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# Unit



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When I opened my e-mail the other day, a pretty woman named Rachel appeared on my computer screen. She greeted me by name and started talking with great enthusiasm (热情). Every now and then she stopped to smile at me or blow a kiss. She was reading to me an e-mail from my brother, and a lot of it was about his getting the phone company to give him a high speed Internet connection. It was pretty cool.



Rachel was there thanks to a new technology called Facemail. Facemail lets you send e-mail that gets read to the receiver by an attractive male or female from or by a clown (小丑). The software, which is free, can be downloaded at www. Facemail. com.

Pride will have a fall. 骄者必败。





Facemail faces are lifelike, and they simulate (模拟) emotions based on emotions that you put in your text. For example, type in X, and Rachel blows a kiss.

LifeFX, the company that developed the Facemail, is sure there are broad business uses. The reason e-business is not popular, the company says, is that buying over the Internet lacks the human touch. But what if you went to the Nike website and Michael Jordan greeted you by name, waited on you and personally closed the sale? And it is talking with Whirlpool (惠而浦公司) about using the technology in a computer screen on a fridge. Then if Mom can't be home when the kids get back from school, she can leave a note with a voice and image telling them what there is to eat.

Facemail could get hot fast. Personally, I'm a fan. But Facemail should be used with care. The clown looks lively and funny at first. But if you select the clown, put a few rude words in an e-mail and add some angry emotions, you've got a Psycho mail (疯人型电子邮件).

1. The pretty woman that appears on the writer's computer screen was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a woman working on the Internet  
B. his brother's girlfriend  
C. not a real person  
D. the picture of his pen-friend
2. The main advantage of Facemail is that \_\_\_\_\_.







- A. you can hire a beautiful woman to read the e-mail to you
- B. you can see the representation of the person who sends you the e-mail
- C. you can send an e-mail free of charge
- D. e-mail can be attractive in a more lovely way
3. The writer mentioned the Nike website and Michael Jordan to show that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. famous people like Michael Jordan also like to use Facemail  
B. Facemail can make shopping on the Internet more interesting  
C. Nike website will increase its sales by Jordan  
D. Michael Jordan will serve you himself on Nike website
4. What is the writer's attitude towards Facemail?  
A. He thinks it needs further improvement.  
B. He thinks it cool and funny.  
C. He thinks it a danger to the Internet.  
D. He thinks people should be careful with Facemail.

### 答案与分析

此篇是科技题材的文章。此类文章一般为说明文,但也常夹杂叙述和议论,并常出现一些较新的科技名词或术语(如本篇中的 Internet, software, download, e-mail, website 等)。

1. C 根据第二段介绍, Rachel 是一种叫做 Facemail 的科技新产品,能以一种颇为迷人的男性、女性或丑角的形象向电子邮件的接收者发送邮件。
2. D 从第一段的描述、第二段的介绍和第四段所举的例子可以综合得出 D 为正确答案。
3. B 作者意图推断题。作者在此只是提出一种假设:假如你进





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4. B 此题要求体会作者的言外之意。从全文看,作者对 Facemail 是持肯定和赞赏态度的,第一段最后一句和上一题的选项都可提示。



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### What Coming Home Really Means

For more than six million American children, coming home after school means coming home to an empty house. Some deal with the situation by watching TV. Some may hide. But all of them have something in common. They spend part of each day alone. They are called latchkey children. They're children who look after themselves while their parents work. And their bad condition has become a subject of concern (关注).



Lynette Long was once the headmaster of an elementary



Quietness is best. 宁静最好。



school. She said, "We had a school rule against wearing jewelry. A lot of kids had chains around their necks with keys attached. I was constantly telling them to put them inside shirts. There were so many keys, it never came to my mind what they meant." Slowly, she learned they were house keys.

She and her husband began talking to the children who had them. They learned of the impact (影响) working couples and single parents were having on their children. Fear is the biggest problem faced by children at home alone. One in each three latchkey children the Longs talked to reported being scared. Many had nightmares and were worried about their own safety.



The most common way latchkey children deal with their fears is by hiding. It might be in a shower stall, under a bed in a closet. The second is TV. They'll often play it at high volume. It's hard to get statistics (情况; 材料) on latchkey children, the Longs learned. Most parents are slow to admit they leave their children alone.

5. The main idea about "latchkey" children is that they \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. are growing in numbers  
B. are also found in middle-class neighborhoods  
C. watch too much television during the day  
D. suffer problems from being left alone





6. Which sentence in the second paragraph is the topic sentence?
  - A. We had a school rule against wearing jewelry.
  - B. A lot of kids had chains around their necks.
  - C. I was constantly telling them to put inside their shirts.
  - D. They were house keys.
7. The main feeling these children have when they are at home by themselves is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. tiredness
  - B. freedom
  - C. loneliness
  - D. fear
8. We may draw a conclusion that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. latchkey children enjoy having such a large amount of time alone
  - B. latchkey children try to hide their feeling
  - C. latchkey children often watch TV with their parents
  - D. it's difficult to find out how many latchkey children there are

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### 答案与分析

本文讲述了美国孩子所面临的一个问题：回家后独守空房，寂寞恐惧伴随着他们。

5. D 主旨大意题。全文讲述了美国孩子由于父母工作或父母离异而独自在家的情况。
6. D 主旨大意题。第二段“... they were house keys.”说明了美国孩子回家后无人陪伴的现实。
7. D 细节题。从第三段“Fear is the biggest problem faced by children at home alone.”得此答案。
8. D 细节题。从最后一段“It's hard to get statistics on latchkey children, the Longs learned. Most parents are slow to admit they leave their children alone.”得此答案。



Self do, self have. 自食其果。

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### Education, More than Tests

Chinese are very generous (慷慨的) when it come to educating their children. Not caring about the money, parents often send their children to the best schools or even abroad to England, the United States or Australia. They also want their children to take extra course activities where they will either learn a musical instrument or ballet, or other classes which will give them a head start in life. The Chinese believe that the more expensive an education is, the better it is. So parents will spend an unreasonable amount of money on education. Even poor couples will buy a computer for their son or daughter.



However, what most parents fail to see is that the best early education they can give their children is usually very cheap.

Parents can see that their children's skills vary, skilled





in some areas while poor in others. What most parents fail to realize though, is that today's children lack self-respect and self-confidence (自信).

The problem is that parents are only educating their children on how to take multiple-choice tests and how to study well, but parents are not teaching them the most important skills they need to be confident, happy and clever.

Parents can achieve this by teaching practical skills like cooking, sewing and doing other housework.

Teaching a child to cook will improve many of the skills that he will need later in life. Cooking demands patience and time. It is an enjoyable but difficult experience. A good cook always tries to improve his cooking, so he will learn to work hard and gradually finish his job successfully. His result, a well-cooked dinner, will give him much satisfaction and a lot of self-confidence.

Some old machines, such as a broken radio or TV set that you give your child to play with will make him curious and arouse his interest. He will spend hours looking at them, trying to fix them; your child might become an engineer when he grows up. These activities are not merely teaching a child to read a book, but rather to think, to use his mind. And that is more important.





9. Parents in China, according to this passage, \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. are too strict with their children  
B. are too rich to educate their children  
C. have some problems in educating their children correctly  
D. are too poor to educate their children
10. Generally speaking, children's skills \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. come from their parents  
B. have nothing to do with their education  
C. may be different  
D. have something to do with their marks in the exams
11. The writer of this passage does not seem to be satisfied with \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the parents' ideas of educating their children  
B. the education system  
C. children's skills  
D. children's hobbies
12. Doing some cooking at home helps children \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. learn how to serve their parents  
B. learn how to become strong and fat  
C. benefit from it and prepare themselves for the future  
D. make their parents believe that they are clever
13. According to the last paragraph we can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. broken radios and television sets are useful  
B. one's curiosity may be useful for his later life  
C. an engineer must fix many broken radios  
D. a good student should spend much time repairing radios





## 答案与分析

本文讨论了教育的目的是什么这一热门话题。

9. C 推理判断题。从第一段“*So parents will spend an unreasonable amount of money on education. Even poor couples will buy a computer for their son or daughter.*”中的 *an unreasonable amount of money* 可以推断出,中国的父母在儿女的教育上花费了超出自己承受能力的金钱。
10. C 细节题。从第三段“*Parents can see that their children's skills vary, skilled in some areas while poor in others.*”可以得出孩子们的能力表现是不同的。
11. A 推理判断题。第四段说到父母“*... are only educating their children on how to take multiple-choice tests and how to study well,*”他们“*... not teaching them the most important skills...*”由此可以得出 A。
12. C 细节题。从第六段“*Teaching a child to cook will improve many of the skills that he will need later in life.*”得此答案。
13. B 主旨大意题。作者在本段所表达的观点是童年的兴趣与日后成材有联系,这一点从最后一段“*... your child might become an engineer when he grows up. These activities are not merely teaching a child to read a book, but rather to think, to use his mind. And that is more important.*”可以得到根据。





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