

平顶山市高二英语期末考试（2022年前半期）在线免费考试

1. 阅读理解

Here are four fun Thanksgiving tradition facts.

Turkey and cranberry sauce (小红莓果酱)

While the Native Americans and Pilgrims are believed to have feasted on geese, lobster, cod and deer, present-day Thanksgiving dinners mainly feature turkey. Some experts believe the birds were selected because they were cheaper, and easier to raise. The bird was suggested by Sarah Josepha Hale to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Since President Abraham Lincoln loved roasted turkey, he happily included the bird on his Thanksgiving menu. The idea of pairing the bird with cranberry sauce is believed to be the brainchild of Civil War Union General Ulysses S. Grant in 1864.

Turkey Trots

Many Americans build up their appetites (食欲) for the holiday feast by participating in their town or city's morning runs, or "Turkey Trots". The fun tradition was started in 1896 by six people of Buffalo, New York. It is the world's oldest footrace, attracting over 14,000 runners of all ages and abilities every year.

Thanksgiving parades

American retailer Macy's has been holding a Thanksgiving parade along Manhattan's 77th Street and Central Park West since 1924. Though the popular event, which attracts over 3.5 million people in person and about 50 million television viewers, now contains giant floats (花车), the first parade featured animals from New York's Central Park Zoo.

The Presidential turkey pardon

Every year, two lucky turkeys escape the Thanksgiving table due to a special pardoning supported by the US president. People credit the fun tradition to President Harry Truman (April 12, 1945 to January 20, 1953). Though at first, just one bird could be freed, a "spare" was added in 1981, after a turkey named Liberty escaped by accident before President Ronald Reagan was able to grant (授予) his pardon at the ceremony.

【1】Which of the following traditions has the longest history?

- A. Turkey Trots. B. Thanksgiving parades.
C. Turkey and cranberry sauce. D. The Presidential turkey pardon.

【2】Which is a benefit of many Americans observing the tradition "Turkey Trots"?

- A. Building good relationships with others. B. Winning awards given by the government.
C. Adding a new tradition to the festival. D. Physically preparing for the coming holiday feast.

【3】The presidential turkey pardon was changed in 1981 probably to _____.

- A. make it easy to name the turkeys B. attract more people to participate
C. give the pardoned turkey a partner D. make sure the pardon could be carried out

2. 阅读理解

Twenty-year old Brian, our eldest son, was riding his motorcycle home from work when a drunken driver ran him down. The driver, Ruben Gonzalez, was accused of man-slaughter (过失杀人). For three years we had waited. Now we were to be in court (法庭) in three weeks' time, when the judge would sentence (判决) Gonzalez at last.

"Jeri," our lawyer said, "there is a chance that the judge might delay (延期) Gonzalez's sentence because his boy has a bad heart and may only live six months. Please be prepared." "Prepared for what?" I shouted. "The possibility of Brian's killer going unpunished?"

In the car, I sat in silent agony as my husband Charles drove us home. I believed that the man who had killed my beautiful son should be punished. It might teach others a lesson about drinking and driving. All I wanted was a twenty-month prison term.

On the day of the sentencing, the courtroom was filled with our relatives and friends. When it was time for me to read my statement, I glanced at Mr. Gonzalez and said, "I pray that God will let your boy live. But if you lose him, you will know the feeling we have known losing our son." Then judge Gilroy called Gonzalez forward and pronounced the sentence. Twenty months in prison, to be served immediately.

I just sat there, feeling no relief. The lawyer said we could go if we wished, but I couldn't move. My mind spun all the next day. I said to Charles, "I know this sounds strange after all we've been through, but I feel very strongly that we should ask the court to let Mr. Gonzalez be with his son." Relief flooded my husband's face and I knew he felt the same. He picked up the phone and dialed the judge's office. "I hope it's not too late," Charles said.

The next day we were back in the courtroom. Ruben Gonzalez was called forward by judge Gilroy and told that he would be allowed to spend his son's final days with him, after which he would complete a six-month prison term.

【1】What had the author and her husband probably waited for?

- A. Apology from Gonzalez. B. The police arresting Gonzalez.
C. The court putting Gonzalez into prison. D. The judge delaying Gonzalez's sentence.

【2】What does the underlined word "agony" in paragraph 3 probably mean?

- A. Doubt. B. Pain.
C. Shame. D. Peace.

【3】What can we know from the original sentence for Gonzalez?

- A. It brought much relief to the author.
B. It completely met what the author had wanted.
C. Gonzalez was slightly punished because of his son.
D. The author's statement had a large influence on it.

【4】Which of the following can best describe the author and her husband?

- A. Heartless. B. Undetermined.
C. Merciful. D. Honest.

3. 阅读理解

At least 200 elephants have died in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe in the past two months due to a serious drought (干旱) in the country. National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority spokesman Tinashé Farawo told The Associated Press. Other animals, including giraffes, zebras, hippos and buffaloes are also dying due to the drought. "The situation cannot improve until it rains," Farawo said.

"Almost every animal is being affected," Farawo said. "Of course, elephants are easily noticed, but some bird species are seriously affected because they can only breed (繁殖) in certain tree heights and those trees are being knocked down by elephants."

"In a desperate attempt to locate food and water, animals have come in the park and nearby communities, threatening human populations as well. Thirty-three people have died because of these animals this year," the park said.

"Six hundred elephants and two lion prides will be moved to less crowded parks. A pack of wild dogs, 50 buffaloes, 40 giraffes and 2,000 impalas will also be relocated,