**M2U4词汇与语法复习（1） 拓展练习**

练习一：阅读短文，从各题A、B、C、D四个选项中，选出可以填入空白处的最佳答案。

A New Friend and Perspective (视角)

I picked up the phone, slowly dialing the number to her house. All I could think was what we could possibly have a conversation about. 1 ! I didn’t think I could have anything in common with someone who is 50 years older than me.

“Your grandmother won’t be around forever,” my mom said, 2 I just did what she told me and painfully 3 my grandmother. What I didn’t know was that the phone call would change my perspective on life and my grandmother.

When she answered the 4 , I planned to have a small conversation. Instead, she invited me to lunch. Hesitantly, I replied with a “ 5 .”

When I hung up the phone, I immediately regretted 6 to the lunch date. How was I going to fit this 7 my busy schedule of homework, games, and friends? It was not my ideal Saturday, but I sucked it up and 8 anyway. Me and my grandmother… nothing to talk about.

 9 , my Saturday morning wasn’t painful. I was interested in listening about her recent trip to Europe and how she saw the famous Eiffel Tower. She told me stories about her sewing class and her friends. I wasn’t aware that 60-year-old people had a social life. It turned out that her life wasn’t as 10 as I thought. For once, I was 11 without friends and without my cell phone. We planned to meet again at her house. This time, my mom didn’t have to 12 me.

During the next visit, we sorted through three shoeboxes of photographs. There was an interesting story for each one. I learned that as humans, we share human experiences, no matter what age.

 13 I made the first phone call to my grandmother, we have talked at least once a week. I regret not calling her 14 . Her advice has taught me things that can’t be learned in a textbook. She taught me to be open to new things, to enjoy the simple things, and to appreciate what life has given me. I have 15 a friend, a mentor (导师), and a new perspective.

1. A. Nothing B. Something C. Everything D. Anything

2. A. for B. but C. so D. or

3. A. left B. called C. visited D. helped

4. A. phone B. door C. letter D. question

5. A. I’m busy B. Never mind C. That sounds great D. I’m afraid not

6. A. agreeing B. sticking C. keeping D. objecting

7. A. up B. on C. with D. into

8. A. stopped B. waited C. went D. returned

9. A. Hopelessly B. Surprisingly C. Funnily D. Naturally

10. A. hard B. busy C. rich D. boring

11. A. curious B. content C. active D. proud

12. A. beg B. follow C. thank D. understand

13. A. Even if B. Ever since C. As long as D. As far as

14. A. later B. more often C. earlier D. less often

15. A. remembered B. brought C. changed D. gained

练习二：阅读下面短文和问题，根据短文内容和每小题后的具体要求，在答题卡相应题号后的横线上写下相关信息，完成对该问题的回答。答语要意思清楚，结构正确，书写工整。

Collector’s Corner

People collect a wide variety of things, from the obvious ones like stamps or coins, to the less common ones, such as beer bottles or bus tickets. Some collectors spend hours looking through junk shops and build up a collection for a few pence per object, while other collectors might spend thousands of pounds on antiques, fine china or rare (稀有的) paintings.

Some people collect for money, but most people do it for fun. Collecting is basically illogical. If you simply want to listen to Elvis Presley’s① first record, you can get a copy at most record shops. A collector, however, will want to own an original 1955 disc, and will be willing to pay for it.

What makes an item valuable? Rarity and condition are the most important factors. A coin or stamp which is worth hundreds in perfect condition might be worth only pence in average or poor condition.

What should you collect? Most collectors begin acquiring things which interest them, and as the collection grows, knowledge of the subject grows. If you want your collection to grow in value, it is probably best to avoid things which are sold especially for collectors. Nearly everybody who buys a set of new coins or stamps will keep them in perfect condition, so that the new coins or stamps will never become rare. The most valuable items are often things which were widely available, but which were usually thrown away after use, such as Coca-Cola bottles or toy cars. An interesting collection can be started very cheaply.

One collector has started a collection of 1950s and 1960s ball-point pens. At the moment it’s worth nothing, but she predicts it will one day be valuable. Ball-points were widely available, and were made in a large range of colours and styles. They were often designed to be thrown away when they were empty. Many people aren’t willing to throw away used pens, and put them in a drawer or box, perhaps hoping they might work again one day. So it is possible to find unusual examples, made thirty years ago or more, for nothing.

1. For what do most people collect things? (不多于2个单词)

2. What makes a collection valuable? (不多于3个单词)

3. What does the example in the last paragraph show? (不多于6个单词)