

59. What is the dish Joojeh Kabob mainly made of?
- A. Rice. B. Chicken. C. Bread. D. Beef. 【B】
60. It can be inferred from the passage that the restaurant _____.
A. occupies a large space
B. owns a favorable location
C. is popular for its special food
D. has a quiet environment inside 【C】

B

My father was Chief Engineer of a merchant ship, which was sunk in World War II. The book *Night of the U-boats* told the story.

Memories

In September, 1940, my mother, sister and I went to Swansea, where my father's ship was getting ready to sail. We brought him a family photograph to be kept with him at all times and keep him safe.

Then I remember my mother lying face down, sobbing. She had heard from a friend that the ship had been sunk by a torpedo (鱼雷).

I can remember the arrival of the telegram (电报), which in those days always brought bad news. My grandmother opened it. It read, "Safe. Love Ted."

My most vivid memory is being woken and brought down to sit on my father's knee, his arm in a bandage.

He was judged unfit to return to sea and took a shore job in Glasgow for the rest of the war. For as long as I can remember, he had a weak heart. Mother said it was caused by the torpedoes. He said it was because of the cigarettes. Whichever, he died suddenly in his early 50s.

Ten years later I read *Night of the U-boats* and was able to complete the story.

Torpedo

One torpedo struck the ship. Father was in the engine room, where the third engineer was killed. He shut down the engines to slow the ship making it easier for it to be abandoned.

By the time he got on deck (甲板) he was alone. Every lifeboat was gone except one which had stuck fast. When he tried to cut it free, it swung against the ship, injuring his hand and arm. He had no choice but to jump — still with the photograph in his pocket.

Three days later, he and other survivors were safe in Glasgow. All 23 with him signed the back of the photograph.

A Toast

In my room is the book and the photograph. Often, glass in hand, I have wondered how I would have dealt with an explosion, a sinking ship, a jump into a vast ocean and a wait for rescue? Lest (以免) we forget, I have some more whisky and toast the heroes of the war.

61. We can infer that the mother and children went to Swansea _____.
A. to meet a friend
B. to see the father off
C. to take a family photo
D. to enjoy the sailing of the ship 【B】
62. What did the author learn about the father from the telegram?
A. He was still alive.
B. His knee was broken.
C. His ship had been sunk.
D. He had arrived in Glasgow. 【A】
63. The underlined word "it" in Paragraph 6 refers to the father's _____.
A. weak heart
B. taking a shore job
C. failure to return to sea
D. injury caused by a torpedo 【A】
64. What can we know about the author's father after his ship was attacked?
A. He lost his arm.
B. He repaired the engines.
C. He managed to take a lifeboat.
D. He was the last to leave the ship. 【D】
65. What is the passage mainly about?
A. A group of forgotten heroes.
B. A book describing a terrifying battle.
C. A ship engineer's wartime experience.
D. A merchant's memories of a sea rescue. 【C】

C

A recent study of ancient and modern elephants has come up with the unexpected conclusion that the African elephant is divided into two distinct (不同的) species.

The discovery was made by researchers at York and Harvard Universities when they were examining the genetic relationship between the ancient woolly mammoth and mastodon to modern elephants — the Asian elephant, African forest elephant, and African savanna elephant.

Once they obtained DNA sequences (序列) from two fossils (化石), mammoths and mastodons, the team compared them with DNA from modern elephants. They found to their amazement that modern forest and savanna elephants are as distinct from each other as Asian elephants and mammoths.

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The scientists used detailed genetic analysis to prove that the African savanna elephant and the African forest elephant have been distinct species for several million years. The divergence of the two species took place around the time of the divergence of Asian elephants and woolly mammoths. This result amazed all the scientists.

There has long been debate in the scientific community that the two might be separate species, but this is the most convincing scientific evidence so far that they are indeed different species.

Previously, many naturalists believed that African savanna elephants and African forest elephants were two populations of the same species, despite the elephants' significant size differences. The savanna elephant has an average shoulder height of 3.5 metres while the forest elephant has an average shoulder height of 2.5 metres. The savanna elephant weighs between six and seven tons, roughly double the weight of the forest elephant. But the fact that they look so different does not necessarily mean they are different species. However the proof lay in the analysis of the DNA.

Alfred Roca, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois, said, "We now have to treat the forest and savanna elephants as two different units for conservation purposes. Since 1950, all African elephants have been conserved as one species. Now that we know the forest and savanna elephants are two very distinctive animals, the forest elephant should become a bigger priority (优先) for conservation purposes."

66. One of the fossils studied by the researchers is that of _____.
A. the Asian elephant
B. the forest elephant
C. the savanna elephant
D. the mastodon elephant 【D】
67. The underlined word "divergence" in Paragraph 4 means "_____".
A. evolution
B. exhibition
C. separation
D. examination 【C】
68. The researchers' conclusion was based on a study of the African elephant's _____.
A. DNA
B. height
C. weight
D. population 【A】

69. What are Alfred Roca's words mainly about?
A. The conservation of African elephants.
B. The purpose of studying African elephants.
C. The way to divide African elephants into two units.
D. The reason for the distinction of African elephants. 【A】
70. Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?
A. Naturalists' Beliefs about Elephants
B. Amazing Experiments about Elephants
C. An Unexpected Finding about Elephants
D. A Long Scientific Debate about Elephants 【C】

Part IV Writing (45 marks)

Section A (10 marks)

Directions: Read the following passage. Fill in the numbered blanks by using the information from the passage.

Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each answer.

A person searches various websites for different reasons, such as school, work, or entertainment. For teenagers, many informative resources on the Internet can be used. As a matter of fact, there are educational, music and art websites that are truly helpful to teenagers, because they can help make one's life easier.

Educational websites are helpful to a teenager in doing school work and searching for a college. Some can help studying for tests, explaining a lesson, and doing homework. Some can help find the right schools based on one's interests. And still others have pages devoted to the social life at each of the colleges or the specific activities that occur at a certain school.

Some free music sites enable a teenager to diversify their musical tastes. On these sites, all types of music are available such as pop, rock, jazz, and country. One can type in a song, category or artist and his or her entire catalog appears. Then, the listener can make multiple playlists without creating an account (账户) with the site.

There are various art websites that can help students to appreciate and create art pieces. On these sites, a student can view numerous photos and art pieces from different mediums or create an account with the website to upload their art pieces for people to see. In addition, one can enjoy various art projects that people have created on display for the rest of the world.

Truly informative resources are offered on the Internet. The best suggestion one can receive is to try to look for new websites that can help in the educational, music, or art area, so one can become well-rounded and informed.