**高三五市八校英语联考试卷**

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本试卷分为第Ⅰ卷（选择题）和第Ⅱ卷（非选择题）两部分。满分150分，考试时间120分钟。

**第I卷 (选择题 满分100分）**

第一部分 听力（共两节，满分30分）

第一节 （共5小题；每小题1.5分，满分7.5分）

 听下面5段对话。每段对话后有一个小题，从题中所给的A、B、C三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。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。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. Why does the man feel awful?

A. He can’t find his keys. B. He’s not good at studies C. He missed many lessons.

2. Where does the conversation probably take place?

A. In a park. B. At a theater. C. In a parking lot.

3. What happened to Tim?

A. He knocked someone down.

B. He was hit by a motorbike.

C. He was seriously ill.

4. How many cups did the woman buy online?

A. 10 B. 20 C. 30

5. What are the speakers supposed to do?

A. Watch a performance. B. Visit a museum. C. Buy some books.

第二节（共15小题；每小题1.5分，满分22.5分）

 听下面5段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题，从题中所给的A、B、C三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。听每段对话或独白前，你将有时间阅读各个小题，每小题5秒钟；听完后，各小题将给出5秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

请听第6段材料，回答第6、7题。

6. When does the conversation take place?

A. In the morning. B. In the afternoon. C. In the evening.

7. How long does the man give the woman?

A. 30 minutes. B. 20 minutes. C. 10 minutes.

请听第7段材料，回答第8、9题。

8. Who was the winner in last night’s game?[:]

A. Toronto Raptors. B. Denver Nuggets. C. Utah Jazz.

9. When should the speakers hand in their English homework?

A. This afternoon. B. Tomorrow morning. C. Tomorrow afternoon.

请听第8段材料回答第10至12题。

10. Where is the woman going this summer?

A. New York. B. Boston. C. Chicago.

11. What does the woman think the man wants to be?

A. A storyteller B. An actor. C. A stage director.

12. Which of the following is the woman’s opinion?

A. One needs a gift to study creative writing.

B. Music school is a waste of time.

C. Hard work pays off.

请听第9段材料，回答第13至16题。

13. How long has the man been working in the zoo?

A. For 25 years. B. For 20 years. C. For 15 years.

14. How does the man describe his work?

A. Hard. B. Well-paid. C. Interesting.

15. When does the zoo close in winter?

A. At 4:30 pm. B. At 5:30 pm. C. At 6:30 pm.

16. What does the man do in the zoo?

A. He clears out cages.

B. He feeds the animals.

C. He does the management work.

请听第10段材料，回答第17至20题。

17. How much time on average does a retired person spend on leisure activities per day?

A. Less than five hours. B. About six hours. C. Over seven hours.

18. According to the talk, what activity do retired people like to do besides reading and resting?

A. Watching TV. B. Surfing the Internet. C. Chatting with friends.

19. What do retired people spend the most time on?

A. Physical exercise. B. Leisure activities. C. Sleep.

20. Which of the following is one reason that retired people still work?

A. They want to earn more money.

B. They enjoy the fun during work.

C. They want to make more friends.

第二部分 阅读理解(共两节，满分40分)

第一节 (共15小题，每小题2分，满分30分)

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的四个选项(A、B、C和D)中，选出最佳选项，并在答题卡上将该项涂黑。

A

It won’t be wrong to say that the hotel industry is one of the most competitive fields, and to survive in the hotel business, restaurateurs (餐馆老板) need to have certain unique strategies. To be more specific, to excel(突出)in the business, hotel owners need to follow a few things like, keeping a few secrets from customers, telling them half the truth, and at times even lying and pretending about certain things.

**Calories in a dish**

In the first place, the calorie count of a particular dish is seldom mentioned on the menu, and when it’s mentioned, most times it is inaccurate. Also, the waiters are not allowed to say anything about the calories in a dish and they either lie about it or just say, “All the information about it is available online.”

**Extra sugar in your kids’ meals**

You may wonder why your kid wants to go to the same restaurant every time, where he once had a particular pizza. Many restaurants often apply the trick of adding extra sugar to the kids’ meals so that they love it more and insist on going to the same place again and again.

**“Homemade” salad is actually ready-made**

 Salads often labeled as “homemade” on the menu are not homemade. Some restaurants purchase salad dressings(沙拉酱) in large quantities and then add a few ingredients like fresh herbs, blue cheese, etc., and serve them as the homemade salad.

 A last tip before you go, make sure that you never ask your waiter for recommendations from the menu. Waiters will never criticize anything that they serve, and in fact, may often do the opposite. At times, they may even recommend dishes that are expensive, or dishes that are not selling well.

These are some of the things that waiters will not share with you when you go to a restaurant. While most of these should not matter, you should never go to a restaurant that does not take cleanliness and hygiene(卫生) strictly.

21. According to the passage, the calorie count of a dish on the menu\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. is not correct B. is the exact fact

C. is healthy for customers D. can also be found online

22. How do restaurants make ready-made salads look like homemade salads?

A. They make them look clean. B. They add fresh salad dressings.

C. They make salad dressings delicious. D. They add fresh herbs, blue cheese, etc.

23. If a waiter recommends a dish to you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. you can accept it gladly B. it means you will get a discount

C. you should think about it carefully D. it means the dish isn’t selling well

24. The author writes the passage mainly to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. tell us how to choose the right restaurants

B. show us some of the secrets of restaurants

C. advise us to eat less in restaurants

D. tell us how restaurants survive

B

 “I like photography because it captures amazing things that you might not see again,” Timmy Walsh says. He takes pictures of flowers, sunsets and road signs. But those photos don’t usually end up in a scrapbook(剪贴簿) or on his bedroom walls.

When Timmy was five, he found out that his aunt Bev had lung cancer. He wanted to do something to help her. His first idea was to sell his photos from a lemonade--type stand in front of his house in Pennsylvania. “My mom said it wouldn’t work because we were not on a busy street,” Timmy explains.

His next idea was to have an art show. Timmy decorated his home with candles, flowers, and white lights. Then he arranged his photos. Timmy’s mom, Sheila, remembers: “Our dining-room table was filled, the living room--everything was filled with photos.” Friends, family, and Timmy’s teachers came to the show. He raised more than $300 for cancer research that night. Aunt Bev was “very happy and excited ,”he says.[:]

After a local newspaper wrote a story about Timmy’s photos, a volunteer offered to help him set up a website. As people learned about his cause, called Camera for a Cure, Timmy began receiving invitations to sell his pictures at art galleries and fund-raisers. Since then, his work has appeared in more than 20 shows.

When Timmy is at a show, he greets each customer and talks about what he was thinking when he took his photos. And he always shares facts about lung cancer. Sometimes donations and sales are slow, but that doesn’t bother him. “It doesn’t matter how much money we made because we just raised awareness,” he says. Timmy knows that finding a cure for lung cancer will take time and effort. So Timmy will keep doing his part by shooting and selling photos of the things he sees.

25. Before Timmy started Camera for a Cure, he\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. always sold lemonade in front of his house.

B. liked making scrapbooks by using his photos.

C. had developed a deep interest in photography.

D. had been providing photos for a local newspaper.[:]

26.What can we learn about the art show Timmy held at his home?

 A. It was generally popular. B. It cost $300 to organize it.

 C. It was funded by Aunt Bev. D. It was advertised on a website.

1. For Timmy, what’s the benefit of selling his photos at art galleries?
2. Raising money more quickly.
3. Improving his photographic skills
4. Exchanging ideas with other artists.
5. Increasing public awareness of lung cancer.
6. Which of the following can best describe Timmy?

A. Proud and confident. B. Imaginative but cautious.

C. Generous but self-centered. D. Determined and warm-hearted .

**C**

Madrid has ordered nearly half of the private cars off the roads on Thursday to deal with the worsening air pollution, a first in Spain.

The restriction (限令) will operate between 6.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. every day. The city government said in a statement: “Vehicles with even-number registration plates (偶数牌照）will be allowed to drive around on even-number days and the rest cars on the rest days.”

The measure works when levels of harmful NO2 in the atmosphere go above 200 microgrammes in every 1in at least two measuring stations for two days running, and if the air is unlikely to clear soon.

On Thursday, the city environment officer Ines Sabanes said the restriction would not be carried out as pollution levels had dropped by the required amount. Other measures, including a ban on street parking for non-local vehicles and reduced speed limits, will continue. There are exceptions to the restriction, such as for hybrid (混合动力的) cars, those carrying three people or more or used by disabled people. Buses, taxis and emergency vehicles are not encompassed, either. “It’s not about traffic restrictions but about the important issue of public health,” deputy mayor Marta Higueras said. “Lots of people suffer from breathing problems and are very affected by pollution.”

With 3.2 million people and 1.8 million cars, Madrid often suffers from bad pollution. The move to ban half of the cars is Level Three on a series of four measures to prevent pollution. Level Four bans taxis from the city, except those that are hybrid cars.

The previous measures carried out by the city hall draw criticism from the Popular Party(PP) which ruled Madrid for nearly a quarter of a century and governs at the national level. The PP spokesman in Madrid’s local parliament said officials should do more to encourage people to avoid using their cars rather than punish them. The previous measures were carried out by former PP leader Ana Botella just before municipal elections (市政府选举) in Many 2015.

29. According to the statement of the city government, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. the restriction only works by day
2. the restriction only works on private cars
3. every restricted car is restricted nearly half a month in a whole month

D. Vehicles are restricted depending on the first number of registration plates

30. According to the passage, vehicles driven from other cities will not be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. allowed to drive on Madrid’s streets
2. included in the new restrictions at all
3. restricted if pollution levels drop
4. allowed to park on Madrid’s streets

31. What does the underlined word “encompassed” in Paragraph 4 probably mean?

1. Punished. B. Encouraged. C. Accepted. D. Included.

32. If the air pollution in Madrid becomes worse, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. the government will punish more people
2. more cars will be kept out of the roads
3. new traffic restrictions will be carried out
4. more hybrid cars will appear on the road

D

Seamounts are mountains, usually volcanoes, which rise up from the sea floor. Some of the volcanoes are extinct; some are sill active. But they are hard to find because they do not reach the surface of the water. Scientists say seamounts cover nearly 29 million square kilometers of this planet under the sea. Marine (海洋的) life gathers at seamounts because they carry nutrient-rich water upward from the sea floor.

In September, 2016, a group of scientists set out to explore Cook Seamount which rises almost 4,000 meters from the Pacific Ocean floor about 160 kilometers off the island of Hawaii. Humans have never seen it up close before.

Three people went in a submarine (潜水艇) down to over 900 meters below the ocean surface to the top of the seamount. As the blue waters became darker, underwater creatures that chemically create their own light began to swim past the submarine. The scientists found several kinds of deep sea corals(珊瑚虫) on the seamount’s sides. These included a possible new species of coral they named “Purple Haze”.

Conservation International and the University of Hawaii worked together for the trip to Cook Seamount. Greg Stone, the lead scientist, said, “This three-day research is the start of an effort to survey seamounts throughout the Pacific Ocean over the next five years. And we hope to study a total of 50 seamounts.” He said humans have little knowledge about seamounts, but they are a “key part” of what drives the ocean. Stone said he wanted to find out what is living on the seamounts and how they support ocean life. From that, he says, we will understand ocean health, which relates directly to human health.”

M. Sanjayan is Executive Vice President of Conversation International. He said there were 10,000, maybe 100,000 seamounts across the world’s oceans and because most had not been explored, he expected they would see things new to science.

One of the other two seamounts studied on their trip was Lo’ihi, an active volcano, which has been studied over the past 30 years. The scientists saw an “old friend” on it—a shark they had seen there before. Scientists say volcanic activity of Lo’ ihi pushes the seamount upward. But do not look for it to break the surface of the water any time soon.

33. Why is it difficult to find seamounts?

1. Because there are too few seamounts.
2. Because they can’t be seen above the seas.
3. Because it’s dangerous to get close to seamounts.
4. Because many seamounts are not high.
5. According to Greg Stone, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. They will study 10 seamounts every year
7. Their survey aims at 50 seamounts around the world
8. They know little about how seanounts influence the ocean
9. They want to find out how ocean health relates to human health
10. What’s the best title of the passage?
11. Undersea creatures and seamounts
12. New discoveries under the ocean
13. Scientist surveyed the creatures in the sea
14. Scientists explored seamounts

第二节（共5小题；每小题2分，满分10分）

根据短文内容，从短文后的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。

**Fun doesn’t have to be expensive**

 Everyone likes to have fun, but not everyone has much money to spend. Here are some free or cheap ways to enjoy yourself.

  **Get outside**

Going outside in good weather can be a lot of fun, especially if you go with a friend. 36

 If you live in a city, you can go window-shopping. Or you can explore an old part of town and admire the buildings.

**Try a hobby**

While you’re out, take pictures of things you find. Planning and taking pictures can make you aware of the beauty all around you. Photographic equipment can be expensive, but it doesn’t have to be. You probably already own a camera or a cell phone that can take pictures. Other creative hobbies can also be done with basic materials. 37

**Find an event**

Libraries often hold free public events. 38 And while you’re there, borrow a book or movie for free. Museums and universities also hold free events.

If you can’t find a free event, you can volunteer at an event that requires tickets. People who organize concerts and plays need help. 39 Sometimes they reward volunteers with free tickets.

**Meet a friend**

Relationships are often the best things in life. 40 Invite a friend for a walk, an event or a time working on your hobby. Hosting doesn’t have to be difficult. If your friend comes in the afternoon, you don’t have to serve a meal. You can sit and talk, play board games or card games or watch a movie.

A. A friend in need is a friend indeed

B. Stop by one to find out what’s going on.

C. Hike or bicycle on a nearby path or in a park

D. Whatever you do, find someone to share it with.

E. It’s a good idea to stay at home to watch a movie

F. You could set up or take down chairs or greet visitors.

G. Drawing and writing require nothing more than a pencil and paper.

第三部分: 英语知识运用（共两节，满分 45分）

第一节 完形填空（共20小题；每小题1.5分，满分30分）

阅读下面短文,掌握其大意,然后从41~60各题所给的四个选项(A、B、C和D)中,选出最佳选项.

Everyone thought I was stupid when I was a child. I often failed to pass my exams at school 41 my sister was always the first in her class. They thought I had my head in the clouds(胡思乱想）for most of my 42 . It hurt me when I was called stupid and I felt I was totally 43 because I didn’t believe I was stupid. With time going by, however, what others regarded me was stuck with（缠着）me and I began to 44 myself.

This dark shadow kept 45 in the background of my subconscious(潜意识）and it came forward 46 I met with failure. Not only that but some family members 47 me as the girl with her head in the clouds and were 48 to remind me of that whenever they could do. So I 49 my self-confidence and I really didn’t believe in myself.

 50 I learned to pull myself out of that negative space at last. Several years later, when meeting the challenges of adult life, I was 51 and pleased to discover that perhaps I was not so stupid 52 . At that time with great 53 , I set out to kill this 54 belief or image of myself. In fact, I’ve 55 more than what I could dream of. Now I am the CEO of a large company and become a successful person. 56 says I am stupid any more.

The lack of 57 come from the two greatest enemies: doubt and fear. They set 58 to stop you from reaching your full potential and achieving your dreams. Unfortunately, there are no pills that help you 59 your doubt or fear. The main transformation in the mind, however, is your work. You need to be the 60 of your thoughts and develop your mind to be stronger so that you can challenge your own self-defeating beliefs.

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| 41．A. thought | B. while  | C. and  | D. so |
| 42．A. life  | B. vacation | C. career | D. childhood |
| 43．A. misunderstood  | B. fooled | C. cheated | D. convinced |
| 44．A. value  | B. hate | C. doubt | D. believe |
| 45．A. acting  | B. appearing | C. rising | D. hiding |
| 46．A. before | B. whenever | C. unless | D. then |
| 47．A. took | B. accepted | C. saw | D. described |
| 48．A. delighted | B. puzzled | C. embarrassed | D. unwilling |
| 49．A. kept | B. gained | C. expressed | D. lost |
| 50．A. Generally | B. Partly | C. Luckily | D. Fairly |
| 51．A. surprised | B. worried | C. bored | D. frightened |
| 52．A. at once | B. at last | C. at large | D. at all |
| 53. A. interest  | B. effort  | C. influence  | D. expectation |
| 54．A. reasonable | B. fresh | C. negative | D. strange |
| 55．A. abandoned | B. achieved | C. changed | D. found |
| 56．A. Nobody | B. Somebody  | C. Anybody  | D. Everybody  |
| 57．A. ability | B. courage | C. knowledge | D. confidence |
| 58．A. plans | B. difficulties | C. goals | D. programs |
| 59．A. select | B. control | C. remove | D. discover  |
| 60．A. master | B. teacher | C. fighter | D. supporter |

**第II卷(非选择题 满分50分）**

1. （共10小题；每小题1.5分，满分15分）

 阅读下面材料，在空白处填入适当的内容（1个单词）或括号内单词的正确形式。

On a cold evening with snow floating in the air, I got 61.\_\_\_\_\_\_(stick) on the road because of a flat tire(轮胎) .I attempted 62. \_\_\_\_\_\_（seek）help from the passing cars, but no one stopped. As I was about to give up hope, a man 63 \_\_\_\_\_\_（drive）an old dirty car came to my aid. To be honest, I was scared when he first approached me. Eying him up and down, I thought to myself, ‘There is a very good chance 64. \_\_\_\_\_\_ he may rob me, ”He seemed to have sensed my discomfort so he tried to ease my 65. \_\_\_\_\_\_（anxious）by introducing himself. His act of kindness made me feel ashamed to have questioned his intentions.66. \_\_\_\_\_\_was really considerate of him to stop to help a perfect stranger like me, especially in such terrible weather. Thus, after the spare tire was fitted, I asked 67. \_\_\_\_\_\_ much I owed him. I wanted to pay him back.68. \_\_\_\_\_\_(surprising), he did not take my offer but rather told me to pass the act of kindness forward and help more people 69. \_\_\_\_\_\_ need. As he said those words, I noticed him wearing a smile of contentment. Helping others seemed a very 70. \_\_\_\_\_\_（nature）thing to him. I witnessed the true beauty of human nature in him.

第四部分 写作（共两节，满分35分）

第一节 短文改错（共10小题；每小题1分，满分10分）

假定英语课上老师要求同桌中间交换修改作文，请你修改你同桌写的以下作文。文中共有10处语言错误，每句中最多有两处，每处错误仅涉及一个单词的增加、删除或修改。

增加：在缺词处加一个漏词符号（∧），并在其下面写出该加的词。

删除：把多余的词用斜线（\）划掉。

修改：在错的词下划一横线，并在该词下面写出修改后的词。

注意：1.每处错误及其修改均仅限一词；2.只允许修改10处，多者（从第11处起）不计分。

Last night a strong wind as well as a heavily rain struck our area. News came that the trees in the park two kilometers away from our school was blown down. This afternoon, they set off the park to do some cleaning. The head of the park met us or gave us some advice on how to clear away the falling trees, branches and leaves. Some times later, we were working hard when it begins to rain. Because few of us had taken along umbrellas or raincoats, so we were all wet. A rain lasted about an hour and it was a pity that they had to stop our work.

第二节：书面表达（满分25分）

 假如你的朋友李华已经在美国留学三年， 现在正面临着毕业后是留在美国还是回到中国的问题。请你用英语给他写一封信，给出你的建议并写清原因。

要求：1.词数100左右；2.可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

Dear Li Hua,

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 Yours,

 Wang Wei

**高三五市八校英语联考试卷参考答案**

听 力：1-5 ACBBA 6-10 ABCAC 11-15ACBAB 16-20 CCACB

阅读理解：21-24ADCB 25-28CADD 29-32 CDDB 33-35 BCD

 36-40 CGBFD

完形填空：41-45 BDACD 46-50 BCADC 51-55 ADBCB 56-60 ADBCA

语法填空：

61. stuck 62. to seek 63. driving 64. that 65. anxiety

66. It 67. how 68. Surprisingly 69. in 70. natural

短文改错：

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作文：

Dear Li Hua,

I hear you are hesitating whether you will stay in America or go back to China after graduation. So I’d like to give you some advice.

I suggest you come back home after graduation. Firstly, it is not easy to make a life in the US, especially for a graduate, and you should work hard to live on well in a big developed country. Besides, if there is something bad that occurs to you all of a sudden, you have few family or friends to support you in a foreign country. What’s more, our country has been developing a lot and is in need of qualified people apparently. I believe you will have a bright future in China with what you learn in the US.

In a word, both our country and we welcome you to come back.

 Yours,

 Wang Wei

听力材料及参考答案

听力材料

**Text 1**

M: Oh, this is really awful. Where on earth did I put my keys?

W: You never learn your lesson.

**Text 2**

M: Excuse me. Where can I park my car?

W: Well, sir, it’s all full here in Section A, but you can go over to Section B.

**Text 3**

M: Have you heard about Tim? A motorbike knocked him down and he was rushed to the emergency room just now.

W: Really? I hope it’s not too serious.

M: I’m on my way to see him right now. Would you like to join me?

**Text 4**

M: How many cups do we need, dear?

W: I’ve just bought 20 online. They will be here tomorrow.

M: OK. And my mom sent 10 by express yesterday, which means we will certainly have enough.

W: Yes, you’re right.

**Text 5**

W: We came too early. It’s still two hours before the performance starts.

M: I’m sorry ! I just couldn’t stay at home and wait.

W: Never mind. What about taking a look around the theater? There is a museum and a bookstore nearby.

M: Great idea!

**Text 6**

W: Excuse me, Mr. Li. Are you free now? I want to discuss my class project on the environment with you.

M: I’m sorry. I have a class in 30 minutes. I suggest you come and see me over the lunch hour today.

W: But my head teacher wants me to go to her office at lunch time to discuss how to collect money for the disabled in our town. Would you mind if I just gave you a brief description right now?

M: In that case, you must make the best of the thirty minutes. No, only twenty minutes. I have something to prepare before my class starts.

W: Thank you very much, sir.

**Text 7**

W: You look very tired, John. You must have stayed up very late last night.

M: Yes, but watching the game between the Utah Jazz and the Denver Nuggets was really worth it.

W: Really? What was the score?

M:102-91 in Jazz’s favor.

W: Wow! Though still, I think you’re mad for staying up so late! How can you concentrate on your studies today?

M: It doesn’t matter. I will have a week’s time to make up for it because the Jazz will be off until next Wednesday when they host the Toronto Raptors.

W: OK . But you’ll certainly have to turn in the English homework from yesterday morning. Mr. Yang said everyone should hand it in this afternoon and you know how strict he is.

M: Yes-though I guess that’s what makes him such a good teacher! Can you help me with it? I’d really appreciate it.

W: OK.

**Text 8**

W: Hey, Mike .What are you doing this summer?

M: I’m not sure. What about you?

W: I’m going to Chicago for a six-week job at a theater company.

M: That’s great, Wendy! I didn’t know you were interested in acting

W: I’m not. I want to be a stage director. Have you decided what you’re going to study in college?

M: Not really, but I was thinking about studying creative writing in Boston or New York.

W: Is that what you want to be, a storyteller?

M: No, but I figured it would be a pretty easy subject to major in,

W: That’s not a good way to plan your future.

M: You think so? I figure that, at worst, I’ll only waste four years of my life.

W: I sincerely hope that you are joking. What about music? You’ve got such a gift.

M: Thank you, but I feel like music is something I can always pick up again later.

W: It’s your life. but I hope you don’t waste your talent

M: Well, you’ve always been a gifted student, and you’re good at everything you do. It’s easy for you.

W: If you saw how much time and effort I put in to be a good student, you would know that it’s no gift.

**Text 9**

W: It’s 9 o’ clock. It’s time for an interview with Mr. Wang, the director of our city zoo. Good evening!

M: Good evening, everyone! It’s my honor to be invited here.

W: When did you first start working in the zoo?

M: About 20 years ago, five years after my graduation.

W: Wow! Such a long time. Do you like your job?

M: Yes, I love it. I’m very happy here, although the work is hard and the pay isn’t so good.

W: How often do you work every week?

M: Our staff usually work six days a week, but I always come to my office every day though I can leave after twelve on weekends.

W: Then when are your work hours every day?

M: I start at 8 am and finish at 6:30 pm, Monday to Friday, in the spring and summer. In winter the zoo closes an hour earlier because it gets dark earlier.

W: What do you usually do for the animals? Do you have to clear out the animals’ cages and give them food?

M: No, I mainly do the management work to make the zoo go well.

W: I see. Your job does sound really hard, but I think all of us here in the city are grateful for your hard work in keeping our zoo open, so we can all enjoy the many cute animals! Thank you very much for coming in and talking with us today.

**Text 10**

As you might expect, retired people have a lot more free time than people who are still working. People aged 65 and older spend an average of just over seven hours per day on leisure activities, compared to just over five hours among the whole population.

The three things that retired people spend the most extra time on are reading, resting and watching TV. Senior citizens are equally as likely as younger people to surf the Internet for leisure and spend time chatting with friends, but it seems that they seldom do physical exercise.

Speaking of TV, Americans watch an average of two hours and 45minutes of TV per day. Retired people watch even more, averaging four hours of TV-viewing each day. The only thing seniors spend more time on than leisure activities is sleep. Retired people spend nine hours per day sleeping, compared with 8 hours daily among the population as a whole. However, not all people aged 65 and older are retired. Some are still working but most of the working senior people admit that they work for fun and for the sense of satisfaction the job gives them rather than for the money.

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