**UNIT 2　BRIDGING CULTURES**

**Section Ⅰ　Reading and Thinking**

课后·训练提升

一、单词拼写

**1**.He has always been a　　　 　and fiercely competitive.

答案:ambitious

**2**.We must constantly a　　　　　　 and innovate to ensure success in a growing market.

答案:adapt

**3**.I’ll just c　　　　　　 some figures for comparison.

答案:cite

**4**.The ideas in the p　　　　　　 were good,but failed in execution.

答案:presentation

**5**.In ancient times,orders were sent by m　　　　　.

答案:messengers

二、完成句子

**1**.他在中国十年了,感觉更像在家一样。

He has been in China for ten years,　　　　　　　 　　　　　 　　　　　.

答案:he feels much more at home

**2**.以前很陌生的东西现在好像很普通了。

　　　　　 　　　　　 　　　　　　seems quite normal now.

答案:What seemed strange before

**3**.公共汽车还在移动时千万不要上下车。

Never get on or off a bus 　　　　　　　　　　　 　　　　　 　　　　　.

答案:while it is moving

**4**.在美国只有10%的成年人定期进行锻炼。

Only 10% of American adults 　　　　　　　　　　 　　　　　 　　　　　.

答案:engage in regular exercise

**5**.这次撞车事故涉及多少辆车?

How many vehicles 　　　　 　　　　 　　　　　 　　　　　 　　　　　?

答案:were involved in the crash

三、阅读理解

Frida Kahlo was born on July 6,1907,in Mexico City.Kahlo suffered from ill health as a child after catching polio(小儿麻痹症) at age 6,which made her right leg shorter and thinner than the left.

Before her painting career,she aimed for a career in natural sciences,but her dreams were ruined by a serious accident,which caused her pain and illness for the rest of her life.She was paralysed (瘫痪) for three months,alone and lonely.

Armed with a few brushes,a range of oil paints and a special easel (画架) that allowed her to paint while still in bed,she created some beautiful pieces.Her artwork is sought after by fans and art collectors for high prices,the highest being eight million.

Kahlo married Diego Rivera,a famous Mexican artist.They once divorced in 1939,but remarried in 1940.

Frida Kahlo once said,“I never painted dreams.I painted my own reality.” This perfectly describes her painting style,one drawn from her personal pain and tragedies.She is a self-taught artist known for her self-portraits (自画像).

Mexican culture and tradition was something very important to her,evident in many of her paintings.Aside from her strong sense of Mexican pride,various references to religion were also included.

Frida Kahlo’s self-portrait,*Girl* *with* *Necklace*,has resurfaced after 60 years of it being hidden from the public eye.This discovery of Kahlo’s painting is significant,as only ten percent of her work is available in America due to complex and strict export laws in Mexico.Her works are declared as “artistic monuments” by the Mexican president and any works painted in Mexico must remain in Mexico.These strict laws have produced many fakes of Kahlo’s work.

Frida Kahlo’s legacy lives on till this day,for being not only a well-known female artist of colour,but also a breaker of cultural and societal barriers.

**1**.What caused Kahlo to begin painting?

A.Her love for painting.

B.Her love of natural scenery.

C.Her pain and loneliness in bed.

D.Her desire to make more money.

答案:C

解析:推理判断题。结合文章第二、三段中的“She was paralysed for three months,alone and lonely.”和“Armed with a few brushes...that allowed her to paint while still in bed,she created some beautiful pieces.”可以推断,弗里达在病床上通过绘画转移注意力。

**2**.What style are Kahlo’s paintings?

A.Realistic. B.Romantic.

C.Abstract. D.Impressionistic.

答案:A

解析:细节理解题。根据第五段中弗里达所说的话“‘I never painted dreams.I painted my own reality.’”以及作者对此的评论“This perfectly describes her painting style”可知,弗里达的绘画属于现实主义流派。

**3**.Why is the discovery of *Girl* *with* *Necklace* important?

A.There are a lot of fakes.

B.It is the only portrait of Kahlo.

C.Kahlo’s paintings are rare in America.

D.It is regarded as the “artistic monument”.

答案:C

解析:细节理解题。根据倒数第二段中的“This discovery of Kahlo’s painting is significant,as only ten percent of her work is available in America”可知,弗里达的绘画作品在美国留存的数量很少,因此*Girl* *with* *Necklace*的发现非常重要。

**4**.Which of the following best describes Kahlo?

A.Talented but unlucky.

B.Brave but self-centred.

C.Optimistic and conservative.

D.Ambitious and sensitive.

答案:A

解析:推理判断题。弗里达一生深受病痛的折磨,但她靠自学成为墨西哥最受欢迎的女画家,由此可见,弗里达是一个有天赋但不幸的人。

四、完形填空

Since my early childhood,my parents have always told me to enjoy every part of my life,no matter how ordinary it may seem.Before the summer of 2005,I never thought there was anything 　1　 about living in Sugar Land,Texas.All I wanted was to 　2　 Texas.

For most people,spending three weeks in the Tuscan countryside is a(n) 　3　 vacation.It also 　4　 my family.During my first week abroad,I admitted I 　5　 the foreign atmosphere.A new language and culture 　6　 me.For those seven days,I was totally absorbed in becoming something I could never be—a(n) 　7　.It was almost as if I wished to 　8　 my own identity for something new that was not 　9　 to me at all.

At some point along the drive between Florence and Genoa,it 　10　 me:I didn’t want to throw away who I was for any 　11　 wonders.Italy was an attractive and impressive country,　12　 I had no emotional (情感的) connection with it.I 　13　 Sugar Land.From that moment on,all I 　14　 was to return home.

I think it’s 　15　 that I could never fall in love with my home until I left it.Now I understand the everyday parts of my life in Sugar Land are really the most prized treasures in my heart.

**1**.A.special B.certain

C.disappointing D.ordinary

答案:A

解析:与上句中的“ordinary”呼应。在2005年夏天前,作者从来没有觉得生活在Sugar Land有什么特别之处。

**2**.A.improve B.leave

C.control D.ignore

答案:B

解析:根据上句可知,作者一直想离开得克萨斯州。

**3**.A.adventure B.public

C.annual D.dream

答案:D

解析:根据该空后的“It also”和作者一家到Tuscan乡村度假可知,作者认为能在Tuscan乡村度过三周是大多数人梦想的假期。

**4**.A.expected B.shocked

C.attracted D.welcomed

答案:C

解析:根据下文可知,作者一家到Tuscan乡村度假,所以这个地方也吸引了作者一家。

**5**.A.sensed B.created

C.needed D.liked

答案:D

解析:根据下文的“I was totally absorbed in becoming something I could never be”可知,作者喜欢外国气氛。

**6**.A.upset B.amused

C.impressed D.discouraged

答案:C

解析:根据“I was totally absorbed in becoming something I could never be”可知,这里的语言和文化令作者印象深刻。

**7**.A.traveller B.farmer

C.American D.Italian

答案:D

解析:根据后文的“Italy”可知,在那里所待的七天中,作者甚至想当一个意大利人。

**8**.A.abandon B.waste

C.hide D.damage

答案:A

解析:根据上句可知,似乎作者希望抛弃自己的身份。

**9**.A.rude B.related

C.useful D.close

答案:B

解析:根据本空前的“something new”和后文的“I had no emotional connection with it”可知,作者想抛弃自己的身份,变成一个与自己毫无关联的意大利人。

**10**.A.hit B.warned

C.disturbed D.embarrassed

答案:A

解析:根据本空后内容可知,作者顿悟了。

**11**.A.old B.foreign

C.real D.potential

答案:B

解析:根据下句中的“Italy”可知,作者不会为了外国的这些奇迹而抛弃自己的身份。

**12**.A.so B.and

C.but D.or

答案:C

解析:意大利是一个吸引人、令人印象深刻的国家,但是作者与它没有任何情感联系。

**13**.A.rely on B.show off

C.stand for D.belong to

答案:D

解析:根据本空前的“I had no emotional connection with it”和Sugar Land是作者的家乡可知,作者属于Sugar Land。

**14**.A.desired B.remembered

C.admired D.hated

答案:A

解析:Sugar Land才是自己的家乡,所以他渴望回家。

**15**.A.inspiring B.terrifying

C.interesting D.rewarding

答案:C

解析:直到离开家乡作者才明白了家乡对他的意义,这对作者来说太有趣了。

五、微写作

结合课文主题,使用本单元所学内容写一篇80词左右的短文。

**1**.最近,越来越多有抱负的学生出国深造。(ambitious;further)

**2**.它确实涉及许多优点。(强调谓语动词;involve)

**3**.首先,接触不同的文化可以让他们对世界有很好的洞察力,让他们从不同的角度思考问题。(exposure;insight;perspective)

**4**.此外,他们可以传播中国文化,在参加活动时学会与他人合作。(cooperate;participate)

**5**.然而,出国留学需要花费巨大的费用,而且往往要花很多钱。(expense;cost an arm and a leg)

**6**.不可否认,他们将遭受文化冲击和强烈的思乡之情。(deny;culture shock;overwhelming;homesickness)

**7**.就我而言,出国留学是一次改变人生的经历。(as far as I’m concerned)

参考范文

Recently,an increasing number of ambitious students have gone abroad for further study.It does involve many advantages.To begin with,exposure to different cultures can give them great insights into the world,making them think from different perspectives.Besides,they can spread Chinese culture and learn to cooperate with others when participating in activities.

However,studying abroad needs vast expense and it often costs an arm and a leg.And there is no denying that they will suffer from culture shock and overwhelming homesickness.

As far as I’m concerned,studying abroad is a life-changing experience.