

dancing in high-heel shoes. Though it turned out she didn't have to dance in the film, she learned from the experience what it feels like to be a dance hostess. In March 2005, Zhang was given the Golden Statue Award for Best Actress for her performance in *2046*, winning all-round affirmation from the mainstream Chinese film circles with her excellent acting.

### ***Memoirs of a Geisha*: A New Challenge**

In August 2004, the American Columbia Broadcasting Corporation announced Zhang Ziyi would play the leading role of Sayuri in the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. It is the first Hollywood film where Zhang Ziyi plays the leading role, and she will have to speak English throughout the film. As she said, a new challenge has begun. With her success in film acting, Zhang Ziyi's influence and renown is spreading internationally. In April 2005, an American magazine — *Times* — elected Zhang Ziyi as one of the most influential people in 2005, and she is the only Chinese performer to be listed. While expressing her honor to be listed, Zhang says that as an actress, what she wants to do is to try her best to improve her acting skills and provide more and more quality films.

(1,120 words)

### ⇒ **Statements**

- \_\_\_ 1. From the day of her very first film, Zhang Ziyi has been placed at the core of international film circles and has seized the hearts of thousands of film fans with her charming smile.
- \_\_\_ 2. Zhang Ziyi was very proud of receiving the award for folk dance performance during the fourth All-China Youth "Peach and Plum Award" Dance Contest and made up her mind to be a dance performer.
- \_\_\_ 3. It is said that Zhang Ziyi was chosen to play the role of "mother" in the film *The Road Home* mainly because of her naive face and the pair of big eyes, which, in the director's opinion, were indispensable to the love affair in an age of innocence.
- \_\_\_ 4. The great success of *Memoirs of a Geisha* provided a good opportunity for the inexperienced actress to enter international film circles.
- \_\_\_ 5. It is in the film *Hero* that Zhang Ziyi and Zhang Yimou cooperated for the second time and at the same time *Rush Hour 2* was being screened in China.
- \_\_\_ 6. Zhang Ziyi's dream of starring in the role of a blind girl came true when Zhang Yimou invited her to play the leading role in his new film *House of Flying Daggers*.
- \_\_\_ 7. A film review from *Mirror* comments that in terms of the actress' performance, the action arrangement and acoustic design, Zhang Ziyi's performance in the bamboo forest in the film *House of Flying Daggers* will become a classic shot.
- \_\_\_ 8. In order to play her first dance hostess role well, Zhang Ziyi practiced a lot in great detail but it turned out that she didn't have to dance in the film *2046*.
- \_\_\_ 9. Zhang Ziyi was very excited to be given the Golden Statue Award for Best Actress for her

performance in 2046 and attributed her success to the support from her parents.

\_\_\_ 10. *Memoirs of a Geisha* is the first Hollywood film where Zhang Ziyi plays the leading role, and she will have to speak English throughout the film, which is a new challenge for her.



## II. Reading in Depth (RD)

In this part, there are two passages with ten blanks respectively. Please select one word for each blank from the word bank following each passage. **You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.**

### ◀ Passage 1 ▶

Stars can find themselves in money trouble before they know it. While performing in Las Vegas with Dean Martin at the Flamingo hotel in 1953, twenty-seven-year old Jerry Lewis ran up \$137,000 dollars in gambling debts. The mobsters who ran the casino \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ him to ask how he planned to pay it off. The nervy Lewis told them it was their fault for letting a kid run up such a large tab. How irresponsible! The gangsters, a bit \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_, agreed, then repeated their question. Realizing that these nice gentlemen could whack him, Jerry asked them what they suggested. After a(n) \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ conference they told him he would work it off. The gambling \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ Lewis asked if he could win it back at the card table instead, he was told a firm “no”. The debt took a year and half for the comedian to \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_. A celebrity’s money trouble can spill over to others that they work with. Judy Garland was a popular guest on television talk shows in the 1960s. The problem with her booking was in cities where she appeared hotels were \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ to put her up. She was famous for \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_ the help and skipping out on her bills. One time her assistant called up a well-known hotel to see if she could stay there. “It’s absolutely impossible,” he was told. What if Judy paid off the \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_ bills? He was then told she could pay double what she \_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_ and she still wouldn’t get a room there. Being broke in Hollywood is often a matter of perspective. One time at a party Martin Scorsese was lamenting to his \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ director Frances Ford Coppola, “Frances I’m broke. They’ve torn up my credit cards. I have nothing, do you understand me, nothing!” “Marty, will you shut up? I owe fifty million dollars.”

(325 words)

A. bewildered	B. hasty	C. dispose	D. eliminate	E. fascinated
F. addicted	G. challenged	H. abusing	I. fellow	J. owed
K. cooperater	L. overdue	M. confronted	N. reluctant	O. lent

### ◀ Passage 2 ▶

An unfinished play by Oscar Wilde has been \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ which deals with the effect his homosexual affairs had on his marriage. Neil Kydd, a fan of the playwright, unearthed the \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ while looking through Wilde’s works in the University of California’s library. He hopes to publish the story, *A Wife’s Tragedy*, which has \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ with Wilde’s life.

The play was written in 1892 when Wilde's marriage to his long-suffering wife, Constance, was reaching a(n) 4 point. The manuscript, written in the playwright's own hand and littered with scribbles, tells the story of a man who 5 his wife by seducing another woman. Mr. Kydd said: "It was written in 1892 when he was completely besotted with Lord Alfred Douglas." "He was no doubt really 6 with remorse and guilt and betrayal," he said. Wilde married Constance Lloyd and their first child was born in June 1885. When their second child was born in 1886, Wilde had already 7 on his first homosexual affair with a noble man, Lord Alfred Douglas. In 1895, Wilde was 8 with committing indecent acts and was sentenced to two years' hard labour where he never recovered from his prison experiences and died in 1900 in self-imposed 9 in France. Mr. Kydd said he was very excited to have found the manuscript. "Anything that can throw perhaps a new light and give us a small 10 into the marital troubles that Wilde was going through is an exciting find." (263 words)

A. critical	B. betrays	C. accused	D. exile	E. embarked
F. started	G. charged	H. paralleled	I. uncovered	J. manuscript
K. handwriting	L. revealed	M. wrestling	N. insight	O. compared



### III. Traditional Passage Reading (TPR)

*There are four passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. Please choose the best answer and circle the corresponding letter.*

#### (1)

I never understood the value of having good credit until it was too late. I remember the first time that I really needed to have good credit and I didn't. Like most people, my credit problems began when I was in college. My parents never taught me about spending, saving, or about paying bills. For the most part when I left for college, I was on my own. Because I had worked through high school and had some money saved, I wasn't too worried at first. By my second semester my savings were nearly **depleted** and I had begun applying for credit.

I struggled to pay my bills after graduating from college, but I still did not learn. In my early twenties, I applied for and received a high line of revolving credit. Within six months after my graduation, the account had been closed due to non payment, meaning that I still had to pay for the credit, but they would not extend credit to me in the future.

When you have serious debt problems, you'd better go to your bank or call your creditor. Speak to them about getting a payment deferment (延期) until you are back on your feet. Sometimes creditors will also work with you on a reduced payment plan if you can afford to pay some or most of your bill. The latter is usually the best option. Even if you can only give them \$10 a month, give it to them. They want to know that you can at least give them something.