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一、真情故事

善意的力量

吉姆，一位性格内向、落寞的小男孩因为受到了善意的夸奖，他的人生因此而发生了改变。可见善良的力量是无穷的。

Jim, a successful businessman, told the experience of his childhood.

When he was 12, his parents died. He was alone and didn't get on well with others. People always laughed at him. No one showed kindness to him.

His only friend was a dog named Tige. He gave his dog enough to eat and drink, but sometimes he was not polite to it. He didn't know that an unkind word sometimes could cut one's heart like a knife.

One day as he walked down the street, a young lady was walking in front of him. Suddenly one of her bags dropped from her arms. As she stopped to pick it up, she dropped other bags. He came to help her. "Thank you, dear! You are a nice little boy!" she said kindly, smiling.

Special feeling came to him. These were the first kind words he had ever heard. He watched her until she went far away, and then he whistled (吹口哨) to his dog and went directly to the river nearby.

"Thank you, dear! You are a nice little boy!" he repeated the woman's words. Then in a low voice he said to his dog! Tige raised its ears as if it understood.

"Uhum! Even a dog likes it!" he said, "Well, Tige, I won't say unkind words to you any more." Tige waved its tail happily.

The boy thought and thought. Finally he looked at himself in the river. He saw a clean nice boy. He was amazed. From then on, he had a new life.

After telling this, the businessman stopped for a while, and then he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is the very place where that kind woman planted in me the first seed of kindness. All of us should learn about kindness. What a great power it has!"

根据以上短文内容,从每题所给的四个选项中选择最佳选项。

1. The boy repeated the words "Thank you, dear! You are a nice little boy!", because _____.

- A. he was thinking about the words B. he didn't understand the words
C. he wanted to talk to his dog D. he liked talking to himself

2. What made the boy start his new life?

- A. The people laughing at him. B. The kind words spoken to him.
C. The hard life. D. His lovely dog.

3. He was feeling _____ when he whistled to his dog.

- A. funny B. sad C. lonely D. excited

4. Which of the following is right according to the passage?

- A. He never took good care of his friend, Tige.
B. He usually had many friends around him.
C. He helped a young lady when her bag dropped.
D. He often washed his dirty face in the lake.

5. What's the best title of this passage?

- A. A Dog and a Boy B. A Poor Boy's Childhood
C. A Businessman and a Boy D. The Power of Kindness

★ 答案与解析 ★

1. 选A。Jim听到年轻女士对他说的Thank you, dear! You are a nice little boy! 后, a special feeling came to him. 然后他反复地重复这句话, 显然他是在思考这句话为何给他带来如此的感觉。

2. 选B。从短文中的第2段句子From then on, he had a new life. 根据上文我们知道then是指女士对他说了那句话 (Thank you, dear! You are a nice little boy!) 以后, 故答案选B。

3. 选D。在听到那句话以后, 他有种不一样的感觉, 之后他一直目送她的离开, 然后才描写他whistle to his dog. 显然Jim此时的心情不是funny (可笑)、sad (悲伤)、lonely (孤独), 而是excited (激动)了。

4. 选C。根据短文的第4段句子...as she stopped to pick it up, she dropped other bags. He came to help her. 可知, 选项C正确。

5. 选D。Jim向他人讲叙他童年的经历——一句话改变了他的一生。文章最后Jim的一句感慨What a great power it has! 选项D是最佳的标题。

2

姐弟情深

姐姐患了疾病，需要五岁的弟弟输血给她，小男孩同意了。等到输完血后，他问医生，“我要开始死了吗？”，原来他以为输血就是输掉他身上所有的血。

Many years ago, when I was working as a volunteer (志愿者) at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Lisa. The poor little girl had a very serious disease and was dying. The doctor had done his best but no medicine really worked. The only chance to save her seemed to be a blood transfusion (输血) from her five-year-old brother. The little boy had the same disease before and had developed the antibodies (抗体) to fight the illness.

The doctor talked to the little boy about what they planned to do, and asked him if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate (迟疑) for a moment. He took a deep breath and said, "Yes, I'll do it if it can save Lisa."

As the transfusion was going on, the little boy lay quietly in bed next to his sister. He looked at her and smiled all the time. When everything was done and the color returned to his sister's face, his smile disappeared and he looked a little afraid. He looked up at the doctor and asked, "Will I start to die now?" He was too young to understand the doctor. He thought he would have to give all his blood to his sister, but he agreed.

根据以上短文内容，从每题所给的四个选项中选择最佳选项。

1. What happened to the little girl named Lisa?
- A. She died of a very serious disease.
- B. She got better with the antibodies from her brother.
- C. She lost her little brother.
- D. The transfusion failed and her illness got worse.

2. The doctor waited the little boy to _____.
 A. give all his blood to his sister B. give some of his blood to his sister
 C. give his life to his sister D. get the same disease as his sister
3. How did the five-year-old boy understand the doctor's plan?
 A. He thought he was going to lose all his blood.
 B. He thought he was going to be killed.
 C. He thought he was going to die together with his sister.
 D. He thought he was going to die when he grew up.
4. What did the boy feel when the doctor talked to him about the transfusion?
 A. He was unhappy to help his sister.
 B. He was so afraid that he refused to do anything.
 C. He was worried about his sister.
 D. He was willing to give his blood.
5. The writer still remembered the story many years later
 A. because the little girl had a very strange disease
 B. because the sister and brother had the same disease
 C. because the doctor saved the little girl's life
 D. because of what the boy did for his sister

★ 答案与解析 ★

1. 选B。在第3段写到输完血后, 句子...when everything was done and the color returned to his sister's face, 表明Lisa的脸色有好转, 也就是说Lisa输入了弟弟的血后有好转。
2. 选B。从文章的最后一句He thought he would have to give all his blood to his sister. 可以看出, 他以为他会将全部的血输给姐姐, 实际上只是一部分。
3. 选A。对5岁的小男孩来说, 他认为他把血全给了姐姐之后自己就会死去 (He thought he was going to lose all his blood.), 所以他询问了医生一句Will I start to die now?
4. 选D。在医生问他是否愿意输血给他姐姐时, he took a deep breath and said, "Yes, I'll do it if it can save Lisa." 说明他愿意献血。
5. 选D。小男孩竟然可以为救姐姐去死, 带给作者的肯定是深深的感动, 以至难以忘记。

二、友情故事

3

病房中的特殊舞会

朋友们都去跳舞了，留下爱跳舞的Joan值班，她得照顾躺在病床上的孩子。起初她很懊恼，但后来她觉得那个舞会对她来说已经不重要了，为什么呢？都是因为Dickey给Joan开的特殊舞会。

Joan worked in a hospital as a nurse. One evening there was a big dance at the hospital. Most of the doctors and nurses would be there, but of course somebody had to be left to look after the sick children, and Joan was not of the lucky ones. She liked dancing very much, so when she had to start work that evening while her friends were getting ready to go to the dance, she felt very sorry for herself.

She went to each sick child one after another and said good night, until she came to one little boy, Dickey. He was eleven years old, but he was already able to talk like an adult. Poor Dickey had a very serious illness, and now he was hardly able to move any part of his body except his hands. Joan knew he would never get any better, but he was always happy and always thinking about other people instead of himself.

Dickey knew that Joan loved dancing, so now when she came to say good night to him, he greeted her with the words, "I'm very sorry that you have to miss the dance because of us. But we are going to have a party for you. If you look in my drawer, you'll find a piece of cake. I saved it from my supper today, so it's quite fresh. And there is also a dollar there. You can buy something to drink with that. And I'd get up and dance with you myself if I was able to," he added.

Suddenly the hospital dance seemed very far away and not at all important to Joan.

根据以上短文内容,从每题所给的四个选项中选择最佳选项。

1. Joan felt unlucky that evening mainly because _____.
 A. there was a dance ball at the hospital
 B. of her unpleasant job
 C. she was obligated (被迫) to look after the sick children
 D. she would lose the chance to go to the big dance at the hospital
2. Poor Dickey _____.
 A. was no more than a boy of eleven
 B. fell seriously ill
 C. was clever at talking though he was very young
 D. all the above
3. Dickey was lovely because _____.
 A. he was a nice, kind boy of eleven
 B. he was always thinking about others more than himself
 C. he saved a piece of cake for his nurse
 D. he could foresee (预知) that he would never get any better
4. Which of the following is NOT true?
 A. Dickey knew why Joan was unhappy.
 B. Dickey heard about the dance.
 C. Dickey showed sympathy (同情) for Joan.
 D. Dickey rose up to greet Joan when she came.
5. At that party arranged (安排) for Joan, Dickey probably _____.
 A. got up and danced with her
 B. gave Joan some cake he had saved
 C. brought her something to drink
 D. lost the dollar which he was going to give Joan

★ 答案与解析 ★

1. 选D。因为 Joan 要值班,没有机会参加医院里举行的舞会,所以觉得不幸。
2. 选D。Dickey 是个不到11岁的孩子,而且病得很重,虽然年幼,但他很聪明。
3. 选B。Dickey 很可爱是因为他处处为他人着想。
4. 选D。Dickey 卧病在床,只有手能活动,所以他是不可能 rose up to greet Joan。
5. 选B。根据全文内容,在 Dickey 为 Joan 安排的晚会上,送给 Joan 的是 Dickey 晚餐省下的一些蛋糕。

4

妈妈的微笑

常言道：一个成功的男人背后站着一位伟大的女性，这位女性不是他的妻子就是他的母亲。为了丈夫或孩子，她们不辞辛劳，不求回报，在背后默默地支持、默默地奉献……

Dave moved to Canada when he was four years old. He is fourteen this year. He feels he has gained a lot of knowledge and senses (道理). His mother has raised him since he was a little boy. Whenever he encounters (遇到) difficulty, she is always by his side telling him how to overcome the difficulty.

His mother is not tall, her figure (身材) is slender (苗条的). Her hair is brown and the skin on her face is white and smooth. Her eyes are black and bright, and her mouth is small and will give you a very warm feeling when she smiles.

His mother is not just beautiful but also very capable. She has three jobs, every day she busily runs around, and when she comes home she has to painstakingly (辛苦地) take care of him. It's a very hard work.

He is thinking, if it were not for mum, he would not obtain the sixth grade piano certificate (证书). If it were not for mum, he wouldn't recognize a single Chinese character, nor speak or read Chinese books or write compositions.

His mum tells him, whatever you do, you need persistence (坚持不懈). It will lead you to success. No matter how hard the wind blows or the rain falls, no matter how tiring or hard it is, mum will still send him to learn piano and Chinese without complaint or regret.

Mum is always very tired, but she never says so. Her face is always smiling sweetly. How I long for the day when mum will have nothing to do, nothing to worry about and rest well for one whole day!

根据以上短文内容判断正误,正确的用“T”表示,错误的用“F”表示。

1. Dave moved to Canada at the age of fourteen.
2. Dave's mother is tall and her hair is bland and brown.
3. With the help of his mother, Dave knows some Chinese characters, reads Chinese books and writes compositions.
4. Dave has gained a lot of knowledge and math.
5. Dave thought that his mother was a great mother.

★ 答案与解析 ★

1. 选F。根据短文首句Dave moved to Canada when he was four years old.可知,Dave是4岁前往加拿大的,而不是at the age of fourteen (在14岁)。
2. 选F。根据第2段的开头句His mother is not tall可知此句错误。
3. 选T。根据句子If it were not for mum, he wouldn't recognize a single Chinese character, nor speak and read Chinese books and write compositions.可知,在妈妈的帮助下他才有收获。故此句正确。
4. 选F。从短文的第1段句子He feels he has gained a lot of knowledge and senses (道理).可知,他收获许多知识,明白了许多道理,但没有提到math。故可判断此题与短文内容不符。
5. 选T。通读全文后我们知道,Dave的妈妈不辞辛劳地工作,无怨无悔地照顾孩子,她是位很伟大的母亲。

三、幽默故事

5

作家与警察

熊熊大火正在肆虐人们的财产和生命,大火中他却从容地拾起了所有的纸币,还坦然地说:如果我不捡我想它们也会烧毁的,没有人会因为我捡了而变得更穷……

A tall building caught fire, people living in it all rushed out in their night clothes.

Two men stood far from the building, looked at the big fire and talked with each other. One man said, "What a big fire! It would damage many valuable things. Just now when I happened to run into a flat, I found lots of paper money on the floor. When people are in danger, they won't think more of money. I picked up all the notes that I could find. I thought it would be burnt as well if I didn't pick them. No one will be poorer because I picked them." The other man said, "You don't know me, and you don't know my work."

"What do you do?"

"I'm a policeman."

The first man was nervous at first to hear it. Then he laughed and said, "But do you know what my work is?"

"No," answered the policeman.

"To tell you the truth. I'm a writer. I'm good at telling stories about things that never happened." The first man said proudly.