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M: May I buy a life insurance policy, please? W: Do you want a term, a whole-life or an endowment policy? M: Tell me the difference so that I can make a choice. W: [1] If you buy a term insurance policy, we'll pay the sum for which you're insured only if the policy-holder dies during the term of years stated in the policy. If you live longer, you'll get nothing. M: I won't buy this one. What are the other two? W: They're the whole-life insurance and the endowment insurance. A whole-life policy gives you protection for your lifetime. If you die, we will pay your heirs the sum for which you are insured if you continue to pay the premium through your life. As for the endowment policy, you have to pay a higher premium. This insurance pays you a certain sum of money at an agreed date. M: I see. [2] I'll buy the endowment policy, for it enables me to save money for my own old age and provide money for my wife if I die. W: Good. [3] Please fill in this proposal form with particulars about yourself and the state of your health. We'll arrange a medical examination for you, calculate the premium you must pay and issue you a policy. M: If I fail to pay continually, will my policy just lapse? W: No, you can surrender your policy for an immediate cash payment called surrender value. Keys: 1. [A] 2. [B] 3. [C] Questions 4 to 6 are based on the following

conversation. M: Hi, Linda. W: Hi, James. What are you doing in the mall? You said you avoid these places and here you are. M: Oh, I still do but [4] its my roommates birthday tomorrow and I am looking to get him a present. W: Have you any idea what to get? M: Not really. I want to get him something he will be able to use instead of something hell just shove into the closet. W: Thats true. I know half the time I get something from somebody I hardly ever use. M: I know, I know. [5]Thats the problem. Thats why I hate buying gifts for somebody because it can never be perfect. So, I am heading over to the clothing store right now. W: Perhaps you are trying too hard to get something very impressive or decorative. [6]I always think a gift should be practical. Why dont you think of something he might like or something that he will most likely get soon? M: Oh, I know. His rucksack is almost wrecked. Maybe I should get him a rucksack instead. W: That sounds like a perfect gift. M: Gosh, now I am wondering which color I should pick. He is really picky about the color. W: Thats not difficult. What was the last color he chose? He obviously chose it for a reason. Keys: 4. [D] 5. [D] 6. [D] Questions 7 to 10 are based on the following conversation. W: Wonderful! I spent most of my time at the art museum. I especially liked the new wing. I was amazed to hear the guide explain the problems they had building it. M: Right. I just read an article that went on and on about the cost--[7] 90 milliontotal I think. W: Yeah. The guide mentioned that. You could see they spared no expense. M: It looked really unusual, at least from what I saw in the picture. W: It is. The basic design is two triangles. [8]In fact there are triangles all over, the

paving stones in the courtyard, the skylights and even a lot of the sculptures. One sculpture is a mobile. Its in the courtyard and its made of pieces of aluminum that moves slowly in the air. Its really impressive. M: That was in the article too. [9]It was said that the original was steel and it weighed so much that it wasnt safe to hand. W: Right. They did it over in aluminum so it wouldnt come crashing down on someones head. M: You know the article went into that in detail. There was even an interview with the sculptor. W: [10] Id like to read that. Would you mind if I borrow the magazine sometime? M: No. I wouldnt mind if I havent thrown it out yet. Keys: 7. [D] 8. [B] 9. [D] 10. [A] SECTION B PASSAGES Questions 11 to 13 are based on the following passage. In all history, when men have had free time they have turned to a hobby for pleasure. The cavemen were our first known creative hobbyists. [11]In the free time after the hunting and fighting necessary to keep them alive, some turned to drawing. They drew and scratched on the walls of their caves crude pictures of the animals they knew and the battles they fought. From the dawn of history to the present day men have left records of the fun they have had "riding a hobby". Gorge Washington was one of the first busy hobbyists in American history. [12]As a youngster he was interested in mathematics. This interest led to his early years as a surveyor. [12]His early_ agricultural experiments added to his success as a farmer. He found time to design furniture that added beauty to his home at Mount Vernon. His study of evening skies with a primitive telescope increased his knowledge of his own world. He also made a collection of varieties of tea. [13]Today hobbies are

more important than ever. We have more leisure than we have ever had in the past. Interesting hobbies can be the best answer to the question of how to use these hours. Keys: 11. [C] 12. [A] 13. [B] Questions 14 to 17 are based on the following passage. How many of you drink cola? Nearly everyone. Did you know that [14] cola started out not as a soft drink but as a cure for headaches back in the late 1800s? John S. Pemberton, a druggist from Atlanta, had experimented for many months trying to find a cure for the common headache. He worked in his backyard, mixing and heating different combinations of oils and flavors until he found one that seemed promising. Pemberton bottled the mixture and began selling it in drugstores as concentrated syrup that [15] the customer had to mix with water before drinking. [16] Colas transformation from medicinal syrup to a carbonated soft drink came about quite by accident. One day, a customer came into a drugstore complaining of a headache and asked for a bottle of cola syrup. He wanted to take it right away. So he asked the clerk to mix the medicine while he waited. The clerk, instead of walking to the other end of the counter to get plain water, suggested mixing the syrup with soda water. The customer agreed, and after drinking it, remarked how good it tasted. The clerk continued offering the mix and carbonated cola grew in popularity. [17] Today carbonated cola is sold in most countries around the world. And although they no longer contain the ingredients used to cure headaches, they are still very refreshing. Keys: 14. [B] 15. [D] 16. [A] 17. [C] Questions 18 to 20 are based on the following passage. Ladies and gentlemen, we've commenced our

descent in the Sydney Airport and will be parked outside the terminal building about 30 minutes from now. [18] For those of you visiting the city for the first time, I have some information for you. The distance from the airport to the center of Sydney is approximately 10 km, [19] Taxis are available. You'll find taxis right outside the terminal building. The cost of a taxi trip to the city is about 12 Australian dollars. [19] There is a coach service available and the cost of the journey to the city and major hotels is 6 dollars for adults and 2 dollars and 50 cents for children. [19] There is also the Urban Yellow bus No. 300 to the city at a cost of 3 dollars for adults or 1 dollar and 50 cents for children. Banking facilities are available outside the Customs Hall. Hotel booking facilities can be found at the Travelers Information Service. [20] I'd like to remind you when you leave Sydney Airport on the next international flight, you'll be required to pay a Departure Tax of 10 dollars. Thank you. Keys: 18. [C] 19. [B] 20. [C] SECTION C NEWS BROADCAST Questions 21 and 22 are based on the following news. [22] The G8 group of industrial countries has announced an economic initiative targeting the Afghan-Pakistan border. [21] The plan, made public at a meeting of G8 ministers in Canada, aims to help improve trade between the two countries and strengthen border infrastructure. Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said that stability in the Afghan-Pakistan region was "critical for global security". Foreign ministers from Britain, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States are taking part in the two-day meeting in Gatineau, Quebec. [22] Other items on the agenda are taking steps

to curb Iran's nuclear program, nuclear proliferation and the threat posed by extremist groups. Keys: 21. [C] 22. [D] Questions 23 and 24 are based on the following news. As recently as last year, many states and major cities seemed ready to adopt complete indoor smoking bans. [23] But the movement to kick all smokers outdoors has stalled as the recession worsens and lawmakers fear hurting business at bars, restaurants and casinos. In Colorado, lawmakers are considering easing the rules after they banned smoking in most bars, restaurants and casinos. Opponents of indoor bans insist they are not just blowing smoke about the economy. "To say that people want to roll back smoking laws because of the economy, it's absurd," said Karen Blumenfeld, who runs the New Jersey Group Against Smoking Pollution. "We might as well repeal child-labor laws to make factories more profitable. It makes no sense." [24] Health advocates are also citing the economy to argue their side, too. With state budgets burdened by rising health care costs, banning smoking saves the government money in the long run, they say. Keys: 23. [C] 24. [D] Questions 25 to 27 are based on the following news. China overtook the US to become the leading investor in renewable energy technologies, according to a new analysis. Researchers calculate that China invested \$34.6bn in clean energy over the year, almost double the US figure. [25] The UK emerges in third place among G20 nations, followed by Spain and Brazil. [26] The most spectacular growth has come in South Korea, which saw installed capacity rise by 250% in five years. Globally, investment has more than doubled in the last five years, with the recent economic turmoil generating only a

slight dip. [27] Investing in clean energy can renew manufacturing bases, and create export opportunities, jobs and businesses. Keys: 25. [B] 26. [A] 27. [C] Questions 28 and 29 are based on the following news. NASA's first dedicated mission to measure carbon dioxide from space has failed following a rocket malfunction. [28] Officials said the fairing the part of the rocket which covers the satellite on top of the launcher did not separate properly. Data indicates the spacecraft crashed into the ocean near Antarctica. [29] The Orbiting Carbon Observatory was intended to help pinpoint the key locations on our planet's surface where CO₂ is being emitted and absorbed. Keys: 28. [C] 29. [D] Question 30 is based on the following news. [30] Baton-wielding Egyptian police have broken up a pro-democracy demonstration in Cairo. Riot police beat and dragged protestors away from outside the upper house of Parliament, put them in trucks and took dozens away. Demonstrations are illegal under Egypt's stern "emergency laws", which have been in place for 30 years. The protesters were calling for a change to the constitution that they say would make elections fairer. Key: 30. [C] 小编推荐：
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