

## 池州市2022年高二英语下册期末考试同步练习

### 1. 阅读理解

#### THEN WE CAME TO THE END

Joshua Ferris

The first novel by American author Joshua Ferris was so different, because it is written in the second on; the group of odd office colleagues talk and act as a collective. It must have been hard to maintain, but Ferris does a great job. It is really a good novel set in boring office environments.

#### THE GRAPES OF WRATH

John Steinbeck

Obviously a classic and still popular, the themes of this novel are timeless and echo just us strongly today. Set during the Great Depression, the story follows a family of “Okies” — poor migrant farmers from Oklahoma — as they head west seeking work.

#### PROPERTY

Lionel Shriver

Short stories from one of our best contemporary writers. Exploring the theme of possessions and ownership from many angles, this is certainly one for Marie Kondo fans. I have long been interested in what it is about things that can hook some people. The drive to possess items that serve no obvious purpose is most appealing to me. Fine, if an item is something given to you by someone special. But if you take a look around you, some things are probably simply useless and unmemorable. Shriver’s book explores it better.

#### THE LOVE THAT I HAVE

James Maloney

This absorbing story is about Margot Baumann, who takes a job in a mail-room in what, as later becomes clear, is a concentration camp. The amazing thing is the perspective it gives of German life during World War II. Of course not all Germans, probably the large majority, had any real idea of what was going on. Within Margot’s immediate circle you see the reactions among the German population to the rise and fall of their beloved — or hated-Fuhrer (元首). And nation.

【1】For whom is this text mainly intended?

- A. Novelists. B. Book addicts.  
C. Editors. D. Story tellers.

【2】Who may be liked by Marie Kondo fans?

- A. Joshua Ferris. B. John Steinbeck.  
C. Lionel Shriver. D. James Maloney

【3】What is special about THE LOVE THAT I HAVE?

- A. It follows a family of “Okies”.  
B. It is set in boring office environments.  
C. It tells stories about a contemporary writer.  
D. It explores the rise and fall of a nation in the world.

### 2. 阅读理解

One spring morning, I was hiking on southeastern Alaska’s Island when I froze. 20 paces away was a huge Alaskan Wolf — caught in a trap. It was a mother wolf.

Somewhere there were hungry pups (幼崽) waiting for her.

From her appearance, I guessed that she had been trapped only a few days. That meant her pups were probably still alive. So I decided to search for her pups.

Fortunately, I spotted her pups. I began imitating the high-pitched call of a mother wolf calling her young. A few moments later, four tiny pups appeared. One by one, I placed them in a bag and headed back down the slope.

When the mother wolf spotted me, she let out a high-pitched. I released the pups, and they raced to her. I could see that the trap’s steel jaws had imprisoned only two toes. They were swollen, but she wouldn’t lose the paw — if I could free her.

“OK,” I said. “Just a minute and you will be free.” I applied pressure, the trap opened, and the wolf pulled free. Reaching the far side, I looked back. The mother and her pups were sitting where I had left them, watching me. I waved. At the same time, the mother wolf sent a long howl into the air.

Four years later, I returned after serving in the Army. Standing on the edge of a hill, I gave out a wolf call. An echo came and a wolf call followed. Then I saw a dark shape moving in my direction. “Hello, old girl,” I called gently. The wolf moved closer, her tail wagging slightly. Moments later, the wolf left. But the memory she left with me will always be there, a reminder that there are things in nature that exist outside the laws and understanding of man.

【1】How did the author feel when he first came across the wolf?

- A. Frightened. B. Satisfied.  
C. Excited. D. Disappointed.

【2】What is the main idea of the second paragraph?

- A. The author rescued the mother wolf.  
B. The author managed to find the pups.  
C. The author took the pups from their mother.  
D. How did the author freed the mother wolf.

【3】What can we learn from the text?

- A. The author was once a soldier.  
B. It was winter when the story happened.  
C. The author never saw the wolf again after saving her.  
D. The wolf couldn’t recognize the author four years later.

【4】What can be the best title for the text?

- A. A Hike Trapped a Wolf.  
B. We Should Protect the Wolf.  
C. The Story Between a Man And a Wolf.  
D. How Can One Help Endangered Animals.

### 3. 阅读理解

If a shopper clicks “buy” for a product that costs \$1,000 or more, it’s twice as likely to be a man than a woman. That’s one of the results revealed in a new NPR/ Marist poll about online shopping.

The poll found that 27 percent of online shoppers — regardless of gender — have bought big-ticket items (\$1,000 or more). It’s the evolution of digital commerce from