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Passage 1 [2014河南六市联考]

文体: 应用文 题材: 广告信息 词数: 421 建议用时: 7分钟

Tayka Hotel De Sal

Where: Tahua, Bolivia

How much: About \$95 a night

Why it's cool: You've stayed at hotels made of brick or wood, but salt? That's something few can claim. Tayka Hotel de Sal is made totally of salt—including the beds (though you'll sleep on regular mattresses (床垫) and blankets). The hotel sits on the Salar de Uyuni, a prehistoric dried-up lake, and that's the world's biggest salt flat. Builders use the salt from the 4,086-square-mile flat to make the bricks, and glue them together with a paste of wet salt that hardens when it dries. When rain starts to dissolve the hotel, the owners just mix up more salt paste to strengthen the bricks.

Green Magic Nature Resort

Where: Vythiri, India

How much: About \$240 a night

Why it's cool: Riding a pulley-operated (使用滑轮的) lift 86 feet to your treetop room is just the start of your adventure. As you look out of your open window—there is no glass—you watch monkeys and birds in the rain forest canopy. Later you might test your fear of heights by crossing the handmade rope bridge to the main part of the hotel, or just sit on your bamboo bed and read. You don't even have to come down for breakfast—the hotel will send it up on the “pulley-drawn” elevator.

Dog Bark Park Inn B&B

Where: Cottonwood, Idaho, U.S.A.

How much: \$92 a night

Why it's cool: This doghouse isn't just for the family pet. Sweet Willy is a 30-foot-tall dog with guest rooms in his belly. Climb the wooden stairs beside his hind leg to enter the door in his side. You can relax in the main bedroom, go up a few

steps of the loft in Willy's head, or hang out inside his nose. Although you have a full private bathroom in your quarters, there is also a toilet in the 12-foot-tall fire hydrant outside.

Gamirasu Cave Hotel

Where: Ayvali, Turkey

How much: Between \$130 and \$475 a night.

Why it's cool: This is caveman cool! Experience what it was like 5,000 years ago, when people lived in these mountain caves formed by volcanic ash. But your stay will be much more modern. Bathrooms and electricity provide what you expect from a modern hotel, and the white volcanic ash, called tufa, keeps the rooms cool, about 65 F in summer. (Don't worry—there is heat in winter.)

- ▲1. What is the similarity of the four hotels?
- A. Being expensive. B. Being unique.
C. Being beautiful. D. Being natural.
- ▲2. What does the underlined part “Sweet Willy” refer to?
- A. The name of the hotel.
B. The name of a pet dog of tile hotel owner.
C. The name of the hotel owner.
D. The building of Dog Bark Park Inn B&B.
- ▲3. Which of the hotel makes you have a feeling of living in the far past?
- A. Gamirasu Cave Hotel.
B. Green Magic Nature Resort.
C. Dog Bark Park Inn B&B.
D. Tayka Hotel De Sal.
4. What may be the writer's purpose of writing the passage?
- A. To show his wide knowledge.
B. To attract attention from readers.
C. To develop business in tourism.
D. To introduce some interesting hotels.

Passage 2 [2014湖北八市2月调考]

文体: 说明文 题材: 产品介绍 词数: 353 建议用时: 6分钟

Password (密码) strength has been a topic about the Internet lately. I have seen lots of clever methods for generating and remembering strong passwords. Some are better than others, but in my opinion, none are adequate. Here's the problem: It doesn't matter how strong your passwords are if you use the same one on multiple sites. All it takes is for a site to get hacked (侵入), like Gawker media, or even Sony did, and now your super-strong password has been stolen, and every site on which you used that password has been accessed.

So, the bottom line is that no matter how strong your passwords are, and no matter what clever tricks you use to help you remember them, if you surf Internet often, the only truly secure password system is what you need.

Enter LastPass. It's not the only password manager out there, but I like it the best. You create ONE strong password that you have to memorize and use it to access your LastPass database. The LastPass database is stored online, on LastPass's servers. LastPass recognizes the site you're on and automatically logs you in (after, optionally, asking you to re-enter your master password). LastPass also has automatic form fill and automatic password generation. This means that you can have a different, unique, very strong password for every site you log into, but you only have to remember one master password. It's the best of both worlds.

One argument against LastPass is that if their database is attacked, then all of your sites are in danger, and that's true, but given that their entire line of work is keeping

that information safe, I'm willing to take that chance. The alternative is rolling dice (掷骰子) or picking phrases to create passwords, writing all of them down on a piece of paper or something, and then having to manually type them in when I go to a site. A terrible mess.

There is a free version of LastPass, with some additional features unlocked if you pay a \$12 a year subscription.

—Joshua Bardwell

▲1. The writer thinks using the same password everywhere is _____.

- A. dangerous B. convenient
C. appropriate D. adequate

▲2. When using Lastpass, users have to remember _____.

- A. all passwords used
B. the last password
C. unique password each time
D. the master password only

▲3. Critics are against Lastpass because _____.

- A. they have better ways to create password
B. they think rolling dice is more convenient
C. they have no faith in Lastpass database's safety
D. Gawker media and Lastpass were hacked once

4. Joshua Bardwell writes the passage to _____.

- A. share his experience
B. introduce a product of good quality
C. advertise his product
D. teach how to use a new product

Passage 3 [2013海南中学月考]

文体: 说明文 题材: 旅游观光 词数: 351 建议用时: 5分钟

If you are planning a visit to Chicago, make sure you see the city best before you head back home.

Architecture

Chicago is home to some of the most fascinating architecture in the country. One of the oldest buildings in the city is the Water Tower, which was built in 1869. It is one of the structures to survive the Chicago Fire in 1871. It is a fascinating building to see, and nearby the Water Tower Place, there is a large shopping mall. It's a paradise for the young. Another stop must be the Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower. Go to the top and walk out on the clear walkway to take a look straight down at the city. If you have the time, be sure to have dinner or a cocktail in the Signature Room on the 95th floor. Not only is the food great, but the views are breathtaking.

Boat Tours

If architecture is your thing, Wendella Boats offers a great architecture tour of Chicago. You can see some of the beautiful buildings from the Chicago River, which is a side of the buildings you don't usually get to see. There are several other boat tours that are just great, too, and many will even take you from the river out to Lake Michigan where you can see the Chicago skyline at any time of day. These tours are great ways to gain knowledge of this spectacular city, and it's also a funny way to rest your legs between walking tips.

Famous Pizza

You cannot come to Chicago without trying some

famous, deep-dish pizza. There are many places to get this delicious, thick pizza, but three stores stand out from the rest. Gino's East, Giordano's, and Lou Malnati's are the best places to get authentic, Chicago-style, deep-dish pizza. Try it with all the toppings or just cheese, but be sure you try it at some point. Many think that much pizza and cheese seems disgusting, but don't knock it till you try it. You might find a new favorite way of eating this Italian classic.

▲1. Water Tower Place is so popular among young people most probably because of _____.

- A. its advantage of meeting his or her future partner
B. its amusement services and shopping advantages
C. there being many museums about art and literature
D. its importance in working as an unusual water tower now

▲2. While making a boat tour, you can _____.

- A. see some beautiful buildings and even the Chicago skyline
B. draw the newly built architecture along the river
C. see how to gain knowledge in daily life
D. measure the length and width of the Chicago River

▲3. Why does the author advise visitors to try pizza in Chicago?

- A. Because its cheese comes from Italy.
B. Because the Chicago-style is really impressive.
C. Because there are so many chain stores from Italy.
D. Because its style is completely the same as that in Italy.

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答案链接P98

Passage 4 [2014河南开封二模]

文体: 记叙文

题材: 生活态度

词数: 316

建议用时: 7分钟

I learned my first lesson from my grandparents when I was young. They both grew up in very large families and lived through the Great Depression. Saving for a rainy day was their life philosophy. Rather than seeking fulfillment through material items, they chose to spend really simple life together with their family.

Over the years my grandparents noticed dramatic changes in their community. Every year more farmland was destroyed to build larger and larger homes. As real estate (地产) prices rose, many of their neighbors sold their little homes and land. Soon theirs was the only small house surrounded by a sea of mansions. My grandparents built and lived in a small 600-square-foot cottage for most of their adult lives. Lots of family members encouraged my grandparents to expand their little old house. But they didn't want a bigger one. They loved their little house and were content with what they had.

My grandparents avoided a consumptive (浪费的) lifestyle by painting and repairing the house themselves. They lived in a small home, but had a huge garden. They loved gardening and planting because it reduced their grocery bill, improved their health, and gave them an excuse to be outside. They also reused and recycled many things. For instance, they had driven the same car for over 15 years and didn't buy a new one until the old Chevrolet was worn out.

From my grandparents, I learned an important lesson: it is possible to live a simple life. My grandparents taught me that living a simple life isn't about self-deprivation (自我牺牲). Instead, it's about giving yourself the time, freedom,

and money to pursue your dreams. Becoming debt free, downsizing to a smaller home, and going out on foot instead of by car are good ways to take control of your life and start pursuing your dreams.

▲1. The community's changes include all the following EXCEPT that _____.

- A. many mansions were built there
- B. many neighbors sold their houses
- C. the houses became more expensive
- D. people built more farmland

▲2. The author's grandparents didn't expand their house because _____.

- A. they didn't understand the family members' advice
- B. their house was really new and large enough
- C. they were satisfied with the house they lived in
- D. they were too old to do any house-building job

A 3. Which of the following is a consumptive lifestyle in the grandparents' opinion?

- A. Changing cars in a short time.
- B. Planting vegetables in the garden.
- C. Reusing and recycling things.
- D. Repairing the house themselves.

D 4. Which can be the best title of this passage?

- A. How to Live Simply
- B. My Grandparents
- C. A Simple Lifestyle
- D. A Lesson from My Grandparents

Passage 5 [2014吉林省吉林市二模]

文体: 说明文

题材: 着装标准

词数: 332

建议用时: 7分钟

Five years ago, David Smith wore an expensive suit to work every day. "I was a clothes addict," he jokes. "I used to carry a fresh suit to work with me so I could change if my clothes got wrinkled." Today David wears casual clothes—khaki pants and a sports shirt—to the office. He hardly ever wears a necktie. "I am working harder than ever," David says, "and I need to feel comfortable."

More and more companies are allowing their office workers to wear casual clothes to work. In the United States, the change from formal to casual office wear has been gradual. In the early 1990s, many companies allowed their employees to wear casual clothes on Friday (but only

on Friday). This became known as "dress-down Friday" or "casual Friday". "What started out as an extra one-day-a-week benefit for employees has really become an everyday thing," said business consultant Maisly Jones.

Why have so many companies started allowing their employees to wear casual clothes? One reason is that it's easier for a company to attract new employees if it has a casual dress code. "A lot of young people don't want to dress up for work," says the owner of a software company, "so it's hard to hire people if you have a conservative (保守的) dress code." Another reason is that people seem happier and more productive when they are wearing comfortable clothes. In

a study conducted by Levi Strauss Company, 85 percent of employers said that they believe that casual dress improves employee morale (士气). Only 4 percent of employers said that casual dress has a negative influence on productivity. Supporters of casual office wear also argue that a casual dress code helps them save money. "Suits are expensive, if you have to wear one every day," one person said. "For the same amount of money, you can buy a lot more casual clothes."

▲1. David Smith refers to himself as having been "a clothes addict", because _____.

- A. he often wore khaki pants and a sports shirt
- B. he couldn't stand a clean appearance

- C. he wanted his clothes to look neat all the time
- D. he didn't want to spend much money on clothes

▲2. David Smith wears casual clothes now, because _____.

- A. they make him feel at ease when working
- B. he cannot afford to buy expensive clothes
- C. he looks handsome in casual clothes
- D. he no longer works for any company

▲3. In this passage, the following advantages of casual office wear are mentioned EXCEPT _____.

- A. saving employees' money
- B. making employees more attractive
- C. improving employees' motivation
- D. making employees happier

Passage 6 [2014江西会昌中学调研]

文体: 记叙文 题材: 寓言故事 词数: 357 建议用时: 6分钟

A mouse happened to look through a hole in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered. But he was sad to discover it was a mousetrap.

Back to the farmyard, the mouse announced this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mouse trap in the house!"

The hen clucked (咯咯地叫) and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a great concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

Then the mouse turned to the pig. The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

Then the mouse turned to the cow and repeated the same words. The cow said, "Moo, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and sadly faced the farmer's mousetrap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house—the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey (猎物). The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a poisonous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home, she still had a fever.

Everyone knows fresh chicken soup is good to treat a fever. So the farmer took his knife to the farmyard. The hen was killed.

But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well but died. So many

people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow killed to provide enough meat for all of them for the lunch.

The mouse looked upon it all from his hole in the wall with great sadness.

▲1. What surprised the mouse when looking through the hole?

- A. The farmer and his wife.
- B. A dangerous mousetrap.
- C. A package with food in.
- D. A poisonous snake.

▲2. What did the mouse do when he returned to the farmyard?

- A. He had a warn talk with his friends.
- B. He warned his neighbors of the danger.
- C. He argued with his neighbors loudly.
- D. He tried hard to cheer his neighbors.

▲3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the story?

- A. The hen was sure that it needn't be bothered by it.
- B. The pig only expressed its sympathy for the mouse.
- C. The farmer's wife was bitten by the poisonous snake.
- D. The farmer's neighbors came to his home for meat.

▲4. What does the underlined sentence "but it's no skin off my nose" in Paragraph 5 mean?

- A. It is none of my business.
- B. It is out of the question.
- C. It doesn't affect my smell.
- D. It is not interesting at all.

▲5. Which of the following can best express the moral of the story?

- A. Mind works faster in time of danger.
- B. Never put your nose into others' business.
- C. We should pull together in time of trouble.
- D. Out of sight, out of mind.

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Passage 7 [2014浙江六校联考]

文体: 应用文

题材: 药品说明书

词数: 526

建议用时: 8分钟

Generic Name: ASPIRIN**Pronunciation:** /'æsprɪn/**Why it is prescribed (开药方):**

1. Aspirin relieves mild to moderate pain.
2. It reduces fever, redness, and swelling.
3. It prevents blood from clotting (凝结).

When it is to be taken:

1. Aspirin is often taken without a prescription.
2. Follow the instructions on the label and package.
3. If your doctor prescribes aspirin for you, you will receive specific instructions for how often you should take it.
4. Keep in touch with your doctor.

How it should be taken:

1. Aspirin comes in the form of suppositories (栓剂), capsules, and regular, coated, extended-release, and chewable tablets.

2. Regular, coated, and extended-release aspirin tablets and capsules should be swallowed with a full glass of water or milk after meals to avoid stomach upset.

3. Chewable aspirin tablets may be chewed, crushed, dissolved in a liquid, or swallowed whole; a full glass of water, milk, or fruit juice should be drunk immediately after taking these tablets.

Special Instruction:

1. Children should not take aspirin for fevers associated with flu or chickenpox (水痘) because such use has been linked with a serious illness known as Reye's syndrome.

2. Adults should not take aspirin for pain for more than 10 days (five days for children) without consulting a doctor.

3. Aspirin should not be taken by adults or children for high fever, fever lasting longer than three days without a doctor's supervision (监管).

4. Do not give more than five doses (剂量) to a child in a 24-hour period unless directed to do so by a doctor.

5. If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember it and resume the prescribed schedule.

Side Effects:

1. Although side effects from aspirin are not common, they can occur.

2. Nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, indigestion and heartburn are common. Take aspirin after meals, with a full glass of water or milk. If these effects continue, contact your doctor.

3. Ringing in the ears, bloody or black stools (粪便), difficulty in breathing, dizziness, mental confusion and sleepiness are rare. Stop taking the drug and contact your doctor.

Other Precautions:

1. If you are pregnant or breast-feeding women, inform your doctor before taking aspirin.

2. Do not take aspirin if you are within three months of delivery.

3. Do not take aspirin if you are allergic (过敏的) to it.

4. If you have diabetes (糖尿病), regular use of eight or more regular strength aspirin tablets a day may affect test result.

5. If you are taking large doses of aspirin on a long-term basis, avoid having alcoholic drinks because alcohol can increase stomach problems.

6. To prevent an overdose of aspirin, read the labels before taking other pain relievers and cold products to be sure that they do not contain aspirin.

Storage Conditions:

1. Store aspirin in a cool place or in a refrigerator.

2. Throw away aspirin that smells strongly of vinegar.

3. Keep aspirin out of the reach of children.

▲1. Which of the following about Aspirin is correct?

A. It only comes in the form of regular tablets.

B. It should not be taken for more than 5 days for children.

C. It can be used to reduce fever and pain and prevent blood clotting.

D. It causes ringing in the ears or difficulty in breathing after being taken.

▲2. If you start taking aspirin, you should do all the following things EXCEPT _____.

A. keeping in touch with your doctor

B. taking aspirin tablets after meals to avoid stomach upset

C. drinking a full glass of juice immediately after taking chewable aspirin tablets

D. taking more than 8 regular strength aspirin tablets a day while suffering from diabetes

3. The underlined word “resume” most probably means

- A. continue B. make up
C. pause D. throw away

▲4. Which of the following might be a side effect caused by aspirin?

- A. blood clotting B. stomach upset

C. lasting fever D. sight problem

5. Where can we probably come across such a text?

- A. In a research paper.
B. In the package of a medicine.
C. In a medical textbook.
D. In a scientific and technological magazine.

Passage 8 [2014广东深圳调研]	文体: 说明文	题材: 科普知识	词数: 327	建议用时: 8分钟
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Long-time exposure to air pollution can lead to physical changes in the brain and cause trouble in learning and memory, and even anxiety. This is suggested by the results of new research on mice.

While other studies have shown the harmful effects of polluted air on the lungs and heart, this is the first to show the negative effect on the brain.

The team of Laura Fonken, Randy Nelson, from the Ohio State University, U.S.A., has spread to the brain a previous line of research which found that fine particulate (微粒) matter floating in the air mainly because of air pollution caused by humans, causes swelling in much of the body, and may be related to high blood pressure problems, and some other diseases.

In the research Fonken and his colleagues exposed mice to polluted air for six hours each day, five days a week, over a period of 10 months, almost half the average life length of mice.

Polluted air contains fine particles created by cars, factories and natural dust. Fine particles of this kind are tiny, about 2.5 micrometers in diameter, or about one-thirtieth the width of a human hair. These particles can go deep into lungs and other organs.

The concentration of this particulate material to which they exposed mice is equal to the concentration at which people can be exposed in some polluted urban areas.

After a period of 10 months, the researchers got the animals to have a series of behavioral tests. Both the behavior of mice and the results of neurological (神经的) tests done to them show that those within the polluted air had more problems in learning and memory, and higher levels of anxiety.

The results suggest that long-time exposure to polluted air can have measurable negative effects on the human brain and can cause a variety of mental health problems. This could have important consequences for those living and working in polluted urban areas.

▲1. The results of new research on mice first suggest that polluted air mainly does harm to _____.

- A. normal organs B. lungs and heart
C. mental health D. blood pressure

▲2. What harmful effect of polluted air is mentioned in other studies?

- A. The harmful effect on learning.
B. The harmful effect on all the organs.
C. The harmful effect on lungs and heart.
D. The harmful effect on improving memory.

▲3. The bad effects of tiny particles in polluted air are those EXCEPT _____.

- A. high blood pressure problems ✓
B. making human hair thinner
C. different kinds of diseases ✓
D. swelling in much of the body ✓

▲4. From the last sentence we can infer that people living in polluted urban areas _____.

- A. are likely to suffer from mental problems
B. can measure the negative effect on them
C. show little concern for air pollution
D. can be exposed to polluted air longer

5. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- A. Long-time Exposure to Air Pollution
B. Evidence and Concern of Air Pollution
C. Measurable Effect on Human Brain
D. Mental Problems Caused by Air Pollution

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答案链接P99

Passage 9 [2014吉林实验中学检测]

文体: 记叙文 题材: 生活态度 词数: 321 建议用时: 7分钟

I once had a friend that was diagnosed with terminal cancer, and the news that he might only live up to six months was a great shock to him, his family, and his friends. However, in spite of the serious illness, he was initially (首先) determined to look into all available treatments that might cure or extend his life. I think that when you find yourself in such situations, you tend to look up every possible way for hope of saving your life.

As months went on and his health grew worse, I noticed an unexpected change in attitude that came over him. He had also been a happy person with a cheerful personality, but rather than give in to discouragement and self-pity, he took comfort in God and humanity (人性). His talks focused on others rather than himself, and he spoke of the afterlife as something he was prepared for, believing that his concerned ancestors, including his mother and father, were there waiting for him.

During the last few months, weeks, and days of his life, he was kindly cared for by family, friends, and his loving wife, who looked after both his physical and emotional needs, and workers from a local hospice (临终关怀医院) came to the home to regulate (调节) his medication (服药) and provide any other needed support. He didn't complain about his fate, and he willingly allowed others to serve him.

Indeed, one might think why God allows death and suffering in our world, but for me, such experiences taught

me to value family more and care for others. You often can't learn these important attributes (属性) in the lap of luxury, and perhaps, such an experience is the greatest and final gift the illness can give those left behind.

- ▲1. Which word can best describe the man's initial reaction as soon as he was diagnosed with cancer?
- A. Satisfied. B. Sad.
C. Surprised. D. Concerned.
- ▲2. What did the man do after he first learned of his illness?
- A. He was operated on immediately.
B. He researched cancer treatments.
C. He retired from his job.
D. He felt sad, doing nothing.
- ▲3. What was the man's main source of comfort after several months with the disease?
- A. His family and friends.
B. The care from others.
C. His doctors' encouragement.
D. His belief in humanity.
4. What did the author learn from his friend's story?
- A. Getting comfort from God.
B. Extending life as possible.
C. Caring for yourself and enjoying luxury.
D. Giving more care to family and friends.

Passage 10 [2014湖北黄冈模拟]

文体: 说明文 题材: 音乐教育 词数: 382 建议用时: 8分钟

Many people believe that teaching children music makes them smarter, better able to learn new things. But the organizers of a new study say there's no scientific evidence that early musical training affects the intelligence of young people.

An estimated 80 percent of American adults think music lessons improve children's ability to learn or their performance in school. They say that the satisfaction for learning to play a new song helps a child express creativity.

Researchers at Harvard University, however, have found that there's one thing musical training does not do. They say it does not make children more intelligent. Samuel Mehr is a graduate student at Harvard's School of Education. He said it is wrong to think that learning to play a musical instrument improves a child's intellectual development. He says the evidence comes from studies that measured the mental ability of two groups of 4-year-olds and their parents. One

group attended music class, the other went to a class that places importance on the visual arts—arts that can be seen.

"The evidence there is 'no'. We found no evidence for any advantage on any of these tests for the kids participating in these music classes," said Mehr. Samuel Mehr says researchers have carried out many studies in an effort to learn whether musical training can make children smarter. He says the results have been mixed. He says only one study seems to show a small percentage increase in IQ, intellectual scores among students after one year of music lessons. He does not believe that IQ is a good measure of child's intelligence. He says researchers in his study compared how well children in the musical training group did on mental processing tasks or projects, then the results were compared to those of children who did not take lessons. There was no evidence that the musical training group did much better on the mental tasks than the other group.

The researchers confirmed the results with a larger group of children and their parents. Mr. Mehr says music lessons may not offer children a fast easy way to gain entry to the best schools later in their life. But he says the training is still important for cultural reasons. In his words, "We teach music because music is important for us."

1. According to the new study, musical training _____.
 - A. makes children smarter
 - B. helps a child express creativity
 - C. does not make children more intelligent
 - D. improve children's ability to learn in school
- ▲2. Samuel Mehr may agree that _____.
 - A. the children who attended music class are smarter

- than those who attended arts class
- B. IQ is a good measure of a child's intelligence
- C. we needn't to teach children music
- D. music training is still important for cultural reasons
- ▲3. In order to confirm his view, Samuel Mehr _____.
 - A. conducted more than one research
 - B. interviewed many American adults
 - C. taught two groups of 4-year-olds music and arts
 - D. offered children a fast way to be admitted to the best schools
4. The article may be taken from a report about _____.
 - A. health
 - B. education
 - C. culture
 - D. economy

Passage 11 [2014黑龙江哈三中一模]	文体: 应用文	题材: 节日活动	词数: 340	建议用时: 7分钟
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Christmas, Easter and birthday parties can be difficult times for grandmothers and parents as they rush around trying to arrange the perfect celebration or making everyone as happy as possible! What's better than a birthday party that makes your grandchild smile throughout or a celebration that impresses relatives and close friends?

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- ▲1. If you want to send some invitations to your daughter's classmates, where will you search for the information?
 - A. At Christmas.
 - B. At Birthdays.
 - C. At Advent Calendars.
 - D. At Christmas—stocking fillers.
2. According to the passage, we can infer _____.
 - A. you can only get special ideas for Christmas, Easter and birthday parties
 - B. in Granny Look you can buy many traditional or fun Advent calendars for children at Christmas time
 - C. there is no personalized invitation in Granny Look for you to select
 - D. Granny Look provides a wide range of links for people to prepare for special occasions
- ▲3. From the text, we know that "Granny Look" is _____.
 - A. a website that helps you to prepare for special occasions
 - B. a company that sells all sorts of products on the Internet
 - C. a person who guides you to make your yearly celebration a real success
 - D. a magazine that helps the family to prepare for special occasions

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Passage 12 [2014河北唐山一模]

文体: 应用文 题材: 文化艺术 词数: 356 建议用时: 8分钟

How cool can libraries be in an era (时代) of iPods and Kindles? More than you think. Only if you know where to go.

Central Library: Seattle, Washington, United States

The Central Library in Seattle is modern and fashionable and has tourists from around the world paying visits and taking tours. It was designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas and American designer Joshua Ramus. Tours began in 2006, two years after its opening. The library holds various art exhibitions, book signings and other events, while visitors can stop by the Chocolate cart for a coffee and scan through the gift shop anytime.

Trinity College Library: Dublin, Ireland

The Trinity College Library in Dublin is the oldest library in Ireland, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. It is the largest single library in the world, also known as the Long Room, which contains more than 200,000 of the library's oldest books. The Long Room houses one of the oldest harps (竖琴) in Ireland. Dating to the 15th century, the old harp is the model for the symbol of Ireland.

Geisel Library, University of California: San Diego, United States

At first glance, it looks like a spaceship. Architect William Pereira, who helped design actual space launch facilities at Cape Canaveral in Houston, Texas, designed the library in 1970. It has been featured in sci-fi films, short

stories and novels. The library hosts "Dinner in the Library", which invites readers for cocktails, and also a special speech from distinguished authors.

TU Delft Library: Delft, The Netherlands

The library at the Delft University of Technology was constructed in 1997 and has more than 862,000 books, 16,000 magazine subscriptions and its own museum. The building itself exists beneath the ground, so you can't really see the actual Library. What makes it interesting is the roof, which is a grassy hill. The roof covers 5,500 square meters. And it has become one of the most striking and greenest structures in the area.

▲1. Which of the four libraries has the longest history?

- A. Central Library. B. Trinity College Library.
C. Geisel Library. D. TU Delft Library.

▲2. What makes Geisel Library different from the others is that _____.

- A. famous writers often deliver speeches there
B. it has a roof of grassy hill
C. Queen Elizabeth I founded the library
D. it is the largest single library in the world

▲3. In Central Library, you can _____.

- A. buy souvenirs B. drink cocktails
C. enjoy sci-fi films D. see the old harp

Passage 13 [2014陕西五校二模]

文体: 记叙文 题材: 人物故事 词数: 249 建议用时: 7分钟

The day of my holiday arrived, but I wasn't looking forward to it. I had little money and had only been able to afford to stay with my Aunt Rosa in Spain. So, I wasn't really excited as I knew exactly what it was going to be like: lots of noisy cousins, and Aunt Rosa begging me to take her for a ride.

After I had checked in, I made my way slowly to the departure gate. As I was waiting to board the plane, I kept thinking about my ideal holiday destination: Jamaica, with its long, sandy beaches and crystal clear water.

As soon as the plane took off, I fell fast asleep and only woke to the sound of the announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, please fasten your seat belts, as we will shortly be landing in Kingston." I froze in my seat. Was I dreaming? Kingston? Jamaica? I had boarded the wrong plane!

Immediately after the plane landed, I explained the situation to the authorities. It seems there were also three other passengers heading for Spain. Apparently it had been the airline's fault, since the flight numbers for Spain and Jamaica were exactly the same! Therefore, with no flight

back to London for a week, the airline had no choice but to pay for our stay.

So there I was, lying on the beach, enjoying the music and the marvelous food of Jamaica! As for Aunt Rosa, I suppose she just had to live without me!

▲1. Why did the writer choose to spend her holiday with her aunt in Spain?

- A. She missed her cousins very much.
- B. Her aunt begged her to go there.
- C. She could hardly afford any better trip.
- D. Spain was her ideal destination.

▲2. In the story, the writer ended up _____.

- A. flying to London immediately
- B. heading for Spain from Jamaica
- C. complaining to the authorities
- D. enjoying a free beach holiday

3. Which of the following might be the best title of the passage?

- A. A Lucky Mistake
- B. A Terrible Adventure
- C. A Nice Dream
- D. A Well-Planned Trip

Passage 14 [2014辽宁抚顺六校联考] 文体: 议论文 题材: 生活与科技 词数: 311 建议用时: 7分钟

I was appreciating my family photos on my computer, admiring my two beautiful babies, when I found a disturbing trend: my laptop was open in almost all the pictures. There was my daughter, 8 months old, playing at my feet while I was typing away on the couch. There was me and my son, with the laptop at my side as I held him in my arms.

I'd heard about the Internet addiction before, but always assumed it was something limited to socially challenged guys who played too much World of Warcraft (a computer game). Now it seemed my Internet "habit" is slowly but surely crossing the line. Sometimes I find myself up at midnight, surfing the Web while my family are sleeping. I read news, keep up with friends and write my blog... just for something to do.

It turns out that I'm not the only mama who is addicted to the computer. These moms are contributing to a growing global addiction. There's a movement among psychiatrists (doctors who specialize in mental diseases) to recognize the Internet addiction as an official mental disorder. And a recent Stanford University national survey found that 14 percent of Internet users find it hard to stay away from it for several days at a time; 9 percent try to hide their "unnecessary Internet use" from their loved ones; 8 percent admit they use the Web as a way to escape problems.

You're likely not the kind of addict who doesn't bathe and abuses drugs to help her stay "up" for more online time. You may have noticed, though, that going online has become a necessary part of your life, which, at least, means a load of clothes go unwashed. It may also mean you're missing much

time with your baby—something you probably do care about.

D 1. From Paragraph 1, we can conclude that _____.

- A. the author was busy taking care of her babies
- B. the author's job had something to do with computers
- C. the author was not good at taking photos of her babies
- D. the author looked after her babies while using the computer

2. The author used to think that the Internet addiction is _____.

- A. using the web at midnight
- B. keeping up with friends online
- C. spending too much time online
- D. being addicted to computer games

3. In medical terms, the Internet addiction is _____.

- A. a personal life habit
- B. a way to escape problems
- C. an official mental disorder
- D. the unnecessary use of the Internet

B 4. What does the author want to express in the last but one paragraph?

- A. Many women still can control their online time.
- B. The Internet addiction influences housewives' lives a lot.
- C. Going online has become a necessary part of women's lives.
- D. Many people don't realize that they are addicted to the Internet.