**Section** Ⅱ　**Reading** **and** **Thinking**

课后·训练提升

一、单词拼写

**1**.The girl was excited to know that she was a　　　　　　 to a key university.

答案:admitted

**2**.The street near d　　　　　　 is the busiest of the city.

答案:downtown

**3**.We are currently s　　　　　　 new ways of expanding our membership.

答案:seeking

二、选词填空

head to　bring about　earn a living　series of　apart from　used to　open up　it occurs to sb

**1**.　　　　　　　　　　　　 him that he had left his keys on the desk.

答案:It occurred to

**2**.It is science and technology that has 　　　　　　　　　great changes in our lives.

答案:brought about

**3**.The teacher 　　　　　　　　　Mark’s desk and asked him to answer the question.

答案:headed to

**4**.To 　　　　　　　　　　　,the young man had to work day and night.

答案:earn a living

**5**.He bought 　　　　　　　　　books written by a famous novelist.

答案:series of

**6**.　　　　　　　　　 English and math,he also learns Chinese and history at school.

答案:Apart from

**7**.He 　　　　　　　　　swim in the river when he was young.

答案:used to

**8**.In order to support the family,Mr Brown 　　　　　　　　　　　　a restaurant in the city.

答案:opened up

三、阅读理解

Other cultures can be different from ours in many aspects!People from other cultures can eat different foods and live in different types of houses.They probably speak different languages and have beliefs and customs very different from yours.However,they can also be similar in ways of connecting with each other.We sometimes call these means of communication universal languages.

Some legends hold that,thousands of years ago,there was a single language spoken by everyone on Earth.It is fun to think about a time when everyone may have been able to communicate in the same language though historical evidence does not support this,of course.

Today,there are thousands of languages spoken around the world.Yet,there are some means of communication that go beyond words and allow people of wildly different backgrounds to communicate and share emotions and feelings.For example,some people believe music is a universal language.There may be some scientific support for this idea,too.Experts have learnt that,across cultures,people can recognise three common emotions in music:happiness,sadness and fear.

So what other types of universal languages might there be?Some people believe dance is a universal language.Along with music,dancing seems to be a common interest shared by peoples all over the world.Do you think you could see a dance from another culture and make some reasonable guesses about the ideas and emotions behind it?We bet you could!

Another universal language that you might not have thought of is math!If you think about it now,though,it just makes sense.The value of pi is roughly 3.14159 no matter where you are on Earth,likewise,figuring out the value of something involves the same mathematical calculations,regardless of whether you’re counting in dollars,pesos or coconuts.

**1**.What does the underlined word “this” in paragraph 2 probably refer to?

A.The view that people only used one language.

B.The fact that there used to be many languages.

C.The evidence that proves old languages funny.

D.The doubt that people didn’t understand each other.

答案:A

解析:代词指代题。根据画线词所在句句意“在某个时代,所有人都能用同一种语言进行交流,这样的想法虽然很有趣,但并没有得到历史证据的支持”可知,this指的是“每个人都能用同一种语言进行交流”。故A项正确。

**2**.Why is music regarded as a universal language?

A.It can be enjoyed by people from all walks of life.

B.It can be understood more easily than languages.

C.It usually comes from different backgrounds.

D.It helps people to share common feelings.

答案:D

解析:细节理解题。根据第三段中的“Experts have learnt that,across cultures,people can recognise three common emotions in music:happiness,sadness and fear.”可知,音乐被认为是一种通用的语言,因为它帮助人们分享共同的情感。故D项正确。

**3**.What are the universal languages according to the passage?

A.Math,English and music.

B.Music,dance and math.

C.History,culture and music.

D.Emotion,pi and music.

答案:B

解析:细节理解题。根据第三段中的“For example,some people believe music is a universal language.”及第四段中的“Some people believe dance is a universal language.”和第五段中的“Another universal language that you might not have thought of is math!”可知,音乐、舞蹈和数学被认为是通用语言。故B项正确。

**4**.What can be a suitable title for the text?

A.Various Differences Between Cultures

B.Music Helps People Show Feelings

C.Universal Languages Connect Different Cultures

D.Cross-cultural Communication

答案:C

解析:标题归纳题。通读全文可知,文章主要介绍了什么是通用语言,因此C项“通用语言连接了不同的文化”最适合做本文标题。故C项正确。

四、完形填空

When I first came to the USA,I made friends with a neighbour who used to live only two blocks away from my street.We used to visit each other and go out together sometimes.This friend taught me a lot about American 　1　,but in some cases I had to learn the 　2　 way,because we didn’t have enough time together for me to learn all about American culture from him.

One day this same friend invited me to a party.It wasn’t a(n) 　3　 party,only some kind of informal get-together.Since it was summer time,we had a cookout,　4　 most of his American friends and relatives were known to me,but there were others I had never met before.

It was the most 　5　 party for me when I noticed that everybody was wearing jeans and simple T-shirts for the day,　6　 I arrived in a proper dress with my shoes and hair all fixed for a fancy party.It was hard to explain my embarrassment (窘迫) to the other 　7　.When one of them turned around and said,“What nice clothes!What’s the occasion?” I felt my face burning hot.I didn’t answer at all.If she knew how 　8　 I already felt,she wouldn’t have said that to me.

Maybe she didn’t 　9　 to make me feel uncomfortable,but my reaction had to do with the way I already felt.

Many times I thought of going home and 　10　 but I knew they would notice.It would be even 　11　 for me because I knew they would quickly think that I felt out of place.So I wanted to pretend that I was 　12　.

I have already realised their 　13　 are different from mine.They care less about formality (形式) 　14　 it is a special occasion,like a 　15　 or a very formal invitation.

**1**.A.art　　　 B.culture

C.history D.people

答案:B

解析:从第一段最后一句中的“American culture”可以推知是“美国文化”。

**2**.A.easy B.simple

C.hard D.different

答案:C

解析:由because 从句的内容可知,此处应表示“在有些情况下,我不得不用困难的方式学习”。

**3**.A.real B.pleasant

C.usual D.evening

答案:A

解析:a real party指的是真正意义上的formal party,从下文的“only”可知,作者参加的这个只是一个非正式的聚会。real“真的”;pleasant“令人愉快的”;usual “平常的”;evening“晚上”。

**4**.A.which B.when

C.where D.as

答案:C

解析:where引导一个非限制性定语从句。由于从句中不缺少主语或宾语,排除关系代词which和as;从句的先行词cookout不表示时间,排除when。

**5**.A.exciting B.surprising

C.embarrassing D.enjoyable

答案:C

解析:从下文“...everybody was wearing jeans and simple T-shirts for the day...”和“It was hard to explain my embarrassment...”可以看出作者很窘迫。

**6**.A.as B.while

C.when D.and

答案:B

解析:while表示对比意义。as、when和and都没有这个用法。

**7**.A.guests B.friends

C.neighbours D.Americans

答案:A

解析:由第一段第一句可知作者不是美国人,排除D项;由第二段最后一句可知参加聚会的人中有些和作者不相识,排除B项;参加聚会的并不一定都是邻居,但都属于客人。

**8**.A.nice B.happy

C.bad D.lucky

答案:C

解析:从上文可知,作者感到很尴尬,故此空应填bad,表示“感到糟糕”。

**9**.A.mean B.expect

C.wish D.prepare

答案:A

解析:本句句意:“也许她本不是有意使我感到尴尬的”,用didn’t mean to do...表示“没打算做某事”。expect“期望”;wish“希望”;prepare“准备”。

**10**.A.changing B.crying

C.sleeping D.dancing

答案:A

解析:根据上下文可知,作者此时处于一种非常窘迫的境地,她想摆脱这种窘境,赶紧回家把这身衣服换掉。

**11**.A.worse B.luckier

C.better D.easier

答案:A

解析:作者会更不自在,情况会更糟糕。

**12**.A.OK B.sad

C.angry D.well

答案:A

解析:作者此时只好假装若无其事。OK“可以的,不错的”;sad“难过的”;angry “生气的”;well做形容词时,指“身体健康”。

**13**.A.lives B.customs

C.parties D.beliefs

答案:B

解析:作者认识到他们的习俗与自己的不同。作者之所以处于这样一个尴尬的境地,正是自己国家的习俗与美国的习俗不同造成的。

**14**.A.unless B.if

C.as long as D.since

答案:A

解析:只要不是在特殊场合,人们就不大在乎衣服的款式。unless “除非,如果不”;if “如果”;as long as “只要”;since “自从,由于”。

**15**.A.party B.picnic

C.meeting D.wedding

答案:D

解析:wedding在西方文化中被认为是非常神圣的场合,在这样的特殊场合,人们得穿得比较正式。party “聚会”;picnic “野餐”;meeting “会议”;wedding “婚礼”。

五、微写作

结合课文主题,使用本单元所学单词与句型写一篇60词左右的短文。

现今,几乎每个国家都重视文化多样(diverse)性,保护文化多样性(diversity)也是我们的使命(mission)。这样做除了(apart from)对文化自身有益,也可能(it’s likely that)使我们从中受益。我们必须承认(admit),许多外国人来市中心(downtown)的目的是希望目睹各种各样的(a series of)建筑物。

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参考范文

Nowadays,almost every country pays attention to diverse cultures,and it’s our mission to protect cultural diversity.If so,apart from being good to culture itself,it’s likely that we can benefit from it.We must admit in downtown area,many foreign visitors come here wishing to witness a series of buildings.