Umbrellas are useful for rain or shine. They have been used for both kinds of weather for more than 3000 years. You might say that umbrellas are dripping(滴水)with history.

Early Egyptian rulers used them in ceremonies. The kings of Burma rode on white elephants under white umbrellas long ago. The umbrellas of early times were used in warm lands to protect people \_\_\_\_\_\_59\_\_ the sun. By the 1600s umbrellas had \_\_\_\_\_60\_\_ in northern Europe. In these countries they were used on rainy days, too. By the 1700s umbrellas had become more \_\_\_\_\_62 in England. Some umbrellas had hollow handles. Flowers, knives and \_\_\_\_\_61\_\_ pens and paper were kept in these handles. Umbrellas were improved in the 1800s.\_\_\_\_\_63\_\_ that time most were made with whalebone. They weighed 10 pounds!

Today's umbrellas are very light and they have some good points. For example, they fold up easily and can be put into the handbags. When the rain comes down, people can pop open their umbrellas quickly and be on their way.

VI. 阅读理解(二)(本题共5小题;每小题2分,满分10分)阅读下面短文,根据短文内容,回答下列问题。

## Passage 5

A river cruise(坐船巡游) is the best way to see the scenery and life along the Nile Valley. But we didn't like the idea of sailing on a big tourist cruise ship with hundreds of other foreigners. Instead, we chose to sail on a felucca(三桅小帆船) because it can only carry about ten people.

Feluccas are the traditional sailing boats which Egyptians have used for centuries to carry goods and people up and down the Nile. Several people said, "You shouldn't go on those boats. There are no cabins so you'll have to sleep outside in a sleeping bag." That sounds fine to us, so we booked our four-day trip from Aswan to Luxor.

We had to get a taxi to Aswan in southern Egypt and stay there overnight in a hotel. We left Aswan on the following morning and we sailed downstream. We could see people working in the fields and children playing on the river banks. We could see the desert in the distance and it was very beautiful.

We stopped once during the first day to a village. The local people were very friendly and a man showed us around the village. At sunset, we stopped on an island for the night. The next day, we set off early and visited a market in a small town. We bought some fruit and I took photos of animals and a few of people. You mustn't take photos of people in Egypt without first asking for permission.

When we arrived in Luxor we were very tired and dirty but we were rather happy. A felucca is certainly the best way to see the river, even though you can't have a shower or sleep in bed.

64. Why did the writer choose a felucca?
65. What is the disadvantage of this kind of cruise?
66. How long does it take to get to the destination (目的地)?
67. Are you allowed to take photos of people in Egypt?
68. How did the writer like the trip?
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加.写 A.句子翻译。将下列句子译成英语。(本题共 5 小题;每小题 2 分,满分 10 分)
9. 我永远也不会忘记和老师同学们一起度过的美好时光。
I will never forget the happy times
70. 我那时在睡觉,根本不知道发生了什么。
I don't know what happened because
71. 打扰一下,阴问取处的视行心本人。
72. 明天下大雨的话,运动会就在下周举行。
If it rains tomorrow,
73. 毕业在即,希望我们能保持联系。
It's time to say goodbye,
B. 书面表达 (满分 20 分)
74. 暑假将至, 你想参加 21 世纪报组织的英语夏令营, 参加者需提交个人基本情况, 以便
织者进行分组。请你自拟提纲,递交一篇短文。
姓名
爱好及特长
参加活动目的
要求: 1.内容完整, 语义连贯, 层次清晰, 书写规范;
要求: 1.內容元盤,后文廷贞,层认情况, 2.文中不得出现真实的姓名,校名。姓名请用 Daming 或 Lingling 代替。
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