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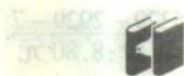
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致高中学生的话

高中时期是同学们思考并规划人生走向的重要阶段,在此阶段的英语学习,大家应该为步入社会、走向人生,奠定坚实的基础。

21 世纪,人类进入以信息技术为基础的知识经济时代。英语的基本能力和信息能力已经成为当代公民的必备素质。

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阅读是同学们现实英语学习和未来终身英语学习和获取信息、分析处理信息的最基本手段,也是提高自己英语表达能力、获得终身英语学习本领的重要能力基础。为此,大家高中阶段必须侧重自己阅读能力的提高。

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衷心祝愿大家英语学习不断进步,获得成功!

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Unit 1 The summer holidays

【目标】

1. 能读懂所给的材料的大意,抓住中心思想。
2. 能获得有关知识,扩大词汇量。

【实践】

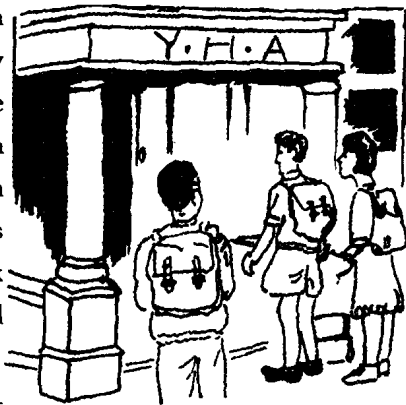
Read the following passage as fast as you can, and finish three tasks

A walking holiday in England

13 May, 2000

Dear Mario,

I was very glad to have a letter from you, and to know that you and your wife are keeping well and busy. I'm glad, too, that you are both coming to England again this summer. My wife and I look forward to seeing you and Rosa.



You say you want a different kind of holiday this year. Here is my suggestion—a walking holiday, which is much cheaper than any other kind of holiday in England. You know something about the Youth Hostels Association. I'm sure. It's international. There are hostels all over England now and thousands of young people use them.

Members can even take their own food to the hostels and cook it in the kitchen. They have to help by sweeping and cleaning the rooms, or washing up after meals. But that's not a hardship, is it? You'd meet young people of all classes—— factory workers, office workers, shop girls, college students, and many young people from European countries. A walking holiday depends on the weather, of course. I can't promise you good weather!

You needn't walk. Cyclists are allowed to stay at our youth hostels. But you're not allowed to stay in them if you arrive in a motor-car, or on a motor-cycle or even on a bicycle with one of those little motors on the back wheel. Youth hostels are for people with not much money to spend. You wouldn't have to worry about clothes if you decided to use youth hostels. Any old clothes would do. But at a hotel you'd need to be well dressed.

Thank you for your very kind invitation to visit you and stay with you. I'm sorry I can't accept it this year. We've already made our plans. But next year, perhaps, if it's convenient to you then.

Please write and let me know if there's anything else you'd like to know. I'm always glad to help you.

My wife joins me in best wishes to you both.

Your sincerely,
John Grant

Task 1. Fill in the blanks

(1) My wife and I _____ seeing Mario and his wife.

(2) If someone arrives in a motor-car, or on a motor-cycle he

_____.

Task 2. True or false

(1) A walking holiday is cheaper than any other kind of holiday in England. ()

(2) A hostel is a place where you can stay for no money. ()

(3) At the hostel you can cook the food you've brought in the kitchen. ()

Task 3. Think of the following questions

(1) What kinds of young people stay in the youth hostels?

(2) Has the writer accepted Mario's invitation to visit their country this year?

(3) For whom are youth hotels?

【测试】

Reading comprehension

Passage 1

A foolish boy

There was once a local government official, who loved his only son very much. However, the boy was very foolish and other people were unhappy by what he said.

One day the official was invited to a party. His son said, "Pop, you haven't brought me to any parties for a long time. Please take me with you this time."



The father said, "No, this party will be held in a very rich house. It is for the first birthday of their son. There will be a lot of important people present and I am afraid that you would..." "No, pop, I'm sure not to say anything rude at the party. Please! Oh, please!"

The boy was taken to the party. He obeyed his father this time, and said nothing for almost the whole party. Then, when the party was about to end and all the guests stood up, he stood up too and said loudly, "You know, everybody, I haven't said anything today. So if the baby dies this year, it's not my fault."

1. The people disliked the boy because _____.
A. he was foolish B. he was naughty
C. his father was an official
D. he always said something unhappy
2. One day the official was invited to a _____.
A. meeting B. concert C. dinner D. game
3. The baby in the rich family was _____ old.
A. one year B. two year C. one month D. two month
4. The boy promised to say _____ rude at the party.
A. something B. anything C. nothing D. a thing
5. At the end of the party the boy said something to show that _____.
A. he was clever B. the baby would die
C. he said something rude D. he said nothing rude

Passage 2

My pet

My wife was angry when she found out that I had spent 15

yuan on a little tortoise.

"How could you do it?" she shouted.

But I wasn't put out by her anger and I replied, "What other could I buy? Goldfish? They are just too expensive."



In fact, my reason for buying the tortoise had little to do with money—you don't get tired, playing with a slow-moving tortoise! Although the little thing proved more difficult to play with than I had expected.

I tried to feed it with smashed bread and rice, but it showed no interest, refusing to eat with its head and legs withdrawn inside its shell.

Finally I filled a basin with sand and water to form a "seashore" and make it feel more at home. This got the creature moving, but unfortunately, the taste of home got the tortoise to carry out a midnight try for freedom. It fled, and the next morning we could not find it anywhere.

However, just as we had given it up, the tortoise reappeared again three days later.

From that moment on, I treasured it, raising it more carefully.

And now the little creature has become strong and lively and is no longer shy of being fed. All I have to do is to hold out some food, waiting for it to swim up through the water, break the surface and stick out its long neck to rob me of the food into its open mouth.

"Oh, it is worth the money, well worth, though it looks ugly," said my smiling wife.

6. The husband bought a small tortoise because _____.
A. he had not enough money for others
B. he wanted to please his wife
C. he was interested in tortoise
D. small tortoise sold cheap and tasted nice
7. When his wife shouted at him he _____.
A. got frightened B. felt sorry
C. became angry, too
D. showed no worry and made an immediate active answer
8. The reason why the wife was angry at first was probably that _____.
A. she didn't like tortoise
B. she preferred goldfish
C. she thought it was a waste of 15 yuan
D. Both A and C
9. Having reowned the tortoise he _____.
A. gave more food to it B. prepared a larger seashore for it
C. spent more time on it and paid closer attention to it
D. took better care of it and gave more love to it
10. At last the writer's wife _____.
A. sold the tortoise B. threw the tortoise away
C. was satisfied with what her husband had bought
D. was angry at what her husband did

Passage 3

A dream saved him

The owner of a large company (公司), who was about to take a trip overseas, entered his office early in the morning to make some arrangements. He was telephoning for a ticket for his trip when the night watchman came in, who was back from work, and said "Good morning" to the owner. Then he told him that he had dreamed that very night of his boss plane crashing (坠毁) after taking off. The owner was surprised to hear this. He decided, however, there was something in what the night watchman said. He postponed his trip.

As things turned out, the night watchman's dream was correct. That day the plane exploded when just leaving the ground. The owner sent for the night watchman and



gave him 5,000 dollars and a letter. He said, "I'm very sorry to do so—read the letter when you get home."

The puzzled man hurried home and tore the letter open in a hurry. After taking a look, he turned pale. There was only one sentence in it. And he knew that he had been fired.

11. In the office the owner was _____.

- A. preparing for his trip
- B. waiting for the night watchman
- C. thinking whether he would believe what the night watch-

man said

D. writing a letter to book his ticket

12. The owner was going to trip _____.

A. by air B. by water C. by train D. with his family

13. He postponed his trip. Here the word "postponed" means _____.

A. insisted on B. put off C. stopped D. regretted

14. The owner gave the night watchman 5,000 dollars ____.

A. as reward B. as his wage

C. as a prize for his hard work

D. because the night watchman had saved him in time of danger

15. The sentence in the letter would probably be _____.

A. "I don't want to use a man who has saved me"

B. "I don't like a man who dreams strange dreams"

C. "The night watchman's duty is to stay awake the whole night"

D. "Thanks a lot for your dream"

【拓展】

Read the following passage and think of these questions

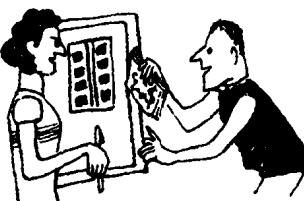
Lost and found

Editor,

About two weeks ago, I lost my purse containing more than 1,000 yuan, most of which came from working during my summer vacation for the Beijing Language Institute, where I am a student.

I had left my building to join a friend who called for me in a

car. While talking to him, I put the purse on the car roof and went back into school to talk to a teacher.



Forgetting that the purse was on the car roof, I got in the car and we drove away—the purse obviously fell off.

When I discovered the loss, I reported it to my school who contacted the Public Security Bureau. In describing the purse I said I had bought it in the free market and had been told it was unique in color.

The finder of the purse, it turned out some days later, was a farmer on his way back at night to his village near the Ming Tombs. After returning to the city, he handed it over to the authorities, with all the money in it.

I, intending to thank him for this unique example of honesty in your newspaper, wrote the letter.

Your truly,

Li Ming

1. When did the writer lose his purse containing more than 1,000 yuan?

2. Where did the writer put his wallet when he talked with his friend?

3. Who picked up the writer's purse?

4. Why did the writer write the letter?