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Part I Writing

(30 minutes)

Directions: Suppose the university newspaper is inviting submissions from the students for its coming edition on how the students can contribute to a green campus. You are now to write an essay for submission. You will have 30 minutes to write the essay. You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

Part II Listening Comprehension (25 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 1. A) She is making a special effort to be recognized.
 - B) She has been living in Fayetteville for 25 years.
 - C) She has been driving a school bus ever since 2009.
 - D) She is the longest-serving bus driver in Fayetteville.
- 2. A) The importance of their service to the city.
 - B) The number of riders they serve in the city.
 - C) The new proclamation issued early this week.
 - D) The significance of the event to take place March 18.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 3. A) Budgeted \$ 56.7 million for the coming school year.
 - B) Requested to raise teachers' salaries by 3 percent.
 - C) Proposed a spending increase by 5.99 percent.
 - D) Kept raising funds for at least 8 budget cycles.
- 4. A) Decrease in salaries for school administrators.
 - C) Firing of less qualified faculty members.
- B) Reduction in federal and state funding.
- D) Closing down of some less competitive schools.

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 5. A) They often take place in the Scottish highlands.
 - B) They usually happen in the middle of the night.
 - C) Their damage can be as serious as that of bombs.
 - D) Their loud claps can be confused with explosions.
- 6. A) They sent out a message to calm them down.
 - B) They promised to stop the construction work.
 - C) They told them the military exercise was over.
 - D) They set off to inspect the site of the plane crash.

- 7. A) Keep warm.
 - C) Avoid driving.

- B) Take caution.
- D) Use rail service.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

Questions 8 to 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 8. A) Why the man is so anxious to buy a new phone.
 - B) How the man could possibly afford a new phone.
 - C) How the man got into the habit of being wasteful.
 - D) Why the man is so fond of using his credit card.
- 9. A) It is not in fashion any more.

- B) It goes out of order frequently.
- C) It is not as fancy as his colleagues'.
- D) It lacks functions office work requires.
- 10. A) It enables him to buy a new phone at a more favorable price.
 - B) It is a special offer to recent college graduates working in offices.
 - C) It is available to office workers who have a good enough credit score.
 - D) It allows him to borrow money without paying interest for six months.
- 11. A) She borrowed money to pay her debt.
- B) She developed a habit of overspending.
- C) She enjoys buying a lot of fancy things.
- D) She regrets ignoring the woman's advice.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 12. A) Blog writing and natural resources saving.
 - C) Audience participation in *The Morning Show*.
- 13. A) Not a realistic size for families.
 - C) Only fit for families of four or less.
- 14. A) It should be changed.
 - C) It will come true sooner or later.
- 15. A) They help to lower housing prices.
 - C) They are a good choice for many people.

- B) Joint efforts to improve the local community.
- D) Home ownership and environmental protection.
- B) Not welcomed by most Americans.
- D) Only suitable for renting to the poor.
- B) It isn't easy to realize.
- D) It doesn't appeal to average families.
- B) They help to save up for larger houses.
- D) They are vital to reducing waste worldwide

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 1** with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 16. A) Play outdoors and enjoy themselves.
 - C) Take care of their well-being.
- 17. A) Enable them to develop their motor skills.
 - C) Reduce their stress and depression.
- B) Beat challenges and take risks.
- D) Grow up strong and healthy.
- B) Help them to conceal their frustration.
- D) Prevent them from feeling lonely.

- 18. A) It begins early.
 - C) It calls for lifelong efforts.

- B) It proves demanding.
- D) It lies in nature experiences.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 19. A) When companies share their information online.
 - B) When their job search criteria are met fully.
 - C) When companies embrace greater diversity.
 - D) When they find job postings visually attractive.
- 20. A) Emails in the normal format.
 - C) All companies in the same sector.
- 21. A) Job security.
 - C) Minimum base salary.

- B) Major companies in one location.
- D) Various aspects of a company's workforce.
- B) Potential pay raises.
- D) Information about diversity.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

22. A) Positive.

B) Original.

C) Important.

- D) Surprising.
- 23. A) Dogs match their behavior with kids as much as with adults.
 - B) Kids and adults alike find in dogs a source of attachment.
 - C) Kids' attitude to dogs is influenced by adults.
 - D) Dogs can help kids in many ways.
- 24. A) Dogs pay much attention to the kids they live with.
 - B) Dogs view both adults and kids as social companions.
 - C) Kids differ from adults in their behavior towards dogs.
 - D) Kids need to be aware of the risks in playing with dogs.
- 25. A) Understanding dogs.

B) Training dogs.

C) Taking care of dogs.

D) Associating with dogs.

Part III Reading Comprehension

(40 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.

Scientists have known that depriving adult mice of vision can increase the sensitivity of individual *neurons* (神经元) in the part of the brain devoted to hearing. New research from biologists at the University of Maryland <u>26</u> that sight deprivation also changes the way brain cells <u>27</u> with one another, shifting the mice's sensitivity to different frequencies.

"This study <u>28</u> what we are learning about how manipulating vision can have a <u>29</u> effect on the ability of an animal to hear long after the window for *auditory* (听觉的) learning was thought to have 30 ," said Patrick Kanold, senior author of the study.

It was once thought that the sensory regions of the brain were not 31 after a critical period

2024 年 12 月大学英语四级考试真题(第一套)解析

Part I Writing

参考范文

All students have various opportunities to support the university's green initiative and contribute to building¹ an eco-friendly campus.

Starting with small actions within our reach², we can reshape our habits to promote energy conservation. For example, lights and air conditioners should always be turned off upon leaving classrooms or dormitories, and showers should be kept brief. Any leaking faucet, no matter how minor the drip, must be reported and repaired without delay. When purchasing daily necessities either on or off campus, we should prioritize the use of recyclable or reusable bags over plastic ones, which are notoriously difficult to decompose³.

More significantly, the Student Union² could establish ecological conservation⁴ clubs, fostering greater student involvement in environmental preservation⁴ efforts. Professors and experts could be invited to deliver insightful lectures, which would, it goes without saying, further heighten our awareness of the importance of environmental protection⁴.

Through our collective efforts, we hold the promise of cultivating an eco-friendly and energy-efficient campus that, even to a modest extent⁵, contributes to the nation's broader goals of sustainable development.

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- ② Any leaking faucet, no matter how minor the drip, must be reported and repaired without delay. 任何漏水的水龙头,无论滴水多么轻微,都必须立即报告并修理。

名师点评

- 1. 在表达"建设环保校园"的含义时,应使用build而非construct。construct通常用于指代基础设施建设,而build则可以涵盖更广泛的内容,包括抽象体系或机构的构建。
- 从个人行动、学生会行动两方面展开讨论:个人行动强调从小事做起,贴近学生生活;学生会行动提出了具体的、切实的建议。
- 3. 用较为高级的表达notoriously difficult to decompose替换very hard to decompose, 强调了塑料袋难以分解这一糟糕的事实,不仅提升了语言的正式性,也增强了语言的感染力和说服力。
- 4. 巧妙使用三个近义词组ecological conservation、environmental preservation 和environmental protection,体现词汇的多样化和表达的丰富性。
- 5. 添加插入语even to a modest extent,表明"建设环保校园"对可持续发展的贡献可能较为有限,但仍然具有意义。插入语的使用有效避免了绝对化的语气,使句子更加客观、严谨。

词语拓展

the university's green initiative大学绿色行动计划→the university's environmental/ecological campaign

build an eco-friendly campus建设环保型校园 →foster an environmentally-friendly campus prioritize the use of优先使用→give precedence to

deliver insightful lectures进行富有见解的讲座→present thought-provoking talks

heighten our awareness of提高我们对······ 的意识→strengthen our understanding of

Part II Listening Comprehension

Section A

News Report One

The City of Fayetteville is making a special effort to recognize its bus drivers, ahead of the newly proclaimed Transit Driver Appreciation Day happening Saturday. [1] As part of the event, the city is celebrating its longest-serving driver on the force. That driver is Sherry Christian. Christian has been a driver for 25 years. The Fayetteville native believes driving a school bus allows her to give back to her community. She says that the best part of the job is watching the children who ride her bus grow up. Transit Driver Appreciation Day has been celebrated across the country as far back as 2009. However, this week, the City of Fayetteville issued a proclamation for the day to take place March 18th. [2] Officials said they want bus drivers to know how important they are to Fayetteville, serving almost 1.6 million riders a year.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 1. What do we learn about Sherry Christian?
 - 新闻中提到,作为活动的一部分,该市表彰一名服务时间最长的公交司机,即谢里·克里斯蒂安。选项D) "She is the longest-serving bus driver in Fayetteville"与原文信息相符,故为答案。
- 2. What did city officials of Fayetteville want bus drivers to be aware of?
 - A 新闻最后提到,官员想让公交司机明白他们对本市有多么重要——每年为近160万乘客服务。 选项A) "The importance of their service to the city"是对原文信息的同义转述,故为答案。

News Report Two

[3] The Wilton School Board has proposed a 5.99 percent spending increase. If approved, it would be the largest jump in at least eight budget cycles. The 5.99 percent request more than doubles the highest previous year-over-year increase in the last eight years, which was 2.99 percent for the 2021-2022 school year. The biggest driver of the 91.8-million-dollar proposed budget remains teachers' salaries. These account for 64 percent of the total request at 59 million dollars. The 59 million dollars is up from the 56.7 million dollars budgeted for the current school year. There are some factors that could affect the budget moving forward. One of those is total enrollment. The district will have a total enrollment of 3,742 students. Almost all of these students will be in kindergarten through high school, but 66 will be in pre-kindergarten and other programs. This represents 47 fewer students than the current year. [4] Fewer students mean less federal and state funding.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 3. What does the news report say the Wilton School Board has done?
 - S 新闻开头提到,威尔顿学校董事会提议增加5.99%的支出。选项C) "Proposed a spending increase by 5.99 percent" 复现原文信息,故为答案。

- 4. What will a decline in the total enrollment lead to?
 - B 新闻最后提到,更少的学生意味着更少的联邦资金和州资金。选项B) "Reduction in federal and state funding"是对原文信息的同义转述,故为答案。

News Report Three

A rare thundersnow event has taken place in Scotland, and alarmed locals contacted police, thinking they had heard bombs going off. [5] The phenomenon happens when thunder and lightning mix with a heavy snowstorm, sometimes causing loud claps that can be confused with explosions. One person described it as a loud boom similar to a plane crash. Another person was woken up in the middle of the night by what he thought was early construction work starting. The noise was powerful enough to shake buildings and set off car alarms. [6] The police were flooded with many calls from the public, and they sent out a message asking people to remain calm. The police assured everyone that it was just thunder and lightning rather than some military exercise. [7] The weather was the coldest it had been for the season, so people were warned to be careful when traveling outside. In particular, dangerous conditions, such as icy roads or wet ground, could cause difficulty for drivers. The rail service also announced potential disruptions to trains due to the deep snow. Some roads were also closed because of the severe weather.

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 5. What do we learn about thundersnows from the report?
 - **D** 新闻开头提到,在雷电交加的暴风雪中,这种现象会发生,有时会产生巨大的声响,让人误以为发生了爆炸。选项D) "Their loud claps can be confused with explosions" 复现原文信息,故为答案。
- 6. What did the police do when they received the local residents' phone calls?
 - A 新闻中提到,民众打来的电话应接不暇,警方发出公告,要求人们保持镇定。选项A) "They sent out a message to calm them down"是对原文信息的同义转述,故为答案。
- 7. What were people advised to do when traveling outside?
 - B 新闻中提到,这是入冬以来最寒冷的时刻,群众出行时务必小心谨慎。选项B) "Take caution"是对原文信息的同义转述,故为答案。

Section B

Conversation One

- **M:** I'm going to the city center to buy a new phone today.
- W: Didn't you buy a new phone just two months ago?
- **M:** It was three months ago, and I already know what you're going to say. You're thinking I shouldn't replace my phone this soon!
- W: [8] No, actually, I was wondering how you could possibly afford a new phone. But now that you mention it, I do think getting another phone so soon is wasteful, regardless of the cost.
- M: Maybe you're right, but the thing is, [9] everyone at the office has a nice, expensive phone, and I'm a