

高二英语第六期·语法填空自测

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II. Grammar and Vocabulary

Section A

Directions: After reading the passages below, fill in the blanks to make the passages coherent and grammatically correct. For the blanks with a given word, fill in each blank with the proper form of the given word; for the other blanks, use one word that best fits each blank.

Crises of infectious diseases are becoming __1__ (common). The world should be better prepared. One of the sobering lessons of the Ebola crisis was how ill-prepared the world was for such a deadly disease. With more people on the planet, more roads and flights connect everyone, and greater contact between humans and animals, __2__ is only to be expected. When a new outbreak occurs, fear spreads even more rapidly than the virus. Politicians recalled, SARS infected 8,000, killing 800 and __3__ (cost) more than \$40 billion, because it hit richer places. SARS predicting these losses is hard, but a recent report on global health risks puts the expected economic losses from potential pandemics(流行病) at around \$60 billion a year.

As the threat grows, so does the case for strengthening defences against disease. America's National Academy of Medicine suggests that just \$4.5 billion a year (equivalent to about 3% of __4__ rich countries spend on development aid) __5__ (devote) to preparing for pandemics would make the world a lot safer. The money would strengthen public-health systems, improve co-ordination in an emergency and fund neglected areas of R&D.

But the priority should be to advance vaccines for diseases that are rare today, but which scientists know could easily become pandemics in the future. The initial development and early-stage testing of vaccines for the most likely future pandemics would cost roughly \$150m each. Drug firms have little incentive to invest in a vaccine that __6__ never be used. Better sharing of data would help. More important is funding and a review of who has liability __7__ firms rush vaccines or drugs to market.

To encourage drug firms to play their full part during an emergency, governments need to set out __8__ they will share the burden. Since the financial crisis, banks __9__ (require) to hold more capital in order to lower the risk of economic contagion(蔓延). The world spends about \$2 trillion annually on defense. Investing in health security is a similar form of insurance, __10__ one with better returns.

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1. find 2. which 3. more pronounced 4. might
5. in 6. if 7. a 8. itself 9. whatever
10. as 11. concentrating 12. that/ which/ 不填