**昆明八中2022-2023学年度下学期高一平行月考一**

**英语答案及详解**

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52．playing    53．on    54．Fortunately    55．concerts    56．a

57．to study    58．wrote    59．himself    60．amazing    61．which

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62. achievement 63. defence 64. surrounded 65. energy 66. impact

67. evidence 68. opportunities 69. approaching 70. various 71. equipment

**第四部分 书面表达（共两节，满分40分）**

**第一节 应用文写作 （共1题，满分15分）**

72.【答案】

Dear Andy,

How is everything going? As far as I know, you are enthusiastic about Chinese traditional culture. I am writing to invite you to attend an upcoming event.

An exhibition of cultural relics from the Forbidden City is scheduled next month in the Beijing Museum. Many ancient calligraphy works, paintings, books and porcelain vases will be on display, which are bound to cast light on Chinese ancient-culture. To show respect for our national treasure, food and drinks are not allowed while touring the museum. Moreover, flashes are prohibited when you are taking photos.

Just savor the beauty with your heart and soul. I am sure it will satisfy your insatiable desire for oriental beauty. Your earliest reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours,

Li Hua

**第二节 读后续写 （共1题，满分25分）**

73.【答案】

*The sky started to become dark and I was very worried*. I didn’t know what to do. I called out to my friends, but there was no reply. I tried to look for a way but none of the scenes seemed familiar. I walked for a few more minutes and I got tired and hungry. I felt frightened. Finally, I gave up and took a rest. As I was falling asleep, I heard a human voice. It was unbelievable, and then I heard someone else. I screamed, “Help!”

*Fortunately, they found me with great effort*. My friends Jake and Liam told the guide that they found I was lost, and finally some rescuers were called to help. They led me back to the bus. Seeing me, my friends told me they were really worried. I apologized to them for leaving the group without telling them. Instead of feeling angry with me, they comforted me and helped me calm down to learn a good lesson from it. And I truly learned a good lesson from it—never leave your group members when you’re in a new place.

**第二部分 阅读理解(共两节，满分40分)**

**第一节(共11小题；每小题2.5分，满分27.5分)**

【答案】21. C 22. C 23. D

【解析】

【分析】这是一篇应用文。介绍了英格兰的几大景点。

【21题详解】

细节理解题。根据第二段最后一句“See the city from above by riding the London Eye or run into famous people at Madame Tussauds (杜莎夫人蜡像馆).(乘坐伦敦之眼俯瞰城市，或在杜莎夫人蜡像馆偶遇名人。)”可知，在伦敦游客们可以乘坐伦敦之眼摩天轮欣赏伦敦的风光。故选C项。

【22题详解】

细节理解题。根据第四段最后一句“Some people say Bath is England’s most beautiful small city, named for its natural hot springs that served as ancient Roman baths (浴缸) 2,000 years ago.( 有人说巴斯是英国最美丽的小城，因其2000年前用作古罗马浴缸的天然温泉而得名。)”可知，巴斯因其天然温泉而闻名。故选C项。

【23题详解】

细节理解题。根据最后一段最后一句“You could easily spend weeks experiencing this area’s castles, like Dover Castle as well as the Secret War Time Tunnels, once used as an underground hospital. (你可以很容易地花数周时间体验这个地区的城堡，比如多佛城堡，以及曾经用作地下医院的秘密战时隧道。)”可知，秘密战时隧道曾经是地下医院。故选D项。

【答案】24. A 25. C 26. B 27. D

【解析】

【分析】本文是一篇记叙文。出于好奇心，作者和姐姐在圣诞节前夕趁母亲不在时偷偷提前打开了圣诞礼物。可是，当圣诞节清晨打开礼物的那一刻来临时，作者却体会到一种失落感。

【24题详解】

细节理解题。由第一段“It was Christmas Eve when my elder sister and I decided to open our presents before our mom got home from work. She usually came home about an hour after we got home from school, which we thought was plenty of time to take a peek at the gifts under the tree. (那是圣诞节前夜，我和姐姐决定在妈妈下班回家之前打开礼物。她通常会在我们放学后一个小时回家，我们认为这段时间足够看一眼圣诞树下的礼物了)”和第三段中的“After unwrapping a few presents, I found it faster to open one end of a present and peek inside. (打开几件礼物后，我发现打开礼物的一端并偷看里面会更快)”可知，出于好奇心，作者和姐姐在圣诞节前夕趁母亲不在时偷偷提前打开了圣诞礼物。故选A项。

【25题详解】

推理判断题。由第五段中的“I put the headphones back hurriedly in the box but my hands were shaking. My heart pounded harder as I tried to get the tape to stick. (我急忙把耳机放回盒子里，但我的手在发抖。当我试图让胶带粘住时，我的心跳得更厉害了)”可知，听到母亲马上要回来，作者双手发抖、心跳加快。由此可推知，作者既紧张又害怕。故选C项。

【26题详解】

推理判断题。由倒数第二段“On Christmas morning, my sister and I smiled and gave award-winning performances when we opened our presents-again. “Headphones!” I shouted. “Thanks, it’s just what I wanted.” After everything had been opened, my sister and I looked at each other, and our eyes met. Our secret was safe, but somehow Christmas morning didn’t feel the same. (在圣诞节的早晨，我和姐姐微笑着并用获奖般的演技再次打开礼物。“耳机！”我喊道。“谢谢，这正是我想要的。”一切都打开后，我和姐姐看着彼此，目光相遇。我们的秘密是安全的，但不知为何，圣诞节的早晨感觉不一样)”可推知，圣诞节清晨作者打开礼物后假装激动和兴奋，其实那份惊喜是不存在的，可得出那个圣诞节的早晨给了作者一种不同的感觉是因为失去了一个惊喜。故选B项。

【27题详解】

推理判断题。由最后一段“My sister and I never opened our Christmas presents early again. I don’t know if it was that opening our gifts for the second time just wasn’t as much fun as the first time, or if we came too close to getting caught and didn’t want to think about what our mother would have done to us. (我和姐姐再也没有早早打开过圣诞礼物。我不知道是因为第二次打开我们的礼物没有第一次那么有趣，还是因为我们离被抓住太近了，不想去想妈妈会对我们做什么)”可知，作者和姐姐从此以后再也没有提前打开过圣诞礼物，作者分析可能的原因是第二次打开礼物不再有真正的惊喜和兴奋感。由此判断他对自己之前提前打开礼物的做法是感到后悔的。故选D项。

【答案】28. A 29. A 30. C 31. B

【导语】这是一篇说明文。主要介绍了长期以来，英国人为什么一直遵循“靠左走”的原则，这是有历史原因的。

28．推理判断题。根据第一段“In the Middle Ages you never knew who you were going to meet when travelling on horseback. Most people are right-handed, so if a stranger passed by on the right of you, your right hand would be free to use your sword if required.”（在中世纪，当你骑马旅行时，你永远不知道会遇到谁。大多数人都是右撇子，所以如果有陌生人从你右边经过，你的右手可以自由地使用剑。）可知，中世纪的大多数人都是右撇子，人们靠左行驶，那么路人一般走在（靠左行驶的人）右边。故选A项。

29．词句猜测题。根据第二段“Indeed the “keep to the left” rule goes back even further in time; archaeologists have discovered evidence suggesting that the Romans drove carts and wagons on the left, and it is known that Roman soldiers always marched on the left. This “rule of the road” was officially sanctioned in 1300 AD when Pope Boniface Ⅷ declared that all pilgrims travelling to Rome should keep to the left.”（事实上，“靠左”规则可以追溯到更远的时间；考古学家发现的证据表明，罗马人在左边驾驶手推车和马车，而众所周知，罗马士兵总是在左边行进。这条“道路规则”是在公元1300年正式sanctioned，当时教皇博尼法斯Ⅷ宣布，所有前往罗马的朝圣者都应该靠左走。）可知，教皇博尼法斯Ⅷ宣布，所有前往罗马的朝圣者都应该靠左走，即认可靠左行驶的道路规则，故可推断前面“sanctioned”为“批准，认可”的意思，和“宣布……为（declare）”递进关系。故选A项。

30．推理判断题。根据第三段“Sitting on the left however made it difficult to judge the traffic coming the other way, as anyone who has driven a left hand drive car along the winding lanes of Britain will agree!”（然而，坐在左边很难判断从另一个方向来的车辆，正如任何在英国蜿蜒车道上驾驶过左舵驾驶汽车的人都会同意这一点！）可知，在18世纪司机认为靠左行驶很难判断从另一个方向来的车辆（可能会产生危险），说明他们对靠左驾驶持否定态度。故选C项。

31．主旨大意题。根据第一段“The British has obeyed the “keep to the left” rule for long. Have you ever wondered why? There is an historical reason for this: it’s all to do with keeping your sword hand free!”（长期以来，英国人一直遵循“向左走”的原则。你有没有想过为什么?这是有历史原因的：这一切都是为了让你的剑手自由!）以及第二段“Indeed the “keep to the left” rule goes back even further in time”（事实上，“靠左”的规则可以追溯到更早的时候）可知，文章主要讨论的是英国人为什么一直遵循“靠左走”的原则，解释了历史渊源。故选B项。

**第二节 七选五（共5小题；每小题2.5分，满分12.5分）**

【答案】32. A 33. E 34. G 35. B 36. F

【分析】本文是一篇说明文。主要介绍了冥想时听音乐的许多好处。

32．本题设空位于首段的段尾，具有承上启下的作用，根据下文逐条展开的冥想时听音乐的好处可知，A项“这里有一些好处。”符合题意，故选择A项。

33．根据本段的小标题“**Reduce Stress**（缓解压力）”可知，本段主要介绍冥想时听音乐的好处就是缓解压力，E项“它的好处之一是减少压力和焦虑。”符合题意，故选择E项。

34．根据上文“Listening to music while meditating can help you balance your emotions.(冥想时听音乐可以帮助你平衡情绪。)”可知，本段主要介绍的是冥想时听音乐能起到的平衡作用，G项“经常听音乐的同时冥想的人可以平衡他们的生活。”符合题意，故选择G项。

35．根据上文“This brings about a good feeling, and you can relax and enjoy yourself.(这带来了一种良好的感觉，你可以放松和享受自己)”可知，本段主要介绍的是冥想时听音乐能激励自己，并带来良好的感觉，B项“你也会对自己感觉良好。”符合题意，故选择B项。

36．根据上文“Wonderful, wasn’t it?（太棒了，不是吗？）”可知，在了解了冥想时听音乐的好处后，作者提倡读者们去尝试一下，F项“贯穿音乐和冥想的旅程是我们都应该尝试的。”符合题意，故选择F项。

**第三部分 语言知识运用（共三节，满分40分）**

**第一节 （共15小题；每小题1分，满分15分）**

【答案】37. A 38. D 39. C 40. B 41. B 42. A 43. D

44. A 45. C 46. D 47. C 48. A 49. C 50. D 51. C

【解析】

【分析】这是一篇记叙文。文章讲述作者因小时候练习乐器造成了心理阴影。但是最后作者在朋友的邀请之下，战胜自己内心的恐惧走上了舞台。

【37题详解】

考查副词词义辨析。句意：我还记得，当我参加短期钢琴培训课时，祖父很担心地对祖母说：“为什么他这么多练习都没有进步？”A. worriedly担心地；B. calmly淡定地；C. patiently耐心地；D. angrily生气地。根据后文“Why didn’t  he make any progress with much practice?”可知，此处祖父表示很担心。故选A项。

【38题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：我努力使我的钢琴演奏吸引人。A. pretended假装；B. regretted后悔；C. agreed同意；D. tried尝试，努力，尽力。分析句意，根据后文“However, my efforts were”可知，此处表示作者努力使钢琴演奏吸引人。故选D项。

【39题详解】

考查介词短语辨析。句意：然而，我的努力都白费了。A. on time按时，准时；B. in order整齐；C. in vain徒劳无获；D. on display展览。分析句意，在前句提到作者很努力地练习后，此处用了however表示转折，说明这些努力都白费了。故选C项。

【40题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：所以我放弃了任何乐器，直到我的老朋友Leroy邀请我和他一起拉小提琴，那时我57岁。A. challenged挑战；B. invited邀请；C. allowed允许；D. reminded提醒。分析句意，根据后文“One day, Leroy sent a text \_\_\_41\_\_\_ me that there was a music performance and he wanted me to join him. Thinking of my past, I \_\_\_42\_\_\_\_his invitation.”可知，此处表示老朋友Leroy邀请作者。故选B项。

【41题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：那天，Leroy给我发了一条短信，说有一场音乐表演，他想让我和他一起去。A. convincing使信服；B. informing通知；C. warning警告；D. cheating欺骗。分析题意，根据前文提到老朋友Leroy邀请作者和他一起拉小提琴可知，此处表示他发短信通知作者有一场音乐会。故选B项。

【42题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：考虑到我过去的经历，我拒绝了他的邀请。A. refused拒绝；B. received接收；C. blamed责备；D. evaluated评估。根据文章一开始提到作者学习音乐的痛苦回忆可知，此处表示作者拒绝了朋友的邀请。故选A项。

【43题详解】

考查形容词词义辨析。句意：我期望听到他的话，在舞台上我会变得更熟练。A. important重要的；B. special特别的；C. reliable可靠的；D. skilled熟练的。此处表示作者希望朋友对自己短信的回复。前文已提到作者很不擅长音乐，所以作者希望朋友的回复是：通过舞台上的表演可以让自己更熟练，没想到他却说：“好吧，但他说：“好吧，你想玩乐器的时候再玩”，故选D项。

【44题详解】

考查形容词词义辨析。句意：我被他出乎意料的回答吓了一跳，只说了再见别的什么都没说。A. shocked震惊的；B. scared害怕的；C. satisfied感到满意的；D. ashamed羞愧的。分析句意，根据后文“by the unexpected answer”可知，朋友的回答让作者始料未及，倍感震惊。故选A项。

【45题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：没有人强迫我参与，但我面临着一个特殊的选择。A. teaching传授；B. begging乞求；C. forcing强迫；D. expecting期望。分析句意，前文提到这是来自朋友的邀请。同时在作者拒绝邀请后，朋友也只是说了“OK, only play if you want to”。因此可知，此处表示没人强迫作者去做。故选C项。

【46题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：没有人强迫我参与，但我面临着一个特殊的选择。A. chance机会；B. goal目标；C. task任务；D. choice选择。分析题意，根据后文“Should I play on stage or just watch a movie?”可知，此处表示作者面临一个选择。故选D项。

【47题详解】

考查形容词词义辨析。句意：我选择“电影路线”的次数太多了，这次我愿意抓住机会。A. suitable合适的；B. curious好奇的；C. willing乐意的；D. generous慷慨的。分析句意，根据后文“After a long and careful\_\_48\_\_\_\_ I played my violin with Leroy.”可知，作者这次没走“电影路线”，说明他愿意抓住机会。故选C项。

【48题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：经过长时间的精心准备，我和Leroy一起演奏了小提琴。A. preparation准备；B. explanation解释；C. test测试；D. search寻找。分析句意，根据后文“Finally, I\_\_\_\_50\_\_\_\_\_a full performance in front of the audience.”可知，作者做了充分的“准备”。故选A项。

【49题详解】

考查代词词义辨析。句意：虽然我没有完全克服我的紧张，但这足以使我克服我的恐惧。A. myself我自己；B. me我；C. my我的；D. mine我的。修饰后文名词fear应用形容词性物主代词my。故选C。

【50题详解】

考查动词词义辨析。句意：最后，我在观众面前奉献了一场精彩的表演。A. planned计划；B. recommended推荐；C. watched看；D. offered提供，献出。分析句意，根据前文提及的作者做了充分的准备且战胜了恐惧可知，此处应表示作者给观众奉献了一场精彩的表演。故选D项。

【51题详解】

考查名词词义辨析。句意：不久之后，我的朋友Leroy去世了，但他的影响依然存在。A. fame名声；B. concern关心，担心；C. influence影响；D. care关怀。分析题意，根据后文“It helped me not only in music, but in all aspects of life. When I focused on what I wanted to do, fear will be replaced with joy.”可知，此处表示朋友的影响依然存在。故选C项。

**第二节 语法填空（共10小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分）**

【答案】

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【导语】这是一篇记叙文。本文简要地叙述了贝多芬学习音乐、创作音乐的经历。

52．考查动名词。句意：贝多芬被要求一小时又一小时地练习演奏不同的乐器。practice doing sth“练习做某事”，为固定用法。故填playing .

53．考查介词。句意：每当他不用心练习时，他父亲就会对他很严厉。be hard on sb“对某人严厉”为固定短语。故填on .

54．考查副词。句意：幸运的是，这个男孩非常喜欢音乐，而且学得很快，在他11岁的时候，他就可以在各地举办自己的音乐会了。Fortunately“幸运的是”为副词作状语，修饰后面的句子。故填Fortunately.

55．考查名词复数。句意：幸运的是，这个男孩非常喜欢音乐，而且学得很快，在他11岁的时候，他就可以在各地举办自己的音乐会了。concert是可数名词，且其前没有限定词，故用名词的复数形式。故填 concerts .

56．考查冠词。句意：17岁时，他受到奥地利伟大作曲家莫扎特的高度赞扬。此处表示Mozart是一位伟大的奥地利作曲家，表示泛指，故用不定冠词a/an。又因为great首字母的发音为辅音音素，所以用不定冠词a。故填a.

57．考查动词不定式。句意：几年后，贝多芬去了维也纳，师从另一位伟大的奥地利作曲家海顿。这里应用动词不定式表示目的，所以填to study。故填to study .

58．考查一般过去时。句意：然后他写了很多音乐，即使是在他最困难的时候。根据语境可知，此处应用一般过去时，表示过去的事情。所以用wrote。故填wrote .

59．考查反身代词。句意：但在一次患病之后，他突然发现自己在31岁时失聪了。主语与宾语表示同一个人时，宾语用反身代词。故填 himself .

60．考查形容词。句意：令人惊讶的是，他在失聪后写下了一些他最好的作品，其中许多作品在全世界都很有名，很受欢迎。amazing“令人惊奇的”通常用来修饰物，amazed“惊奇的”通常用来修饰人。本句的主语为it，所以用amazing。故填 amazing.

61．考查关系代词。句意：令人惊讶的是，他在失聪后写下了一些他最好的作品，其中许多作品在全世界都很有名，很受欢迎。分析句子可知， pieces为先行词，在后面的定语从句中作of的宾语，所以关系代词为which。故填which.

**第三节 单词填空（共10小题；每小题1分，满分10分）**

62．achievement

63．defence

64．surrounded

65．energy

66．impact

67．evidence

68．opportunities

69．approaching

70．various

71．equipment

**第四部分 书面表达（共两节，满分40分）**

**第一节 应用文写作 （满分15分）**

72.【答案】

Dear Andy,

How is everything going? As far as I know, you are enthusiastic about Chinese traditional culture. I am writing to invite you to attend an upcoming even.

An exhibition of cultural relics from the Forbidden City is scheduled next month in the Beijing Museum. Many ancient calligraphy works, paintings, books and porcelain vases will be on display, which are bound to cast light on Chinese ancient-culture. To show respect for our national treasure, food and drinks are not allowed while touring the museum. Moreover, flashes are prohibited when you are taking photos.

Just savor the beauty with your heart and soul. I am sure it will satisfy your insatiable desire for oriental beauty. Your earliest reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours,

Li Hua

【导语】本篇书面表达属于应用文，要求考生以李华的身份，邀请交换生Jim参加校园音乐节活动。

【详解】1.词汇积累

消息：news→information

参加：take part in→participate in/ join in

等等：and so on→and so forth

魅力：charm→enchantment

2.句式拓展

简单句变复合句

原句：You can find many interesting activities, such as the singing performance on the playground, the lecture on music knowledge in the lecture hall and so on.

拓展句：You can find many interesting activities which includes the singing performance on the playground, the lecture on music knowledge in the lecture hall and so on.

【点睛】[高分句型] Knowing that you are interested in music, I have a piece of good news to tell you.（运用了现在分词作状语，that引导宾语从句）

[高分句型] In order to make the students’ life more colorful in spare time, our school will hold a week-long music festival.（运用不定式作目的状语）

**第二节 读后续写 （满分25分）**

73．【答案】

*The sky started to become dark and I was very worried*. I didn’t know what to do. I called out to my friends, but there was no reply. I tried to look for a way but none of the scenes seemed familiar. I walked for a few more minutes and I got tired and hungry. I felt frightened. Finally, I gave up and took a rest. As I was falling asleep, I heard a human voice. It was unbelievable, and then I heard someone else. I screamed, “Help!”

*Fortunately, they found me with great effort*. My friends Jake and Liam told the guide that they found I was lost, and finally some rescuers were called to help. They led me back to the bus. Seeing me, my friends told me they were really worried. I apologized to them for leaving the group without telling them. Instead of feeling angry with me, they comforted me and helped me calm down to learn a good lesson from it. And I truly learned a good lesson from it—never leave your group members when you’re in a new place.

【分析】本文以人物为线索展开，讲述了作者和朋友去丛林远足，过程中珍贵的手表掉了，自己回去找，从而掉队迷路，感到害怕。

【详解】1.段落续写：

①由第一段首句内容“天空开始变黑，我很担心。”可知，第一段可描写作者感到害怕，无助的心理活动描写，最后可写到有人来救援，呼应下一段。

②由第二段首句内容“幸运的是，他们费了很大的劲才找到我。”可知，第二段可描写朋友们发现作者不见了，和导游一起想办法来寻找并救援成功，最后可以写到作者的感悟。

2.续写线索：远足——欣赏景色——手表掉落——返回寻找——迷路——孤独无助——救援——教训

3.词汇激活

行为类

①寻找：look for/search for

②入睡：get to sleep/fall asleep

③救助：help/rescue

情绪类

①生气的：angry/annoyed

②焦急的：worried/anxious

【点睛】[高分句型1]. Seeing me, my friends told me they were really worried.（现在分词作状语，省略that的宾语从句）

[高分句型2]. I apologized to them for leaving the group without telling them.（运用了动名词作宾语）

**听力原文：**

Text 1.

M: Why don’t you wear that coat your mom got you? The quality is good, and the color is nice.

W: I know. But the style is too old.

Text 2.

W: Hi, David, are you flying back to Paris on February 5th or 10th?

M: Neither of them, I changed it to the 15th.

Text 3.

W: I’m going hiking tomorrow. Would you like to join me?

M: I would love to. But I just caught a cold, so I plan to rest at home tomorrow.

Text 4.

M: The clothing store is having a big sale. Everything is 50% off.

W: Really? So those jeans that I like will only be 30 dollars. That’s great!

Text 5.

W: I thought you were going to New York for your holiday.

M: I was. But I decided to visit my uncle in Paris this time. I haven’t seen him in years since he left London.

**第二节 （共15小题；每小题1.5分，满分22.5分）**

Text 6.

W: Where did you go to school?

M: I went to university in New York and studied computer, and then I went to a business school in Sydney and stayed there for two years.

W: Okay. But you grew up in the UK, right?

M: Well, kind of. I was born in London but moved to New York with my family when I was six. My dad got a job there.

W: What did your father do?

M: He was a teacher.

Text 7.

W: How was your weekend?

M: I went fishing with my sister.

W: That’s interesting! What else did you do?

M: Yeah. We also went to visit my grandparents in another city.

W: How often do you see them, then?

M: Well, not very often. About every two months. We usually drive over and stay for the weekend.

W: Do they come over and visit you sometimes?

M: Maybe only once a year now. They’re both in poor health, so it’s difficult for them to travel.

Text 8.

W: What are you doing in the office? I thought you went on a business trip yesterday.

M: That’s right. But I got to the airport too late and missed my flight.

W: Oh, no. What happened? Was it the traffic?

M: No. My car broke down on the way.

W: Couldn’t you catch the subway or anything?

M: It broke down on the highway, and there was no subway station around.

W: Did you try to get a taxi?

M: Yes, I did. I called the taxi company and ordered one. But it took too long to get to where I was. So I just asked the driver to take me home.

Text 9.

M: Hi, Sally. I haven’t seen you in years! What are you up to these days?

W: Good to see you, Uncle Jimmy. I’m planning to go back to university.

M: Aren’t you studying in New Zealand?

W: That’s right. But there was a big earthquake during my third year, so I took a break and came back to Canada.

M: Oh, no. Did you get hurt?

W: No, I was fine. But I just decided to come back for a couple of months.

M: Okay. So when are you going back to school?

W: In two weeks. I’m actually finishing my last year in Australia through an exchange program.

M: That’s cool.

W: What about you? When are you going back to America?

M: In a month.

Text 10.

Pete and Ruth’s Shop is one of the most popular supermarkets in the city today. Pete Johnson and Ruth Kelly went to college together. They first opened a little shop in 1989. They mainly sold drinks and snacks to college students. As the number of customers grew, Pete and Ruth decided to add more things on their store shelves. So a year later, the shop began to offer fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, and cheese, as well as many other food products. And while the business grew bigger and bigger, the size of the shop also grew. In 1995, Pete and Ruth borrowed some money from the bank and rented the space to open their supermarket. Suggested by a friend of Ruth, Ruth also opened a coffee shop inside the supermarket. She named it Ruth’s House, which also became one of the best coffee shops in the city.