

1. 完形填空

A parent's hopes for 2030

When 2010 arrived, my son was only a year old—tiny. _____, the master of a few basic words, but still mostly the baby we'd _____ into the world.

Now my baby has grown into an _____—tall, strong, stout, and smart, a(n) _____ of Akira Kurosawa samurai movies.

A _____ from now, in 2030, he will be an adult. I expect the next 10 years to fly by, and be filled with _____. As 2020 begins, I am thinking about the kind of world my son will _____ and experience. I _____ for him, and for all the young people of his age. So I have several _____ for the world my son and his generation will live in:

I hope we finally get _____ about climate change. Polar ice is melting. The oceans are _____. The question is _____ whether we can stop climate change, but whether we're willing and able to do anything to _____ it.

I'm not sure what a warming planet will _____ for my son's life. I suspect it means he will live in a world where nations and groups _____ limited resources like clean water and food, which means that the danger of climate change won't come just from rising oceans, but from other humans competing for control over what's

The world is always going to be full of _____ about how to solve the challenges we face. I hope, too, that my son's generation learns to _____ justice—but to do so with big heart and humility, recognizing our common humanity(人性) even with people who _____ us.

The world of 2030 won't _____ itself. We are creating it now, so my final wish is that we build the kind of world we actually want our children to live in.

【1】A. special B. generous C. intelligent D. dependent

【2】A. welcomed B. raised C. grown D. congratulated

【3】A. athlete B. adolescent C. artist D. engineer

【4】A. director B. author C. lover D. reader

【5】A. month B. century C. year D. decade

【6】A. questions B. experience C. danger D. change

【7】A. create B. notice C. face D. shake

【8】A. worry B. sacrifice C. provide D. arrange

【9】A. plans B. methods C. hopes D. choices

【10】A. particular B. serious C. optimistic D. enthusiastic

【11】A. drying B. rising C. growing D. cooling

【12】A. for sure B. as usual C. no longer D. till now

【13】A. slow B. record C. complete D. oppose

【14】A. mean B. obtain C. share D. seek

【15】A. pick up B. fight over C. turn down D. take part

【16】A. finished B. continued C. started D. left

【17】A. aims B. examples C. disagreements D. results

【18】A. escape B. express C. seek D. affect

【19】A. differ from B. agree with C. refer to D. call for

【20】A. blame B. admire C. prove D. build

2. 阅读理解

The Wake-up Call



"What's that?" my ten-year-old daughter, Genie, asked. She'd caught me laughing at a piece of mail I'd just opened. "Wake-up service; \$2.50 per call." At the bottom was a phone number and a drawing of a rotary phone, like the one my great-aunt Sara had owned 40 years ago.

"Is that mail funny?" Genie asked.

"Not really," I admitted. "It's just outdated."

"What's a wake-up call?" She frowned (皱眉). I explained how, before smart-phones, people sometimes paid someone to wake them with a call.

"Who sent this flyer?" she pressed.

"Probably someone older," I said, "and could use some money."

Her eyes lit up. "Can we order a wake-up?" she asked.

"We don't need it." I picked it up and headed for the recycling bin.

"Wait!" she shrieked.

"I feel sorry for the wake-up man, if he needs some money," she said, tearing up. "Can't we order?"

I looked at the flyer with its drawing of a rotary phone. I remembered, again, my great-aunt Sara and her rotary phone. As a kid, I'd visited her over Labor Day, when Jerry Lewis would host his charity event for the disabled kids. Aunt Sara would squeeze my hand, then reach for the rotary phone, dialing the number on the screen. Holding the receiver between us, we'd announce to the operator, "We'd like to help those kids."

Now here was my own child, showing the same big heart I'd once been encouraged to have, and how could I ignore her? I Googled the flyer's return address. The address belonged to a man called Raymond. He was in his mid-60s. We called him and, holding the receiver between us, the way Aunt Sara and I used to, told him we needed his services. "Great!" Raymond said in a shaky but friendly voice, clearly amazed at receiving an order from a child. When I asked how to pay the \$2.50, he answered, "Mail a check."

Genie was happy all week. Friday night, I put the phone by her pillow so she could answer Raymond's call. She bounded to my bedroom to tell me all about how he'd wished her a good morning and told her to have a great day, which she did.

Technology has made some things outdated. But there are still other things the world will always require. In the rush and hustle of my daily life, I'd temporarily forgotten that. I guess I just needed a wake-up call.

【1】The author laughed at the mail because _____.

A. it was printed roughly

B. the drawing in it was poor