance to the employees.

This woman was __40__.

"I'll get the next car's __41__ as well," she said as she came up to the window to pay. She stood outside, __42__ much snow on her hair. Though she was obviously freezing, her bright __43__ lit up her face like a fire.

"You can't __44__ their drinks," I said, confused and tired.

"No, but I'll buy them," she said. "Pay it forward and all that."

Completely puzzled, I charged her as __45__, and when the next customer arrived at the window I explained what had just happened. I watched as his __46__ changed — first angry to be out in the cold, then __47__ at the random act of kindness, and finally, delighted by his __48__.

"I suppose I'll pay for the next order then," he replied, nodding and waving at the impatient driver __49__ him. He __50__ over the cash and received his pre-paid hot drink.

The trend continued. Customers arrived annoyed, only to leave __51__ and pleased. Some were shocked to spend much more than they had expected, __52__ others ended up receiving their order for less than half the price.

Five vehicles passed, then ten, then twenty. No one refused to pay. Customers stood at my window __53__ a fist-full of change to buy drinks for a complete stranger. Cars drove off, honking (鸣笛) and __54__ their thanks.

It only takes one customer, one person, to change the entire __55__ of traffic. It only takes one moment, one smile, to warm up even the coldest of days.

36. A. ears	B. hands	C. feet	D. back
37. A. freezing	B. sunny	C. warm	D. usual
38. A. truck's	B. vehicle's	C. car's	D. lorry's
39. A. offering	B. throwing	C. screaming	D. cancelling
40. A. polite	B. angry	C. popular	D. different
41. A. number	B. coffee	C. fee	D. order
42. A. covering	B. increasing	C. gathering	D. falling
43. A. eyes	B. smile	C. hair	D. annoyance
44. A. pay	B. take	C. buy	D. give
45. A. instructed	B. requested	C. directed	D. suggested

46. A. gesture B. expression C. figure D. feeling
47. A. inspired B. upset C. surprised D. disappointed
48. A. turn B. chance C. deed D. luck
49. A. beyond B. before C. beside D. behind
50. A. took B. looked C. handed D. thought
51. A. shy B. calm C. anxious D. regretful
52. A. while B. since C. as D. unless
53. A. putting B. emptying C. laying D. holding
54. A. explaining B. sending C. introducing D. casting
55. A. jam B. row C. flow D. line

第三部分：阅读理解（共两节，40 分）

第一节（共 15 小题；每小题 2 分，共 30 分）

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

A

Dear Mr. King,

Your grocery store is outstanding in many ways. I enjoy the selection of produce and fresh bakery items. I have been a long time Supermart shopper and hope to continue for many years. I have found, however, that I must make a separate shopping trip to one of your competitors because there are many items your store does not carry. This becomes inconvenient for me, as my time is valuable, and I do not like to make two trips. Your low prices and excellent customer service keep me coming back to Supermart, but I would be a more satisfied customer if I could find all the items I need in one place.

Specifically, I have never been able to purchase nacho cheese soup at your store. I can find other flavors (味道) of soup, but your store does not carry nacho cheese soup, a common ingredient (原料) in many of my recipes. In addition, I can only find large wonton wrappers, while many other stores carry both large and small and offer a more varied selection for their customers. Another example is Regent Brand Chili Seasoning. Though it is not a leading brand, it is still common on the shelves of other grocery stores in this area and is superior in flavor to its competitors.

I sincerely hope to continue a relationship with your store, and I hope that you will consider the possibility of expanding your goods to be more competitive.

Yours truly,

Bob Watson

56. According to Bob, the grocery store _____.

A. meets all his needs B. is outstanding in every way

C. offers good customer service D. lacks convenient transportation

57. How does the author present his point in Paragraph 2?

A. By giving examples. B. By analyzing the figures.

C. By providing scientific findings. D. By comparing two different stores.

58. From the letter, we can learn that the author is _____.

A. a very picky reporter B. a competitor of the store

C. a responsible nutritionist D. a regular customer of the store

B

A Simple Lesson

"Another bad day at school?" my father asked as I came into the room.

"How could you tell? I didn't shut the door heavily or anything," I replied. Over the past two months I had either done this or thrown my backpack across the room every time I came home from school. Papa thinks it has something to do with moving to a new house.

"I know this move has been hard on you. Leaving your friends and cousins behind is tough," Papa said, as he put his arm around my shoulder. "What you must remember is that, with a lot of hard work and some time, you will make new friends."

"You don't know how hard it is. This year my baseball team would have won the championship. They won't even give me a chance to pitch (投球) here. All I get to play is right
field, and that's the worst!"

Papa turned toward me. "Things will get better, I promise you. Let me ask you, do you know why you were named David Lorenzo?"

"Yes, your name is David and grandfather's name is Lorenzo."

"Very good, and what makes your grandfather so important?"

"He was the first in the family to come to this country and all that," I answered.

"That is only partly correct. Your grandfather was a very great man. In Mexico, he had been a teacher. When he came to America he could only get low-paid labor jobs because he didn't speak the language. It took him two years before he spoke English well enough to be allowed to teach here, but he did it. He never complained because he knew change could be difficult. Did he ever tell you that?" my father asked.

I looked down at my feet, ashamed at my behavior. "No. That must have been hard," I said sheepishly.

"Your grandfather taught me that if you let people see your talent, they will accept you for who you are. I want you to always remember what my father taught me, even if it takes a few years for people to see who you are," said Papa.

All I could say was, "Okay." Then I asked, "What should I do now?"

Laughing, Papa said, "How about you pitch a few to me? You need some work."

59. Why was the author unhappy that day?

A. Because he moved to a new country.

B. Because his baseball team lost the game.

C. Because he wasn't offered a chance to pitch.

D. Because he quarreled with his friends at school.

60. The father successfully changed his son's mood by ___.

A. asking him to train harder

B. playing baseball with him

C. telling his grandfather's story

D. introducing him some new friends

61. The underlined word "sheepishly" probably means ___.

A. shyly B. patiently C. clumsily D. cautiously

62. What can we infer about the author?

A. He thinks his father lives in the past.

B. He'd rather live with his grandfather.

C. He will continue to dislike school and everything.

D. He will try his best to adapt to the new environment.

C

Last week I did something that scared me. I stood in front of nearly 200 financial planners and I talked to them about why financial blogs are a good thing.

I'm a confident writer. I've been doing this long enough that I know my strength and my limitations. I'm less confident as a speaker. I don't have time to pause to collect my thoughts. I'm not able to edit. I'm afraid of being trapped in a corner without being able to talk my way out. Basically, I'm scared to speak.

It would be easy to simply refuse the chances that come my way. When somebody asks me to speak in front of a group, I could say "no". When radio and television stations call for an interview, I could say "no". But for the past two years, I've been following my own policy to say "yes" to new chances.

To say "yes" is to live in fear. My goal is to continually improve myself to become better than I am today. One way to do that is to do the things that scare me, to take them on as challenges, and to learn from them — even if I fail.

In mid-November, a local station asked me to appear on live television. "I realize it's short notice," the producer wrote, "but we'd love to have you on the show if you're available tonight." I was frightened. I thought about recent taped television interviews that I had hated. I was afraid of what might happen.

But I also thought about the things that had gone right. I thought of how my speaking skills had improved over the past year. And then I thought of the book I was reading, a book that I had bought for $1.29 at the local store. *The Magic of Thinking Big* was a huge bestseller during the 1960s. Written by Dr. David Schwartz, a professor at Georgia State University, the book contains dozens of practical tips on how to take risks to achieve big goals. Schwartz argues that nobody will believe in you until you believe in yourself.

So when the television producer asked if I wanted to appear on his show, I thought big. "Sure," I said. "I'll do it." I acted confidently, but on the inside I was frightened. What I needed was techniques to build up my confidence and to overcome my fear.

63. Why is the author afraid of speaking in public?

A. He is aware of his potential.　　B. He has few chances to talk.

C. He is not able to edit what he says.　　D. He likes writing better.

64. The underlined words "my own policy" in Paragraph 3 probably mean _____.

A. self-improving through challenges

B. hesitating before chances

C. turning down the invitations

D. saying yes to fear

65. The author mentioned the book *The Magic of Thinking Big* mainly because _____.

A. it was inspiring　　B. it was a bestseller

C. its author was famous　　D. its price was attractive

66. What is the author's purpose to write the passage?

A. To analyze his strength and weaknesses.

B. To give practical tips on speaking in public.

C. To persuade people to follow his example.

D. To share his experiences of overcoming fear.

D

To Friend or Not to Friend

We all love our parents and turn to them when we're in need, but would you like them to hear the conversations you have with your friends on the school playground or lunch queue? Social networking sites have become extensions of the school hallways, so would you add your parents as "friends" and allow them to view your online activities and conversations with friends?

In the past the generation gap included a technology gap, where children were up to date with latest technology and parents were left behind, content to continue their day to day lives as they always had because they had no need to know more about technology. However, more and more parents are beginning to realize just how important social networks are in their lives. This realization has given many parents the motivation to educate themselves about social networking sites.

These days many people are attracted to social networking sites because they can choose who they have around them; there's also a certain amount of control over privacy that we don't get in real life. Sometimes we feel that privacy is violated when we must accept a "friend" request from a parent or family member.

It's a difficult choice whether or not to allow a parent to become a part of our online lives. On the one hand we don't want to "reject" their request because that might hurt their feelings or make them feel you have something to hide. On the other hand if you do accept, then you could have a sense of being watched and no longer feel free to comment or communicate the way you did before.

A recent survey suggested that parents shouldn't take it personally if their child ignores their request: "When a teen ignores a parent's friend request, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are hiding something, but it could mean that this is one part of their life where they want to be independent."

Perhaps talking with parents and giving explanations would help soften the blow if you do choose not to add them to your friends list.

67. From Paragraph 2, we learn that _____.

A. parents feel secure about their privacy online

B. social networks successfully fill the generation gap

C. parents have realized the importance of social networks

D. social networks offer a platform for parents to communicate

68. Teenagers may refuse a parent's friend request because _____.

A. they hide something from their parents

B. they are unwilling to be watched by parents

C. their parents tend to fall behind in technology

D. their parents make negative comments on them

69. The passage is mainly about _____.

A. privacy online　　B. social networks

C. the generation gap　　D. parents' friend requests

70. The passage is written mainly for _____.

A. parents　　B. teenagers

C. teachers　　D. researchers

第二节（共 5 小题；每小题 2 分，共 10 分）

根据短文内容，从短文后的七个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。

Americans use many expressions with the word “dog”. People in the United States love their dogs and treat them well. 71 However, dogs without owners to care for them lead a different kind of life. The expression, *to lead a dog's life*, describes a person who has an unhappy existence.

Some people say we live in *a dog-eat-dog world*. 72 They say that to be successful, a person has to *work like a dog*. This means they have to work very, very hard. Such hard work can make people *dog-tired*. And, the situation would be even worse if they became *sick as a dog*.

73 This means that every person enjoys a successful period during his or her life. To be successful, people often have to learn new skills. Yet, some people say that you can never *teach an old dog new tricks*. They believe that older people do not like to learn new things and will not change the way they do things.

74 People who are unkind or uncaring can be described as *meaner than a junkyard dog*. Junkyard dogs live in places where people throw away things they do not want. Mean dogs are often used to guard this property. They bark or attack people who try to enter the property. However, sometimes a person who appears to be mean and threatening is really not so bad. We say *his bark is worse than his bite*.

Dog expressions are also used to describe the weather. *The dog days* of summer are the hottest days of the year. A rainstorm may cool the weather. But we do not want it to rain too hard. 75

A. Still, people say *every dog has its day*.
B. We do not want it to *rain cats and dogs*.
C. Some people are compared to dogs in bad ways.
D. Dogs are their best friends and they are loyal to people.
E. There are many other expressions waiting for you to explore.
F. That means many people are competing for the same things, like good jobs.
G. They take their dogs for walks, let them play outside and give them good food and medical care.

第四部分：书面表达（共两节，35 分）

第一节 （15 分）

假设你是李华。你的英国朋友 Tom 要来你校任教。为了方便， 打算在学校附近租房子。发来邮件向你咨询合适的房源。 请你根据下表提供的信息回复邮件。

房子地点：新街口北大街
面积布局：2 层，70m², 朝南，一室，一厅。家具齐全。
环境交通：小区优美、安静；附近有健身房；购物、交通便利。
每月房租：4500 元
联系电话：15382649512

注意：1.词数不少于 50。

2.可适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

3.邮件的开头和结尾已为你写好，不计入总词数。

Dear Tom,

_____

_____Yours,

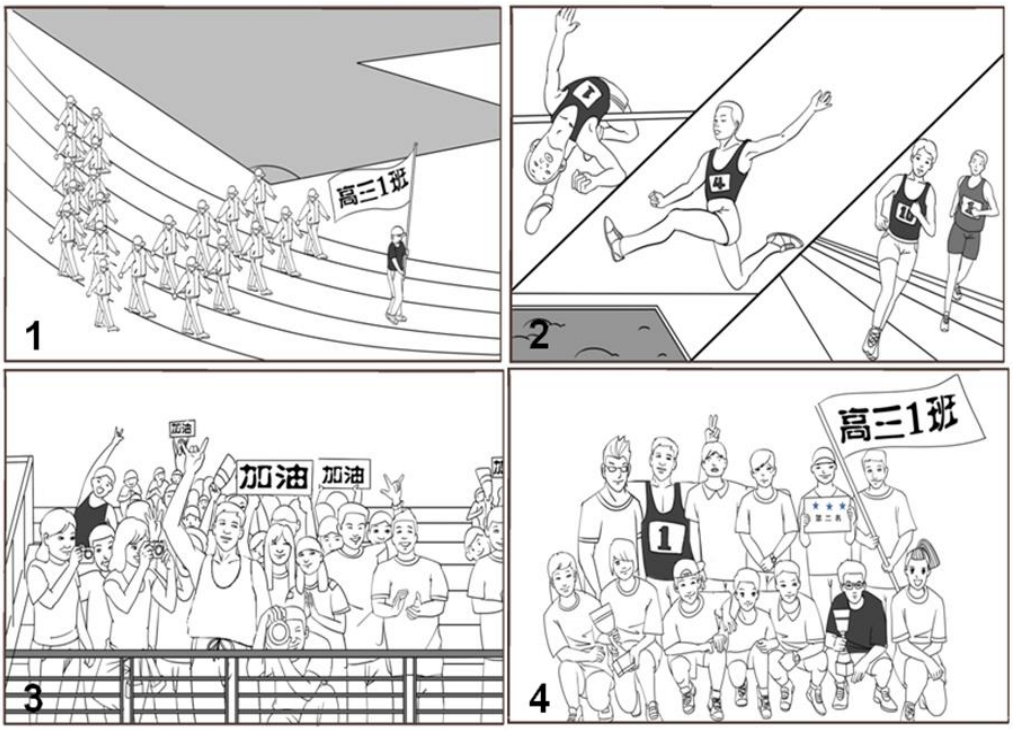
Li Hua

（请务必将开放作文写在答题卡指定区域内）

第二节（20 分）

假设你是红星中学高三（1）班的学生李华。上周末你们班参加了高中最后一次校运会。请根据以下各图的先后顺序，用英语为校刊写一篇短文，介绍你班参与的全过程。词数不少于 60。文章开头已给出。

参考词汇：开幕式 opening parade; 看台 stand



Last weekend our school held a sports meeting.

（请务必将情景作文写在答题卡指定区域内）

参考答案

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1．C　　2．C　　3．A　　4．B　　5．B

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6．B　　7．A　　8．B　　9．C　　10．C

11．C　　12．B　　13．C　　14．A　　15．B

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每小题 1.5 分。如出现拼写错误不计分；出现大小写、单复数错误扣 0.5 分；如每小题超过一个词不计分。

16．Young

17．5th

18．Canadian

19．wallet

20．9:30

第二部分：知识运用（共两节，45 分）

第一节 单项填空（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，共 15 分）

21．D　　22．B　　23．D　　24．B　　25．A

26．D　　27．B　　28．C　　29．A　　30．D

31．C　　32．A　　33．A　　34．C　　35．B

第二节 完形填空（共 20 小题；每小题 1.5 分，共 30 分）

36．A　　37．A　　38．B　　39．C　　40．D

41．D　　42．C　　43．B　　44．B　　45．B

46．B　　47．C　　48．D　　49．D　　50．C

51．B　　52．A　　53．B　　54．B　　55．C

第三部分：阅读理解（共两节，40 分）

第一节（共 15 小题；每小题 2 分，共 30 分）

56．C　　57．A　　58．D　　59．C　　60．C

61．A　　62．D　　63．C　　64．A　　65．A

66．D　　67．C　　68．B　　69．D　　70．B

第二节（共 5 小题；每小题 2 分，共 10 分）

71．G　　72．F　　73．A　　74．C　　75．B

第四部分：书面表达（共两节，35 分）

第一节 （15 分）

一、评分原则：

1．本题总分为 15 分，按 4 个档次给分。

2．评分时，先根据文章的内容和语言质量初步确定其档次，然后以该档次的要求来衡量，

确定或调整档次，最后给分。

3．评分时应考虑：内容是否完整，条理是否清楚，交际是否得体，语言是否准确。

4．拼写、标点符号或书写影响内容表达时，应视其影响程度予以考虑。英、美拼写及词汇用法均可接受。

5．词数少于 50，从总分中减去 1 分。

二、各档次的给分范围和要求：

第一档（13 分～15 分）

完全完成了试题规定的任务。

·内容完整，条理清楚；

·交际得体，表达时充分考虑到了交际对象的需求；体现出较强的语言运用能力。

完全达到了预期的写作目的。

第二档（9 分～12 分）

基本完成了试题规定的任务。

·内容、交际等方面基本符合要求；

·条理基本清楚；

·所用语法和词汇满足了任务的要求；

·语法或用词方面有一些错误，但不影响理解。

基本达到了预期的写作目的。

第三档（4 分～8 分）

未恰当完成试题规定的任务。

·内容不完整；

·所用词汇有限，语法或用词方面的错误影响了对写作内容的理解。

未能清楚地传达信息。

第四档（1 分～3 分）

未完成试题规定的任务。

·写了少量相关信息；

·语法或用词方面错误较多，严重影响了对写作内容的理解。

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未传达任何信息；写的内容与要求无关。

One possible version:

Dear Tom，

I am writing to tell you that I've found one which may meet your needs. It's a second-floor south-facing apartment, 70 square meters in area. It has one bedroom and a sitting room, fully furnished. Located in Xinjiekou North Street, it offers convenient shopping and easy traffic. The apartment is in a beautiful and quiet neighborhood. And there is also a gym nearby where you can go and work out regularly. The rent is 4,500 RMB per month. If you are interested in it, please call 15382649512. If you need any more help, just let me know.

Looking forward to meeting you in Beijing.

Yours,

Li Hua

第二节（20 分）

One possible version:

Last weekend our school held a sports meeting. Knowing it was our last high school sports meeting, we decided to make it an unforgettable experience for all of us.

We first attended the opening parade, for which our class had made a lot of preparations. Our parade took on the shape of the letter “V”, indicating victory for ourselves. To our excitement, our parade performance was a great success. After the parade, the games started. My classmates attended various events such as running, high jump and long jump. Due to the hard training they had done before, their performances were very impressive. On the stand, my classmates applauded and cheered for the athletes, some raising their cameras to capture the exciting moments. Finally, the result was announced. It was amazing that our class won the second place. Our efforts paid off! Cup in hand, we took a picture together.

I believe this sports meeting will remain a precious memory for all of us as time goes by.

听力录音原文

Text 1

M: I never eat peanuts and I hate all fruits.

W: Oh, my God, me too. We are two of a kind.

Text 2

M: Are you free to join us for dinner tomorrow?

W: You are inviting me to your house?

M: Sure.

Text 3

W: Would you please help me take my luggage to my room?

M: Sure! At your service, Miss.

Text 4

M: Just take it easy and breathe. You will feel much less nervous.

W: Easy for you to say. You’re not the one that’s going to speak in front of a thousand people.

Text 5

W: Morning, sir. What can I do for you?

M: Hi, I’ve got an appointment with Mr. Smith. My name is Jack Torrance.

W: His office is the first door on the left.

M: Thank you.

Text 6

M: Nice picture! Who’s the girl beside you?

W: My sister, Sarah.

M: Wow! Didn’t know you had a sister. What does she do?

W: She’s a travel agent.

M: Oh, that’s cool. Does she love it?

W: Yeah, she does. She loves to travel and she likes meeting different people. She’s very talkative and outgoing.

M: You two are totally different. You’re quiet and a little bit shy sometimes.

W: Yes! In fact, she is probably the most outgoing person in my family.

M: Hard to believe! Can I meet her?

W: No problem. But she’s on vacation now and she’ll be back next Monday.

Text 7

M: Ellie, why are you just having coffee? I thought we were meeting for coffee and dessert.

W: I'm not eating dessert these days. I'm going to Florida on vacation in less than a month. I need to lose about 15 pounds to fit into my summer clothes! So I'm on a diet.

M: What diet are you on?

W: I'm having only two meals a day.

M: Oh… That is not a good idea. You may think you're losing weight, but in fact you're just losing water.

W: Who cares? I just want to fit into my clothes.

M: But as soon as you start to eat normally, the weight will come right back. Isn't there a better diet you can try?

W: Er… Someone told me if I just ate cabbage soup for a week, I'd lose around 10 pounds. But I hate cabbage.

M: Why don't you still eat meals but just eat smaller ones?

W: It's too slow that way. What's more, to reduce my hunger, I'm going to take diet pills. Anyway, I just need something to help me for a few weeks.

M: OK, whatever. But be sure to eat food that's good for you.

Text 8

M: Excuse me, I'd like to book a ticket to Shanghai.

W: When would you like to fly?

M: As soon as possible. Do you have a flight tomorrow… 7th of February?

W: Let me check. Please hold on. Sorry that flight is all booked up. Can I book you for the 8th of February? We have a nonstop flight leaving Beijing at 9:25.

M: That will be OK.

W: How many people are there in your party?

M: Only one this time.

W: And what class will you fly? First class? Business class? Or Economy class?

M: Business class… It's too expensive… Economy class will be fine.

W: Good. Round trip or one way trip?

M: One way trip.

W: OK. And how will you pay, cash or credit card?

M: I'd like to pay by check.

W: I'm sorry, but we don't accept checks.

M: I'll pay by credit card then.

W: Great. What name shall I put the reservation under?

M: Smith, Peter Smith.

W: Wait a minute… so… You are booked, Mr. Smith.

M: Thanks a lot.

W: It's a pleasure.

Text 9

Hello, everybody! Welcome to St. Louis, the gateway city. My name is Jack. I hope you will have a wonderful trip here with us. I'm the organizer of the activities. To make sure you'll have some fun while you are here, we have made some arrangements for you. On Wednesday afternoon, we'll go together on a walking tour of the city, which is both old and modern. You can see many fantastic things you have read about in books. And then on Thursday afternoon, we are off to the sports center where you can enjoy yourselves by playing basketball or going swimming. On Friday morning, we'll do some shopping. After these activities, you might feel tired. So on Friday afternoon, you can have a good rest to prepare for the next day. On Saturday, we are going on a day trip to Washington University by bus. We'll leave at 7:00 in the morning and be back at 6:00 in the afternoon. Remember the time. And finally on Sunday, we are off to New York, leaving at 8:00 in the morning. If there's anything else you want to know, please tell me. That's all, thank you.

Text 10

Man: Oh, calm down. What's up?

Woman: En, someone broke into my apartment yesterday and many items of mine were stolen.

Man: En, don't worry. We will deal with it, but first we need to have your basic information, so what's your name?

Woman: Emily Young.

Man: Could you spell your family name please?

Woman: OK, Y-O-U-N-G, Young.

Man: Y-O-U-N-G. OK, then what's your address?

Woman: No. 306, 5th Avenue.

Man: And your nationality?

Woman: Canadian.

Man: OK, let's get to the lost items. What have you lost?

Woman: A laptop, a cellphone, and a wallet.

Man: OK. What are the brands and models of your laptop and cellphone? And how much money was in the wallet?

Woman: The laptop's model is SH462513, and the phone is Ipod G3. En…the cash in my wallet, let me think, probably 200 dollars. And there were many important materials in my laptop. Please help me find it.

Man: OK, and your phone number?

Woman: Ummm…2237676, but I'm only there after about 7 p.m.

Man: So when would be the best time to catch you?

Woman: I suppose between 9 and 9:30.

Man: OK, I see. I'll let you know if we have any information.