

高考英语阅读理解真题138(含答案解析)

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Steven Stein likes to follow garbage trucks. His strange habit makes sense when you consider that he's an environmental scientist who studies how to reduce litter, including things that fall off garbage trucks as they drive down the road. What is even more interesting is that one of Stein's jobs is defending an industry behind the plastic shopping bags.

Americans use more than 100 billion thin film plastic bags every year. So many end up in tree branches or along highways that a growing number of cities do not allow them at checkouts (收银台). The bags are prohibited in some 90 cities in California, including Los Angeles. Eyeing these headwinds, plastic-bag makers are hiring scientists like Stein to make the case that their products are not as bad for the planet as most people assume.

Among the bag makers' argument: many cities with bans still allow shoppers to purchase paper bags, which are easily recycled but require more energy to produce and transport. And while plastic bags may be ugly to look at, they represent a small percentage of all garbage on the ground today.

The industry has also taken aim at the product that has appeared as its replacement: reusable shopping bags. The stronger a reusable bag is, the longer its life and the more plastic-bag use it cancels out. However, longer-lasting reusable bags often require more energy to make. One study found that a cotton bag must be used at least 131 times to be better for the planet than plastic.

Environmentalists don't dispute (质疑) these points. They hope paper bags will be banned someday too and want shoppers to use the same reusable bags for years.

24. What has Steven Stein been hired to do?

- A. Help increase grocery sales. B. Recycle the waste material.
C. Stop things falling off trucks. D. Argue for the use of plastic bags.

25. What does the word "headwinds" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. Bans on plastic bags. B. Effects of city development.
C. Headaches caused by garbage. D. Plastic bags hung in trees.

26. What is a disadvantage of reusable bags according to plastic-bag makers?

- A. They are quite expensive. B. Replacing them can be difficult.
C. They are less strong than plastic bags. D. Producing them requires more energy.

27. What is the best title for the text?

- A. Plastic, Paper or Neither B. Industry, Pollution and Environment
C. Recycle or Throw Away D. Garbage Collection and Waste Control

答案解析：

24. D。根据第二段最后一句"Eyeing these headwinds, plastic-bag makers are hiring scientists like Stein to make the case that their products are not as bad for the planet as most people assume."可知，面对这些逆风，塑料袋制造商雇佣了像斯坦因这样的科学家来证明他们的产品对地球的危害并不像大多数人认为的那样严重。因此，D选项为塑料袋的使用辩护”是正确的。

25. A。根据第二段提到的"plastic-bag makers are hiring scientists like Stein to make the case that their products are not as bad for the planet as most people assume"以及第三段提到的"Among the bag makers' argument: many cities with bans still allow shoppers to purchase paper bags..."可知，headwinds指的是对塑料袋的禁令。因此，A选项塑料袋的禁令”是正确的。

26. D。根据第四段最后一句"However, longer-lasting reusable bags often require more energy to make."可知，可重复使用的袋子更耐用，但生产它们需要更多的能源。因此，D选项生产它们需要更多的能源”是正确的。

27. A。整篇文章讨论了塑料袋、纸袋和可重复使用袋子的优缺点，以及它们对环境的影响。文章的核心是讨论哪种袋子更适合使用，或者是否都不适合。因此，A选项塑料、纸还是都不是”作为最佳标题是最合适的。

