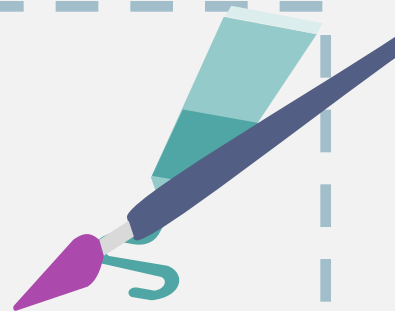


# 题组(五)



## 一、完形填空。

The umbrella is a very common object. It keeps the   1   and the sun off the people. Most umbrellas can be folded up(折叠) so it is   2   to carry them. However, the umbrella has not always been as   3   as it is now. In the past, it was a symbol of importance. Some African countries still use umbrellas in this   4  . Someone carries an umbrella and walks behind the king or important person. Umbrellas are very old. People in different parts of the world began to   5   umbrellas at different times. The Chinese

had them more than 3,000 years ago. From there, umbrellas 6 to India and Egypt. In Greece and Rome, 7 wouldn't use them. They believed umbrellas were only for women.

England was 8 the first country in Europe where common people used umbrellas against rain. The weather there is very 9 and umbrellas are very useful. Everybody uses umbrellas today. The next time you 10 one, thinking that for centuries only great men and women used them, you'll feel you are important people, too.

- ( ) 1. A. rain      B. cloud      C. air      D. water
- ( ) 2. A. lovely      B. cheap      C. hard      D. easy
- ( ) 3. A. light      B. heavy      C. common      D. special
- ( ) 4. A. way      B. size      C. reason      D. place
- ( ) 5. A. discover      B. use  
C. examine      D. discuss
- ( ) 6. A. walked      B. traveled      C. rode      D. flew
- ( ) 7. A. children      B. parents      C. men      D. women
- ( ) 8. A. probably      B. already  
C. suddenly      D. immediately
- ( ) 9. A. sunny      B. rainy      C. snowy      D. windy
- ( ) 10. A. sell      B. return      C. borrow      D. carry

二、(邵阳市中考) 阅读短文, 然后完成内容摘要。每空不超过三个单词。

### Stories and Art of Chinese Fans

You may think you cannot live through summer without air conditioners. But in ancient China, hand fans were almost the only ones to help people keep cool.



Chinese people started to use hand fans over 2,000 years ago. The fans came in different shapes, such as round and square. They were also made from

all kinds of materials. Palm leaf fans were cheap and easy to make. Feather fans (羽毛扇) showed the owner's high status. Sandalwood (檀香) fans could send out a sweet smell.

Later, hand fans became far more than just something that could cool you down. They developed into art works, in which *tuanshan* (round fans) and *zhes-han* (folded fans) were the most common.

In the shape of a full moon, *tuanshan* was usually made of silk. They had beautiful birds and flowers on them. Women especially those in the imperial pal-

ace(皇宫), liked to use them. Meanwhile, men, especially the literati(文人), used *zheshan*. The literati liked them because *zheshan* were usually made of paper and they could paint and write poems on them. It was a way for them to show off their ability in literature, painting and handwriting. Almost anything can be painted on *zheshan*.

Today, Chinese people still use these fans, only not many people write or paint on them any more. Next time when you are waving a fan, you may think of the stories behind it.

Name	Features(特征)
Palm leaf fans	1. _____ and easy to make.
2. _____	Show the owner's high status.
Sandalwood fans	Send out 3. _____.
<i>Tuanshan</i>	In the shape of 4. _____ _____.
<i>Zheshan</i>	Paint and write 5. _____.