

2008—2009 学年度下学期期末考试高二年级英语科试卷

第一部分：完形填空（共 20 小题，每小题 1.5 分，满分 30 分）

阅读下面短文，掌握大意，然后从 1-20 各题所给的四个选项（A、B、C、D）中，选出最佳的选项，并答在答题卡上。

Hundreds of people, adults and children, come and go every day from the Kingsley School in Evanston, and police say that right now none of them has been eliminated as a(n) 1 suspect. 2, police have the weapon and detectives are trying to find out to whom it last 3.

Investigators say that 4 Tuesday morning a few minutes before lunch a second grader found the weapon in a toilet in a first floor laboratory. It is a five-shot, 38 caliber revolver that was fully loaded. 5 the 7-year-old girl reported her discovery immediately.

"We've taken 6. We've called the police. It's being 7. And we are concerned," said Evanston School's spokesperson Jan Roy.

Wednesday school officials sent students home with a 8 addressed to their parents about the 9.

"At this point I don't have enough answers and I would really like to get 10," said Emily Gregrich, one of the parents.

11 parents who waited for their kids Thursday afternoon still had not 12 about the gun.

The principal conducted two assemblies to put to rest rumors 13 the 475 children who 14 the school. For 15, the police investigation is focused on interviewing adults, teachers and nonprofessional staff members who were in the building the 24-hour period 16 the weapon was found.

"Where they were, what was going on, did they see anybody, you know, anybody in the school, anything unusual 17, and we hope to 18 information through those interviews," said Dep. Chief Joe Bellino of the Evanston Police Department.

Thursday afternoon the school district announced 19 to improve its efforts to communicate with 20. It will make a phone tree Thursday night, and we are told the principal has invited parents who need more information about this to meet him here at the school Friday morning.

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| 1. A. possible | B. unknown | C. strange | D. unusual |
| 2. A. However | B. Later | C. Meanwhile | D. Still |
| 3. A. given | B. offered | C. devoted | D. belonged |
| 4. A. after | B. before | C. early | D. late |
| 5. A. Suddenly | B. Fortunately | C. Quickly | D. Soon |
| 6. A. advice | B. measures | C. notice | D. notes |
| 7. A. investigated | B. discussed | C. questioned | D. removed |

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| 8. A. book | B. speech | C. letter | D. record |
| 9. A. incident | B. accident | C. discovery | D. gun |
| 10. A. angry | B. shocked | C. less | D. more |
| 11. A. Some | B. Many | C. Any | D. Other |
| 12. A. heard | B. read | C. talked | D. told |
| 13. A. in | B. among | C. between | D. within |
| 14. A. attend | B. love | C. escape | D. protect |
| 15. A. all | B. certain | C. now | D. example |
| 16. A. when | B. while | C. before | D. after |
| 17. A. goes on | B. went on | C. were going on | D. going on |
| 18. A. search | B. develop | C. prove | D. check |
| 19. A. news | B. plans | C. instructions | D. introductions |
| 20. A. parents | B. teachers | C. adults | D. students |

第二部分：阅读理解（共 20 题，每小题 2 分，满分 40 分）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的四个选项中，选出最佳选项，涂在答题卡上。

A

For many years, Time has recognized a person or persons who made important news during a year. Recently, Time named three American women as Persons of the Year of the magazine for 2002. One of those honored is Coleen Rowley. She works for America's Federal Bureau of Investigation Time also honored Cynthia Cooper, an official with the communications business WorldCom. The third winner is Sherron Watkins. She used to work for the energy trading company Enron.

These women reported serious problems or wrongdoings in the places where they work. Each woman took the chance of losing her job to tell the truth. Their actions have led to congressional attention and calls for reform.

Coleen Rowley wrote a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller in May. She criticized FBI for failing to gather information before the September eleventh terrorist attacks on the United States. Ms Rowley told how officials at FBI headquarters had put away information from the agency's office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The information concerned a Frenchman, Zacarias Moussaoui. Mr. Moussaoui is now waiting to be tried in the state of Virginia. He is accused of helping plan the terrorist attacks.

Cynthia Cooper examines financial records for the WorldCom Corporation in Clinton, Mississippi. In June, Ms Cooper told a WorldCom financial committee that the company's records were dishonest.

Soon, WorldCom's chief financial officer admitted that the company earned almost 4,000 million dollars less than it had reported. Since then, the amount has grown to more than 9,000 million dollars. Owners of the company's stock shares have lost 3,000 million dollars. WorldCom reported that it was unable to pay its debts.

21. "Time" in the first paragraph refers to a _____.
A. organization B. newspaper C. company D. magazine
22. Coleen Rowley, Cynthia Cooper and Sherron Watkins were chosen as Time's Persons of the Year 2002 because _____.
A. they were all important women
B. they reported important news
C. they reported serious problems in the places where they work
D. they told the truth and lost their jobs
23. The underlined word "concerned" most probably means "_____".
A. had something to do with B. was worried about
C. was provided by D. took an interest in
24. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the text?
A. Ms Rowley criticized FBI for paying no attention to some important information before the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States.
B. Ms Rowley works for America's Federal Bureau of Investigation.
C. Cynthia Cooper disclosed that the WorldCom Corporation's financial records were dishonest.
D. WorldCom had reported over 9,000 million dollars more than it actually earned.

B

Many sports are connected with specific countries. Baseball is considered America's pastime, and Scotland is known as the "home of golf".

Many theories exist about how baseball came into Latin America from the north in the nineteenth century. Some believe the marines took it to Nicaragua; others say that oil workers went to Mexico, or sailors brought it to Cuba. However it happened, the region developed a great interest in the game and exported it further to neighboring countries such as Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Panama. Thanks to missionaries, teachers, television, and more recently, U. S. professional players, the game reached Asian countries, and is now played in national leagues in Japan and Korea.

Golf came from Scotland. As early as the 1400s, small stones were knocked into rabbit holes using a stick or club. In 1744, the first set of golfing rules and regulations was created in Edinburgh. In the nearby town of St. Andrews, the Society of St. Andrews Golfers was formed, which later became known as the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Today, St. Andrews Links is one of the most famous courses in the world.

In 1895, the United States Golf Association was formed, and by 1901 there were more than 1,000 golf courses in the U. S. around this time, golfers from Scotland and England were invited to the U. S. to teach the sport to Americans. Since then, the U. S. has produced some of the world's leading golfers, and the sport has fans worldwide.

Skiing became popular worldwide in the early twentieth century. Although the oldest known ski

was found in Sweden, it is believed that the people of Norway developed skiing into a sport in the early 1700s. After ski lifts were invented in the 1930s, skiing spread to other countries in Europe and became a popular winter pastime.

Not all countries have been as successful at exporting their national pastimes, however. Japan, for example, has never managed to attract as much interest from the rest of the world in sumo wrestling.

25. How many kinds of sports are mentioned in the text?

- A. Three. B. Four. C. Five. D. Six.

26. Which of the following is the right order of baseball's spread?

- A. America-Nicaragua-Puerto Rico-Asia.
B. America-Latin America-Asia.
C. Latin America-America-Asia.
D. Cuba-Panama-Japan and Korea.

27. The underlined expression "ski lifts" refers to _____.

- A. new rules and regulations for the sport of skiing
B. a pair of long flat runners of plastic, metal, or wood used to travel over snow
C. a kind of game for children to ski over snow
D. machines with chairs used to carry people to the top of a mountain

28. Which of the following is the best title for this text?

- A. Who Invented That Sport?
B. How do You Spend Your Spare Time?
C. What's Your Pastime?
D. Sports and Games.

C

PHUKET, Thailand — Narkis Koral, 23, and Oren Mesika, 24, had no sense of the terrible tsunami that hit Southeast Asia. They were having a good time on the island of Koh Chang in Thailand and only learned of their present situation hours later, through friends who received phone calls from home.

Even though the pair, both from Arab, escaped the tsunami's anger, it did not change the fact that their parents were worried.

"Our mothers worried a lot," says Koral. "They asked us to leave immediately and return to Israel. They offered to arrange flights, anything we wanted, just return."

Dana Kuchansky's father is also worried. Kuchansky, 28, and her partner were in Kofun, a small island hit hard by the tsunami. After a night spent on the top of the mountain in the center of the island, the two were taken for free to Bangkok, where they were expected to fly to Israel.

On the telephone, the worried father made sure his daughter received the replacement tickets lost in the tsunami. 15 minutes later, he called her again, to remind her of

the flight number.

Most of the Israelis visiting Thailand are young and on a limited budget. Their parents are used to having insufficient contact with their children. In most cases, this contact is when the phone call or the use of the Internet is cheap, even if the difference between "expensive" and "cheap" is less than 50 agorot, or cents.

In one case this past week, a mother called the mobile telephone of each of the six embassy staff in Thailand, one after the other. The same duty officer answered all six.

The common reaction of both parents and children, once telephone contact was made, was sobbing with relief that the ordeal had left them unharmed.

29. Which of the following is NOT true according to the text?

- A. Kuchansky and her partner had their tickets missing in the tsunami.
- B. All the parents mentioned are worried about their children's safety.
- C. Most embassy staff were too busy in their work to answer mobile phone calls.
- D. The parents of the young Israelis don't have enough time to contact their kids.

30. The underlined word "insufficient" in Paragraph 6 probably means _____.

- A. unsuitable B. not enough C. unnecessary D. irregular

31. According to the text, Narkis and Oren _____.

- A. called their friends to tell them what had happened
- B. had great fun even if they knew the tsunami had come
- C. knew nothing about the tsunami until their friends rang them up
- D. turned out calm in face of the tsunami

32. It can be inferred that _____.

- A. 50 agorot is too little an amount for the ordinary Israelis
- B. as an official in charge, the mother made so many calls
- C. the writer may come from Israel rather than from some other country
- D. all the young couples traveling in Thailand remained safe and sound

33. The text above is probably taken from _____.

- A. a travel diary B. a newspaper
- C. a story D. a collection of articles

D

Unless we spend money to recognize and prevent asteroids now, one might fall into Earth and destroy life as we know, say some scientists.

Asteroids are bigger than the meteoroids that race across the night sky. Most move round the sun far from Earth, without causing danger to us. But there are also thousands of asteroids whose orbits put them on a collision course with Earth.

Buy \$ 50 million worth of new telescopes right now. Then spend \$ 10 million a year for the next 25 years to find out the right positions of most of the space rocks. By the time we find a very dangerous one, scientists say, we'll have a way to change its course:

Some scientists favor pushing asteroids off course with nuclear weapons. But the cost wouldn't be cheap.

Is it worth it? Two things experts consider when judging any risk are: 1) How likely the event is; and 2) How bad the result is if the event occurs. Experts think an asteroid big enough to destroy lots of life might strike Earth once every 500 000 years. Sounds pretty impossible -but if one did fall, it would be the end of the world. "If we don't take care of these big asteroids, they'll take care of us." says one scientist.. "It's that simple. "

The cure, though, might be worse than the disease. Do we really want a number of nuclear weapons sitting around on Earth? "The world has less to fear from dangerous rocks than from a great many nuclear weapons set against them. " said a New York Time article.

34. What do scientists say about the collision of an asteroid with Earth?

- A. It sounds unlikely, but the danger exists.
- B. Such a collision might occur once every 25 years.
- C. Collisions of smaller asteroids occur more often than expected.
- D. It is still too early to say whether such a collision might occur.

35. What do people think of the suggestion to change the course of asteroids?

- A. It may not solve the problem.
- B. It may create more problems than it might solve
- C. It was a waste of money because the event is very unlikely
- D. Further research should be done before it is proved suitable.

36. We can conclude from the text that _____.

- A. while pushing asteroids off course, nuclear weapons would destroy the world
- B. asteroids racing across the night sky are likely to hit Earth in the near future
- C. there is no need to worry since the event is unlikely to happen in our lifetime
- D. workable ways remain to be found to prevent the event happening

E

The Academy Awards, especially known as the Oscars, are the oldest, best known, and most famous of film awards. They have been presented every year (the first in May of 1929) by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences(AMPAS), based in Beverly Hills, California, and founded in 1927. Pricewater house (now Pricewater house Coopers) has managed the Academy Awards voting process since 1935 — all but the first six years of the Oscars. Ever since 1941, when their now-famous secret envelope system was introduced, marking the first year of complete secrecy, "the Envelope Please" has become a familiar phrase that evokes the thought of the Academy Awards ceremony.

Except for the early years of the institution, the awards honored films made during the past year. Until 1954, the Oscars were presented mostly on a Thursday

evening. From 1955 to 1958, they were presented on a Wednesday. From 1959 until 1998 the Oscars were, with a few exceptions, presented on a Monday night. Only since 1999 has the Awards ceremony taken place on a Sunday (usually in March). In 2004, the ceremony was moved even earlier to improve ratings and to be more connected with the awards "season".

The founding of the Academy (and its awards system) has had a major effect upon the film industry, due to a nomination or award (for a film or actor) to give to a studio or a performer.

37. The underlined word "evokes" in the first paragraph probably means
A. proves B. prevents C. calls up D. stands for
38. Which of the following is true according to the text?
A. The Academy Awards have all been controlled by Price water house Coopers
B. The secret envelope system started from the Academy Awards in 1941.
C. The Oscars are regularly presented as a whole
D. Price water house Coopers began to manage the Academy Awards in 1927.
39. It can be inferred from the text that _____.
A. the Oscars voting process was not so secret for as long as 13 years
B. the founder of AMPAS was an American film director
C. the Awards ceremony has improved ratings a lot
D. the film industry is greatly affected by the Academy Awards
40. The text is mainly about _____.
A. why and when the Oscars were presented
B. the history and development of the Academy Awards
C. the great effect of the Oscars throughout the world
D. how the Academy presents the Academy Awards

第三部分：书面表达（满分 30 分）

约翰将随父母来北京学习两年，想利用暑假提高汉语水平。看了你校暑假培训课程的广告后，来信询问一些细节。假设你是学校教师李华，请就表中细节内容，写一封回信，回答有关问题，并确认是否来你校就读。

交通	便利，16、59、101等多路公共汽车经过学校
教学情况	小班教学，每班最多20人；每周20课时
活动	周末组织校外活动了解中国文化
生活	与中国家庭生活在一起，了解中国家庭生活，增加汉语口语练习机会
学费	1000元（含食宿费用）

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2.参考词汇：学费tuition 食宿accommodation
3.信的开头已为你写好，不计入总词数。

Dear John,

Very pleased to know that you are interested in our school and it is really a good idea to improve your Chinese before the new term begins.

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