

《高考英语阅读理解真题128(含答案解析)》

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We ' ve been there: in a lift, in line at the bank or on an airplane, surrounded by people who are, like us, deeply focused on their smartphones or, worse, struggling with the uncomfortable silence.

What ' s the problem? It is possible that we all have compromised conversational intelligence. It ' s more likely that none of us start a conversation because it ' s awkward and challenging, or we think it ' s annoying and unnecessary. But the next time you find yourself among strangers, consider that small talk is worth the trouble. Experts say it ' s an invaluable social practice that results in big benefits.

Dismissing small talk as unimportant is easy, but we can ' t forget that deep relationships wouldn ' t even exist if it weren ' t for casual conversation. Small talk is the grease (润滑剂) for social communication, says Bernardo Carducci, director of the Shyness Research Institute at Indian University Southeast. " Almost every great love story and each big business deal begins with small talk, " he explains. " The key to successful small talk is learning how to connect with others, not just communicate with them. "

In a 2014 study, Elizabeth Dunn, associate professor of psychology at UBC, invited people on their way into a coffee shop. One group was asked to seek out an interaction (互动) with its waiter; the other, to speak only when necessary. The results showed that those who chatted with their server reported significantly higher positive feelings and a better coffee shop experience. " It ' s not that talking to the waiter is better than talking to your husband, " say Dunn. " But interactions with peripheral (边缘的) members of our social network matter for our well-being also. "

Dunn believes that people who research out to strangers feel a significantly greater sense of belonging, a bond with others. Carducci believes developing such a sense of belonging starts with small talk. " Small talk is the basis of good manners, " he says.

32. What phenomenon is described in the first paragraph?

A. Addiction to smartphones.

B. Inappropriate behaviours in public places.

C. Absence of communication between strangers.

D. Impatience with slow service.

33. What is important for successful small talk according to Carducci?

A. Showing good manners.B. Relating to other people.

C. Focusing on a topic.D. Making business deals.

34. What does the coffee-shop study suggest about small talk?

A. It improves family relationships.B. It raises people ' s confidence.

C. It matters as much as a formal talk.D. It makes people feel good.

35. What is the best title for the text?

A. Conversation Counts

B. Ways of Making Small Talk

C. Benefits of Small Talk

D. Uncomfortable Silence

答案解析：

32. C. 第一段描述了在电梯、银行排队或飞机上，人们专注于自己的智能手机，或者不舒服地沉默，这表明了陌生人之间缺乏交流的现象。

33. B. 根据第三段中Carducci的话"The key to successful small talk is learning how to connect with others, not just communicate with them."可知，成功的小聊的关键是学习如何与他人建立联系，而不仅仅是与他们交流。

34. D. 根据第四段中Dunn的研究结果"The results showed that those who chatted with their server reported significantly higher positive feelings and a better coffee shop experience."可知，与服务员聊天的人报告了更积极的感受和更好的咖啡店体验，这表明小聊可以让人感觉良好。

35. C. 整篇文章讨论了小聊的重要性，以及它如何带来积极的社会和实践上的好处，因此最佳标题应该是“小聊的好处”。其他选项要么范围太窄，要么没有涵盖文章的主要内容。

