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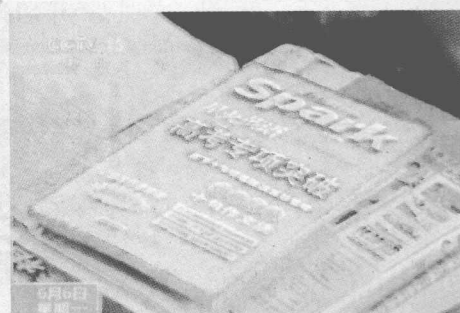
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第1章

原创模拟

第一节 记叙文

1

题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
兄弟情谊	★★★	5.5 分钟	分钟

My brother is leaving for college soon, and my mom has been pestering(缠着) him to clean out his desk and shelves. Most significant of these artifacts is my brother's journal, which he has had since elementary school and has filled with creative writing. I always made fun of his ideas, but he continued, and now he plans on using his college education to one day write books from those stories.

As I watch my brother throw out some papers, I notice how much we have grown up, how far we have come in life, and how much has changed. My brother looks like a man with his beard, collared shirt, and dress pants. I think back to how he looked in elementary school—funny glasses, toothy grin(露齿笑), and constant optimism as he wrote in his journal. I can't believe he's going to college.

He was planning a trip for us to go to California to visit our cousin, but I have decided he should go without me. "Have fun on your own," I say with heavy eyes. Then I tell him not to call for advice while he is away, because it is his time, not ours.

I give my brother a hug and tell him to be excited for his trips. I know he is ready for the next four years. I'll be heartbroken the day he leaves, but I'll use those emotions as motivation to make the most of my last year in high school. I hand him his journal and tell him not to leave his creativity behind. Now it's time to get ready for my next four years, and my new, mature sense of self will help me through it.

1. When does the story happen? **CB**

- A. When the author is leaving for college.
- B. When the author's brother is going to attend college.
- C. When the author's brother is planning a holiday trip.
- D. When the author begins his study in middle school.

B 2. What can we learn about the author and his brother?

- A** A. They will go to college together.
- B. They have a good relationship with each other.
- C** C. They will go to California together.
- D. They haven't seen each other for a long time.

B 3. When in elementary school, the author's brother _____. **D**

- A. loved wearing a collared shirt
- B. looked like a grown-up
- C. always made fun of the author
- D. wore funny glasses

A 4. After the author's brother leaves, the author will _____. **A**

- A. carry on with his life actively
- B. be heartbroken for a long time
- C. look for new motivation for his life
- D. start his own journal

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
人物故事	★★★	5.5 分钟	分钟

Booker T. Washington was the most famous black man in America between 1895 and 1915. He was also considered the most influential(有影响力的) black educator of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Shortly after he became the president of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, he was walking out of town when he was stopped by a wealthy white woman. Not knowing the famous Mr Washington by sight, she asked if he would like to earn a few dollars by chopping(劈) wood for her.

Because he had no pressing business at the moment, Professor Washington smiled, rolled up his sleeves, and began to do the task she had requested. When he finished, he carried the logs into the house and piled them by the fireplace.

A little girl recognized him and later told the lady who the black man was. The next morning the embarrassed woman

went to see Mr Washington in his office at the institute and apologized. "It's perfectly all right, Madam," he replied. "Occasionally I enjoy a little manual(体力的) labor. Besides, it's always a delight to do something for a friend."

She shook his hand warmly and told him that his modest and gracious attitude had greatly impressed her. Not long afterward she showed her admiration by persuading some wealthy acquaintances to join her in donating thousands of dollars to the Tuskegee Institute, which provided educational opportunities for many blacks.

1. What would be the best title for the passage?
 - ☒ A. A White Woman's Respect to Booker T. Washington
 - ☐ B. Booker T. Washington's Achievements
 - ☐ C. A Real Lesson in Modesty
 - ☒ D. A Meeting by Accident
2. The wealthy white woman stopped Booker T. Washington _____.
 - ☐ A. for no bad purpose
 - ☐ B. to make fun of him
 - ☐ C. to give him some money
 - ☐ D. to make friends with him
3. We can know from the third paragraph that Booker T. Washington _____.
 - ☒ A. didn't dare to refuse the white woman
 - ☒ B. was happy to accept the work of chopping wood
 - ☐ C. didn't need to earn money by chopping wood
 - ☒ D. was tired of managing the institute
4. The next morning the woman went to Mr Washington's office to _____.
 - ☐ A. get to know him
 - ☐ B. say sorry to him
 - ☐ C. ask him how to donate money
 - ☐ D. explain why she asked him to chop wood
5. Why did the white woman donate to the Tuskegee Institute?
 - ☐ A. She wanted to help with the education of blacks.
 - ☐ B. She knew that the institute lacked money.
 - ☐ C. She had made friends with Booker T. Washington.
 - ☐ D. She was deeply moved by Booker T. Washington's attitude.

3

题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
男孩的故事	★★★	5.5 分钟	分钟

A boy loved football with all his heart. But being much shorter than the other boys, he got nowhere. Even though the boy was always on the beach, his father was always in the stands(看台) cheering and never missed a game. The father continued to encourage him but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to. But the

young boy was determined to try his best.

It was the end of his high school football season. One day, as he ran to the practice field as usual, the coach gave him a letter. The young boy read it and became silent. It told the news of his father's death. He asked for a leave and the coach agreed.

The next day, the coach and his players were surprised to see the boy come back so soon. "Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young boy. There was no way letting the worst player play in this final game. But the young boy insisted, and finally the coach agreed. Before long everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown player, who had never played before, was doing everything right. Finally, the boy helped his team win the game. The coach came to him and asked, "Kid, tell me how you did it."

With tears in his eyes, the young boy explained that his dad was blind and he came to all his games, but today was the first time his dad could see him play, and he wanted to show his dad he could do it.

1. We can learn from the passage that the young boy's father _____.
 - ☐ A. taught his son how to play football
 - ☐ B. refused to watch his son's final game
 - ☐ C. always supported his son
 - ☒ D. recovered his eyesight in the end
2. How did the coach feel after he watched the boy's performance in the final game?
 - ☐ A. Moved.
 - ☐ B. Surprised.
 - ☐ C. Worried.
 - ☐ D. Nervous.
3. The young boy wanted to play in the final game because he _____.
 - ☐ A. hoped to win the scholarship
 - ☐ B. tried to let others know him
 - ☐ C. dreamed of proving himself to his father
 - ☒ D. wanted the coach to pay attention to him
4. What does the author mainly want to tell us from the passage?
 - ☒ A. Actions speak louder than words.
 - ☐ B. A responsible person will deserve good results.
 - ☐ C. People who never give up will succeed in the end.
 - ☐ D. Every dog has his day, and every man his hour.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
野外生活	★★★	6 分钟	分钟

Imagine living in a place where you and your brother are the only kids, where everyone lives in tents, where wild animals walk or run past day and night, and there's a fire

burning all the time for warmth and cooking.

Madison McNutt, 12, and his brother Wilder, 8, live in the southern African country of Botswana at Wild Dog Research Camp, where their father studies wild dogs and other big predators(捕食性动物). Their mother works with local children, teaching them about conservation of the natural world.

The boys live in their own tent attached to their parents', several feet off the ground like a tree house. The camp toilet is a hole in the ground, and everyone showers and bathes outside under the stars. Sometimes at night the boys spot animals like hyenas(鬣狗) that come to the birdbath in camp for a drink. Sometimes there is a lot of excitement.

"The wildlife at night is very dangerous," says Wilder, "so you have to be extremely careful. Last night some hyenas killed an impala(黑斑羚) in camp. They made much noise and I was up for about two hours listening to the noise."

The boys attend class in camp about four months out of the year. Madison's favorite part of the day is when school gets out. "Then I can go to do other things, like going out with some of the students to research wild dogs or lions or hyenas or leopards."

Madison, who wants to train dogs for the movies when he grows up, likes the wild dogs the best: "They are very social animals and are always nice to each other." Both boys have learned a lot about the animals their father works to understand and protect.

- The purpose of this passage is to D.
☒ A. encourage people to go camping in Africa
☒ B. call on more people to protect wild animals
☒ C. introduce a good way of taking holidays
☐ D. inform people of the life at Wild Dog Research Camp
- We can learn from the passage that Madison McNutt and Wilder C.
☒ A. stay with local children in camp
☐ B. live in a tree house off the ground
☐ C. have known much about wild dogs
☒ D. have the same favorite animals
- What can we learn about Madison McNutt and Wilder from the passage? C
☒ A. They can take a bath in a special tent.
☒ B. Their mother is a teacher in the local school.
☐ C. Their school time of a year in camp isn't too long.
☒ D. They are tired of going to school.
- Which of the following statements is TRUE? A
☐ A. Campers should take care at night because of dangerous wildlife.
☒ B. Wilder likes the leopards because they are social animals.
☒ C. Campers seldom see animals in the day in the camp.
☒ D. The two boys' mother is a wild lion researcher.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
害羞的男孩	★★★	6 分钟	分钟

Everybody in his family called him "shy baby"—not "crybaby" to be sure, but shy baby. Young Somu was shy, but not just a little shy. Somu was very, very shy. When guests came to his house for tea or dinner and asked him his name, Somu would dig his chin into his neck and close his eyes, and after a few minutes he would run out of the room. His parents always felt embarrassed about his behavior and every time after the guests left the house, Somu would end up getting a sound scolding.

"You're eight years old now! You're not a baby any longer! Why can't you answer when you're asked a question?" And so his mother would thunder away like an angry, fierce monsoon cloud, while his older brother would say teasingly, "Shy baby! Shy baby!"

Somu spoke only when he simply had to speak. In school, he preferred to sit at the far end of the classroom so the teacher might not spot him. More often than not when he was asked a question, he would pretend he was sick and got his way out of answering. The teachers had grown tired of his shyness and usually left him alone. His family grew tired of his shyness and left him alone. Everybody left Somu alone and he became a very lonely little boy.

So as you can see, life was difficult for Somu. His family didn't understand the reason for this great shyness and, in fact, nor did Somu. Every night as he lay in bed, he prayed that he should be able to overcome this terrible shyness, and every morning when he awoke, he discovered that he was still the same old shy Somu. He wished he could be more like his brother, Hari, who was full of life and chattered away all day long like a monkey. Everyone liked Hari but everyone left Somu alone.

- How did Somu respond to guests' questions?
☐ A. He would answer them in a shy tone.
☐ B. He would answer them in a low voice.
☐ C. He would answer them in a loud voice.
☐ D. He would remain silent on them.
- What did Somu's parents do with his shyness?
☒ A. They encouraged him to talk more with guests.
☐ B. They demanded him to serve tea to guests.
☐ C. They criticized him for his shy behavior.
☒ D. They called him "crybaby" instead of "shy baby".
- It can be inferred from the passage that Somu's mother _____.
☐ A. _____
☐ B. _____
☐ C. _____
☐ D. _____

- ☒ A. was sure that her son would talk more
☒ B. was impatient and angry about her son's shyness
☒ C. was patient and careful with her son's shyness
☒ D. was always sitting by and letting it go on

- A⁴. How did Somu behave in school?
 A. He tried to avoid answering questions.
 B. He behaved actively in class.
 C. He never talked to anybody.
 D. His shyness made his teachers curious.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
著名作家	★★★	6 分钟	分钟

Pearl Buck was the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. She wrote more than one hundred books. But most people remember Pearl Buck for her novels about China. She knew the country and its people very well. For nearly forty years, China was her home.

Pearl's parents were Caroline and Absalom Sydenstricker. They were religious workers in China. In 1892 they were visiting in the United States when Pearl was born in Hillsboro, West Virginia. Three months after her birth, the family left the United States and moved back to China.

Pearl and her family lived among the Chinese people. Pearl's education began at home. Her mother taught her many of the things she would have learned in an American school. A Chinese tutor taught Pearl other subjects. They included the writings of the famous thinker Confucius and Chinese reading, writing and history. When she was seven, she began reading the works of British writer Charles Dickens. Many years later, after she had become a famous author, she said that Dickens' writing style had the greatest influence on her own style.

Her first novel was called *East Wind, West Wind*. It tells the story of a Chinese girl who learns about the western world. But it was Pearl Buck's next book that made her famous and brought the money she needed. *The Good Earth* became the top selling book in the United States in 1931 and 1932. Pearl Buck won the Pulitzer Prize. The next year, Pearl Buck was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

After almost forty years in China, the writer moved back to the United States. Pearl Buck gave many speeches in America. She talked to young people about the importance of a good education. She told them they needed to know more about other people around the world. Pearl Buck died in 1973. She was eighty years old.

- B 1. Pearl Buck is well-known mainly because of _____.

- A. her special experiences
 B. her novels about China
 C. her winning the Nobel Prize
 D. her famous speeches

- C 2. According to the passage, the one who most greatly affected Pearl Buck's writing style was _____.

- A. her mother
 B. her tutor
 C. Dickens
 D. Confucius

- A 3. Which one shows the correct order of the following events?

- ☒ a. *The Good Earth* became the best-seller.
☒ b. Pearl Buck won the Nobel Prize.
☒ c. Pearl Buck began reading the works of British writer Charles Dickens.
☒ d. Pearl Buck gave speeches in America.
 A. c, a, b, d
 B. a, c, b, d
 C. c, b, a, d
 D. d, b, c, a

- B 4. What's the best title for the passage?

- A. Forty Years in China
 B. An Introduction of Pearl Buck
☒ C. The First Nobel Prize Winner
☒ D. A Mixture of Chinese and American Education

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
趣味故事	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

Four friends, who hadn't seen each other in 30 years, reunited at a party. After several drinks, one of the men had to use the rest room. The first guy said, "My son is my pride and joy. He started working at a successful company from the bottom. He studied Economics and Business Administration and soon began to climb the corporate ladder and now he's the president of the company. He became so rich that he gave his best friend an expensive car."

The second guy said, "That's terrific! My son started working for a big airline, and then went to flight school to become a pilot. Eventually he became a partner in the company, where he owns the majority of its assets(资产). He's so rich that he gave his best friend a brand-new jet for his birthday."

The third man said, "Well, that's terrific, too! My son studied in the best university and became an engineer. Then he started his own construction company and is now a multimillionaire. He also gave away something very nice and expensive to his best friend for his birthday: a 30 000-square-foot mansion(宅第)."

Just as the three friends were congratulating each other, the fourth returned from the rest room and asked, "What are all the congratulations for?" One of the three said, "We were

talking about the pride we feel for the successes of our sons. What about your son?" The fourth man replied, "My son is gay(同性恋者) and makes a living dancing at a nightclub." The three friends said, "What a shame! What a disappointment that must be for you!"

The fourth man replied, "No, I'm not ashamed. He's my son and I love him. And he hasn't done too bad either. His birthday was two weeks ago, and he received a beautiful 30 000-square-foot mansion, a brand-new jet, and an expensive car from his three boyfriends."

A According to the first guy, his son became successful ____.

- A. step by step B. all of a sudden
C. with ease D. with his help

B What did the third man's son give to his best friend?

- A. An expensive car. B. A very large building.
C. A brand-new plane. D. A 30 000-dollar note.

B How did the former three people think of the fourth man's son?

- A. He was very famous and successful.
B. He was very disappointing and shameful.
C. He was very warm-hearted and kind.
D. He was very lively and talented.

D The fourth man still feels proud of his son because his son ____.

- A. is a top manager
B. is an excellent pilot
C. is a fine engineer
D. conquers his friends' sons

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
帮助朋友	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

Every time Gina walked down the lane where she lived, some neighbor or the other would remark that the girl was off to some place. The six-year-old was the only child of her parents and they spoilt(惯坏) her totally. Even when she was a small child, her parents had never refused her anything. And she, in turn, always made sure that she got what she wanted.

One day Gina's mother, Nitya Mehta, suddenly noticed that her daughter was not ready to share anything with her friends—be it a book, a toy or something to eat. She discovered something else as well—most children did not like to play with her daughter. They said she bossed(支使) them around and made them cry.

Gina's mother realized that it was their fault that Gina was behaving like this. Hadn't they spoilt her by giving her anything and everything she asked for, would Gina be able to

make good friends and learn to share things with them? She would soon know, for Gina was now admitted to Class 1 in a proper school.

Everyone in her class admitted that Gina was very intelligent. But she had no friends until Rita joined her class. New to the city and too shy to make any friends, she did not mind being taken under Gina's wing. Though knowing Gina, it was more of telling her what to do in an aggressive way! But at least she had someone to play with.

One day, the teacher scolded Rita for doing her sums without thinking. The little girl cried because the whole class had laughed at her. The teacher had patiently explained how to do the sums, but Rita was just not able to understand. Gina told her mother about Rita crying in class. "Why don't you try to explain to her simply?" asked her mother. "She likes you very much and if you teach her, she will understand." After hearing her mother's words, Gina decided to help Rita.

C 1. Nitya Mehta suddenly found her daughter ____.

- A. generous and friendly to others
B. warm-hearted and kind to others
C. selfish and rude to others
D. gentle and helpful to others

D 2. Who would be to blame for Gina's bad behavior?

- A. Gina's friends. B. Gina herself.
C. Gina's teachers. D. Gina's parents.

C 3. The underlined phrase "being taken under Gina's wing" means "____".

- A. receiving help from Gina
B. teaming up with Gina
C. following Gina's orders
D. refusing Gina's requests

D 4. What kind of girl was Rita?

- A. Clever and independent.
B. Intelligent and kind.
C. Shy and quick in thinking.
D. Shy and slow in thinking.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
航海女孩	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

After a year of being prepared, Laura Dekker can't wait to set sail. Last August, the Dutch government decided that Laura was too young to take on the challenge of sailing around the world alone. But after a year of preparing herself, Laura has been permitted to sail. Even with the delay, she stands to become the youngest person to sail around the world on a solo(独自的) voyage.

"I was so happy I almost jumped into the water," Laura

said, after learning of the court's judgment. The teenager was born on a yacht(游艇) in the South Pacific, and currently lives with her father on a boat. When Dutch child protection agencies heard about her plan to sail alone, they took the case to court and stopped her from doing so.

Since the decision, though, Laura had been preparing with her father to convince the court that she was ready. Last week, she received the books and other materials she will need for school while she is at sea. She added safety equipment to a new, bigger yacht. And she took first aid courses to learn survival skills, like how to put out fires on the boat, take care of her own injuries and deal with lack of sleep. She also planned a safer course—adding alternate routes to avoid pirate(海盗) attacks, and planning a course that will have her on dry land as she moves from port to port across the globe.

In early June, 16-year-old Abby Sunderland, an American, had to give up her attempt to become the youngest sailor to travel around the world. Laura plans to take longer than Abby for her voyage, and is using a larger and more stable boat. If she finishes successfully in less than two years, she will take the title from current record-holder Jessica Watson, of Australia, who was 16 when she completed the journey.

- C 1. Why did the Dutch government forbid Laura Dekker to set sail?
- A. Because she hadn't finished school.
B. Because she was not well prepared.
C. Because she was too young to sail the world alone.
D. Because her action was against the Dutch law.
- A 2. When Laura is at sea, she might _____.
A. learn some lessons by herself
B. learn some lessons with the help of her father
C. learn some lessons with the help of her teachers
D. not learn any lessons of her schooling
- A 3. According to the passage, Laura made all the following preparations before she set sail EXCEPT _____.
A. learning some school lessons
B. taking first aid courses
C. learning how to deal with injuries
D. adding other available routes
- D 4. How old might Laura be this year?
A. Sixteen years old.
B. Eighteen years old.
C. More than sixteen years old.
D. Less than fourteen years old.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
学校生活	★★★★	7 分钟	分钟

I still remember the days when I was a youthful student in an engineering school. I lived a casual life, without caring about the future. I smoked, drank with friends and made girlfriends. Little did I realize that casualness would certainly lead to loss.

Two years had passed and I was staring down a report card that highlighted FAIL in more than half the subjects. I didn't care, at least not till my dad found out about it. You see, I studied in India and unlike the United States where the students are expected to finance their own education, my dad financed me.

Then came the day when my dad found out my habit of smoking. He lost his temper but he just told me, "Son, your allowance is cut in half from this moment on." It hit me like a roundhouse kick(回旋踢) from Bruce Lee. I was jolted(使吃惊) out of my bones! I couldn't comprehend how to pay off the debts that I had accumulated in college. I owed everybody money: the grocery stores, the bars, the restaurants, my friends, etc. I was living a life filled with credit.

When I went back to college, I knew that if I don't change the way I live my life, I won't be able to pay everybody off. So I decided to make some changes. I quit smoking, cut off from my friends who led me down the wrong road, and started hanging out in libraries and reading my engineering books.

One year later, I went from a miserable failure to a magna cum laude(优等成绩). Life was never the same again. This incident made me know that anything is possible if you take action and do something about it, however small or large. Even today it still motivates me when I feel that I'm about to lose or give up. It reminds me that I can do it! 有要加

- C 1. The author wrote this passage with the purpose of _____.
A. introducing his university life to the teenage readers
B. encouraging those lazy students to study hard at school
C. showing you can overcome any difficulty if you take action
D. calling on the readers not to develop bad habits in college
- C 2. The author didn't care about his study until _____.
A. he entered the engineering school
B. he was in heavy debt
C. he decided to give up smoking
D. his allowance was cut in half

B The underlined sentence in the last paragraph means that the author _____.

- ☒ A. paid off his debt and life wasn't hard for him any more
- ☐ B. removed his bad habits and didn't lead a casual life
- ☒ C. never hung out with his friends but studied all day
- ☐ D. began to live a happy life due to his good grades

A What can we know from the passage?

- ☐ A. Students tend to earn money for college expenses in America.
- ☒ B. The author did well in making good friends in the school.
- ☒ C. The author made great progress with the help of his friends.
- ☒ D. Students are encouraged to do part-time jobs in Indian schools.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
回忆母亲	★★★★	7.5 分钟	分钟

Four years ago my sweet mom went to be with her Lord. She did it her way.

I got the call at work, and I headed home quickly. Mom and dad lived on a small farm that they had owned since I was seven. I hated going there every weekend. There was nothing for a young girl to do but watch the one station on the old TV set, if the weather allowed reception.

My mom, on the other hand, loved the peace and quiet of the land and loved to work in the garden among her flowers and vegetables. The place was rustic(乡村的), with no indoor plumbing or heat. We had a big wood stove in the kitchen that did its best to heat the little farmhouse, but it always seemed cold and too quiet to me.

In the evenings, my mom and I would sit for hours singing in the little kitchen. I sang the melody and mom harmonized(用和声演唱). Her favorite song was Moon River and we sang it over and over. Mom told me stories about how, when I was a little girl, I could sing before I could talk. She loved to tell how my playpen(婴儿围栏) sat in the kitchen next to the radio and there was one song I particularly loved called Ivory Tower.

As time passed, I had my own children and went to visit every week or two. The kids loved the farm and the tractor rides with my dad. But I still hated the silence of the farm. While my mom loved to sit at her kitchen table and look out at her garden and flowers and retell all the old stories, I missed the hustle and bustle(喧闹) of my life at home. But I sat there listening quietly as she reminisced.

Now, I sat back in silence and the silence was deafening, so I finally leaned over to turn on an old radio. Music always comforted me. My heart skipped a beat. Moon River was playing on the radio. I sat there with a tear running down my cheek as I listened to every familiar note.

Then the radio announcer of this oldie(怀旧老歌) station came on. "Here's one we haven't heard in a while," and an unfamiliar song began. I began to cry harder as I heard the words sung over the airwaves. "Come down, come down from your ivory tower..."

B 1. The writer didn't like staying on the farm for the following reasons EXCEPT that _____.

- ☒ A. it was too cold and quiet
- ☐ B. she could only sing one song on the small farm
- ☒ C. there was nothing more that could make her excited
- ☒ D. the place was rustic with no indoor plumbing or heat

A 2. From the passage we know that the writer's mother _____.

- ☐ A. passed away four years ago
- ☒ B. left the small farm to the city
- ☒ C. lived in another country
- ☐ D. preferred to be with the Lord

A 3. The underlined word "reminisced" in the fifth paragraph can be best replaced by "_____".

- ☐ A. recalled
- ☐ B. comforted
- ☐ C. whispered
- ☐ D. worked

C 4. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?

- ☒ A. The writer was able to sing before she could speak.
- ☒ B. The writer preferred to live a busy life in the city.
- ☐ C. The writer was still quite familiar with the song *Ivory Tower*.
- ☐ D. The writer treasured all her childhood memories in the small farmhouse.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
找茬的乘客	★★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

During the final days at Denver's old Stapleton Airport, a crowded United flight was canceled.

A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travellers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I have to be on this flight and it has to be first class."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry, sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so

that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who I am?"

Without hesitation, the gate agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention please?" she began, her voice bellowing(吆喝) throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at the gate who does not know who he is. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to the gate."

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically(歇斯底里地), the man glared at the United agent, gritted his teeth and swore(咒骂).

Without flinching(退缩), she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to stand in line for that, too."

The man retreated as the people in the terminal applauded loudly. Although the flight was canceled and people were late, they were no longer angry at United.

1. What the agent said on her public address microphone suggests that she _____.
A. would call for help from other agents
B. wanted to remind the man of his manners
C. was not sure whether the man was important or not
D. wanted to check out the identity of the man
2. What were the other passengers' response in the end?
A. They were quite pleased with the service from United.
B. They helped the agent drive the angry passenger away.
C. They were all on the side of the agent.
D. They thought the agent should be more polite to passengers.
3. The people in the terminal applauded because _____.
A. they were treated fairly
B. the agent answered in a clever way
C. the agent was so lovely and pleasant
D. the man had to stand in line at last
4. Which of the following can be used to describe the agent?
A. Polite but firm. B. Stubborn and unhelpful.
C. Shy but flexible. D. Brave and easy-going.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
人物事迹	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

Katharine Graham, once described as "the most powerful woman in America", was the owner and publisher of *The Washington Post* newspaper. Under her leadership, it became one of the most important newspapers in the country.

Katharine Graham was born in New York City in 1917. Graduated from the University of Chicago in 1938, Katherine got a job as a reporter for a newspaper in San Francisco, California. In 1933, Katharine's father had bought a failing

newspaper, *The Washington Post*. It was the least successful of the five newspapers in Washington.

Soon Katharine returned to Washington and got a job editing letters to the editor of her father's newspaper. In 1946, her husband Philip Graham became publisher of *The Washington Post*. When she was 46, her husband died, leaving Katharine Graham four children to raise and a newspaper to operate. That was really a big challenge for her.

At first, she was concerned only with finding a way to keep control of *The Washington Post* until her sons were old enough to lead it. She had no training in business or experience in operating a large company and decided to learn. She hired excellent reporters and editors. In 1969, Katharine Graham became publisher as well as president of *The Washington Post Company*. In the 1970s, *The Washington Post* became famous around the world. Katharine Graham also played an important role in supporting women by employing more of them.

When she was eighty years old, Katharine Graham wrote a very popular book called *Personal History* about her life, which won a Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1998. Friends of Katharine Graham said she used her intelligence and bravery to improve the American media.

1. Katharine Graham first worked as _____.
A. a reporter B. an editor
C. a publisher D. a manager
2. When Katharine's father bought *The Washington Post*, it _____.
A. had been in business for a short time
B. was one of the largest newspapers in the US
C. was in a difficult situation
D. had enjoyed great success and fame
3. The most difficult time for Katharine came when _____.
A. her father died
B. her husband died
C. she took control of *The Washington Post*
D. she returned home to raise her four kids
4. We can infer from the passage that _____.
A. the newspaper was failing under Katharine's control
B. there were more women editors than men editors in *The Washington Post*
C. Katharine probably had a difficult time operating the newspaper at first.
D. Katharine was best known for her book *Personal History*
5. According to the passage, Katharine Graham's friends _____.
A. are envious of her
B. gave her much support
C. have great respect for her
D. are in fear of her power

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
乘飞船的珠子	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

Sydney Newton, a Limestone County 6-year-old girl, has a new piece of jewelry that circles her neck three times. It's made with beads of every color, shape and size, and she strung(串起) all of them during the last six months of her journey battling cancer.

Replicas(复制品) of some of those beads, along with a few newly designed beads, will fly with space shuttle Atlantis when it lifts off Friday afternoon from Kennedy Space Center.

Sydney's father, Jamie Newton, works at Marshall Space Flight Center. When he suggested to NASA about the beads going into space, the agency loved his idea and processed it quickly in order to make the flight. NASA awarded 8 ounces of payload(有效载荷) space to Beads of Courage—the non-profit group that gives the beads to children with serious illnesses like Sydney. On Friday, 17 beads will be flown as one 8-ounce unit.

"It's another way of encouraging these kids," Jamie Newton said. "We want to give these children courage to get through this and help them reach beyond the Earth and stars. We can encourage these kids to fight so they can grow up to be the next astronaut and engineer," he said.

The Newtons left Tuesday for Kennedy Space Center. NASA officials invited them to watch the Atlantis launch as a family.

Sydney got her beads six months ago when she was at Birmingham's Children's Hospital undergoing treatment for cancer. Each bead is different and symbolizes a struggle or a passed milestone in a child's journey with the illness. "It's something to show all that she's been through," Cynthia Newton said. "She hangs it on her IV pole."

- What would be the best title for the passage?
 - A Girl Fighting Against Cancer
 - NASA's New Program
 - Beads of Courage Will Fly Into Space
 - A Special Way to Help Children With Cancer
- Sydney Newton wears this piece of jewelry because _____.
 - it is used as special way of treatment
 - it shows what she has been through during her illness
 - it is a special gift from the doctors and nurses
 - it shows her dream of being an astronaut
- We can infer from the third paragraph that NASA _____.
 - fully supported Jamie Newton's idea
 - thought it too expensive to send beads into space
 - put the idea into practice at once
 - quickly got in touch with Beads of Courage

- What will the Newtons do on Friday afternoon?

- They will leave for Kennedy Space Center.
- They will watch the Atlantis go into space.
- They will be awarded at Kennedy Space Center.
- They will go to the hospital for more treatment.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
残疾运动员	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

A 12-year-old athlete is walking tall after representing his school at football, rugby and cricket—despite having no legs.

Callum Truscott was born with both legs missing just below the knees and learned to walk using two prosthetic limbs(假肢). But he surpassed(超越) all expectations by becoming a star sportsman at Brannel School in St. Austell, Cornwall. He plays football and rugby alongside able-bodied athletes and just last week hit the winning runs to take the school to the county finals of the Under 13's cricket. Callum also refuses to accept a lift to his parent's car and insists on walking—even staying behind for dance classes. Callum also recently beat most of his classmates in an endurance swimming race after he completed an incredible 1 500 meters—in just 45 minutes.

PE teacher Milo Bright said Callum had not missed a single lesson since he started sports classes. He said, "Callum has helped us as a PE department because when others in his group come in with a cold or a bad leg, they are encouraged to take part in PE when they see Callum."

Callum plays in goal for the football team and trains with the rugby side—although he is unable to participate in rugby matches because his metal legs are considered a hazard(危险) to other players.

He also helped his team reach a county cricket final and says his ambition is to be a sports instructor. Callum said, "I'm quite good. I think I deserve my place on the school teams. I play as hard as I can. I want to be a PE teacher when I'm grown up and I try as hard as I can with all of the sports."

- Why does Milo Bright say Callum has helped them as a PE department?
 - Callum works as an assistant of the PE teachers.
 - Callum helps to train other students.
 - Callum is a good example to other students.
 - Callum teaches others how to deal with a cold and a bad leg.
- Callum will take his school to the county finals of _____.
 - football
 - rugby
 - cricket
 - basketball
- Callum can't participate in rugby matches because _____.

- A. other players don't want to play with him
B. his metal legs might hurt other players
C. disabled people are not allowed to play rugby
D. he is not good at playing rugby
4. Which of the following is NOT a proper word to describe Callum?
- A. Strong-willed. B. Ambitious.
C. Independent. D. Generous.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
体验精神病院	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

The year was 1887. The place was New York City. A young woman, Elizabeth Cochrane, wanted a job at a large newspaper. The editor agreed, if she would investigate a hospital for people who were mentally sick and then write about it.

Elizabeth Cochrane decided to become a patient in the hospital herself. She used the name Nellie Brown so no one would discover her. Newspaper officials said they would get her released after a while.

To prepare, Nellie put on old clothes and stopped washing. She went to a temporary home for women. She cried and screamed and stayed awake all night. She was examined by doctors. Most said she was insane(有精神病的).

Nellie Brown was taken to the mental hospital. Waste material was left outside the eating room. Bugs ran across the tables. During the day, the patients did nothing but sit quietly. They had to talk in quiet voices. Yet Nellie got to know some of them. Some were women whose families had put them in the hospital because they had been too sick to work. Some were women who had appeared insane because they were sick with fever. Now they were well, but they could not get out.

Nellie recognized that the doctors and nurses had no interest in the patients' mental health. They were paid to keep the patients in a kind of jail. Nellie stayed in the hospital for ten days. Then a lawyer from the newspaper got her released.

Five days later, the story of Elizabeth Cochrane's experience in the hospital appeared in the *New York World* newspaper. Readers were shocked. They wrote to officials of the city and the hospital, protesting(反对) the conditions and patient treatment. An investigation led to changes at the hospital.

1. Elizabeth Cochrane became a patient in the hospital in order to _____.
A. get a job in a newspaper
B. find out the conditions of the patients
C. report the life of the patients there

- D. treat her own mental illness
2. Nellie Brown was taken to the mental hospital because _____.
A. she really became insane
B. she began to develop some mental illnesses
C. she succeeded in fooling the doctors
D. she changed her name
3. What can we learn about the patients in the mental hospital?
A. They were all badly ill.
B. They were not able to express themselves.
C. They all had some mental problems.
D. They were badly treated by the doctors and nurses.
4. We can infer from the last paragraph that _____.
A. the conditions in the hospital remained unchanged
B. Elizabeth Cochrane stayed in the hospital for many years
C. Elizabeth Cochrane never got the job she had wanted
D. people had known little about the real conditions in the hospital

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
面试经历	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

Having an interview doesn't sound like a big deal. You simply go in and meet someone, talk for a while, and then leave. Nothing to stress over, not the end of the world, but I've never been interviewed and I have my first one tomorrow for Columbia University.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about it and have decided that it shouldn't matter all that much. It seems that the interview would only make a difference if the college is on the fence about you. On the other hand, if you were in the "maybe" pile, a good interview could push you onto the list of accepted candidates(候选人).

I know I shouldn't worry. After all, they probably have already made up their minds about me. My essay was, to say the least, unique. But I am still worried. I have no idea what to wear. The interview is at Starbucks. What does that mean? My friend, who did a large number of these interviews last year (and who was accepted to Columbia), told me to wear jeans and a nice sweater. I was going to go with a skirt. The fact that it's at Starbucks, however, is making me think that jeans might be more appropriate.

I don't know if I should bring anything. I'm being interviewed by a graduate student. At the moment I'm considering bringing a copy of my articles and my extracurricular(课外的) activities, just in case. I highly doubt he's seen my application. He's probably more interested in getting a sense

of who I am. It would work out well if the conversation focused on me. I don't think I can possibly forget everything about myself, even under pressure.

1. According to the author, a good interview would _____.
A. be just a step to success
B. be a matter of life and death
C. play the most important role
D. have no effect on the final result
2. The author is very sure of _____.
A. her clothes B. her hairstyle
C. her essay's quality D. her interview result
3. How did the author make her last decision on clothes?
A. She insisted on her original idea.
B. She followed her friend's advice.
C. She had no idea of what to wear.
D. She followed her parents' advice.
4. What kind of girl does the author think of herself?
A. A girl who always forgets things under no pressure.
B. A girl who is always short of preparations on interview.
C. A girl who always forgets things under common pressure.
D. A girl who still remembers things well under pressure.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
第一把吉他	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

The first guitar I ever played was my uncle's old guitar. The strings were wound too tight and the action was so hard. I could hardly push the strings down, but I played it every day. I learned everything from Metallica and Pantera to Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix. It wasn't easy, but I found it an endlessly interesting hobby. No one seemed to support me, but they didn't need to. It was the first time I had found something without needing to impress anyone or because I was told to do it. It became my escape; every time I had a bad day, I just remembered I was lucky enough to own a guitar.

In tenth grade, I asked my parents for an electric guitar. They were pretty doubtful at first but decided that it would be a worthwhile investment. And so I became the owner of an inexpensive black Yamaha. I played it from the moment I got home from school to the time I fell asleep. It was the only possession I really cared about.

The first day of junior year, my friends Kenneth and Steve approached me with the idea of starting a band. I was a little hesitant(犹豫的) because I wasn't sure of my ability, but they asked me to come and practice with them just for fun. I was really nervous because I was sure they were more advanced.

I plugged in(插上电源) my guitar and they told me to play something. I went through some runs to warm up and they stared at me. When we finally wound down practice, Steve asked, "Do you want to be in the band?" I had never really thought about playing in a band and didn't even expect them to consider it, but I gladly agreed and now, nine months later, we have shows booked at a place downtown. I will never forget the first time I picked up the guitar.

1. The author's first guitar _____.
A. was his uncle's new guitar
B. was his father's old guitar
C. was able to make him learn enough music
D. had little effect on his music learning
2. It can be inferred from the passage that owning a guitar _____.
A. brought a lot of pain to the author
B. brought a lot of pleasure to the author
C. made the author always escape from school
D. made the author follow others' orders
3. The author played his electric guitar for a long time _____.
A. every other day B. on the weekend
C. in the daytime D. every day
4. Why didn't the author respond to his friends' request quickly?
A. Because he thought his own performance was not good enough.
B. Because he didn't want to join a band from the bottom of his heart.
C. Because he hated to play with Kenneth and Steve.
D. Because he was afraid to play the guitar on formal occasions.
5. According to the passage, joining a band was _____.
A. one of the author's great dreams
B. supported by the author's parents
C. nine months after the author owned a guitar
D. never into the author's mind before

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
师生真情	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

In 1960, English teacher George Ariffe made a lasting impression on one of his students, 16-year-old Philip Blackwell.

"My junior year was really an awkward year," Blackwell told *The Chicago Tribune*. "There was an in-group, and I wasn't in it." But by teaching him the joys of poetry and literature, Ariffe helped to instill(逐渐灌输) a love of language and the written word in his young pupil. Thanks to

Ariffe's lessons and encouragement, Blackwell made a speech on behalf of of his class at the graduation ceremony the following year, and went on to attend Divinity School at Yale University. Over the years, Blackwell stayed in touch with his favorite teacher. Ariffe even gave Blackwell a special gift: an autographed series of English literature anthologies (选集) that he had co-edited.

So in April, when Ariffe had a stroke that left him almost completely debilitated (衰弱的), Blackwell knew that it was time to help his old mentor the way that Ariffe had helped him: through the love of poetry. When he first went to visit Ariffe shortly after the stroke, the only thing Ariffe said was "I want to die."

Blackwell made an effort to pull Ariffe out of his dark period by reading his favorite poems to him. He would read him short pieces from Milton, Chaucer, and Shakespeare—many of the same poems that Ariffe had asked Blackwell and his other students to memorize decades ago.

Blackwell's friendship has helped transform Ariffe's outlook (看法) on life. In the aftermath of the stroke, Ariffe had turned away food; now, he eats with pleasure, and always looks forward to Blackwell's visits.

Though the one-time teacher still struggles to speak, he has no trouble expressing his gratitude towards his dear friend.

"This one is the best," he said, pointing at Blackwell. "I'm so glad."

- George Ariffe helped Blackwell by _____.
A. reading beautiful poems to him
B. encouraging him to take part in extra activities
C. inspiring his love for literature
D. choosing him to speak at the graduation ceremony
- When Ariffe had a stroke, he _____.
A. almost gave up hope of living
B. still tried to read his favorite poetry
C. had never lost his love for poetry
D. missed his old students more
- The most important change in George Ariffe after being read poems to is _____.
A. his taste for food B. his way of living
C. his memory D. his view of life
- What do we know about George Ariffe's condition now?
A. He has fully recovered from his stroke.
B. He is happy and full of gratitude towards Blackwell.
C. He can't spend a day without Blackwell.
D. He can recognize nobody but Blackwell.

题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
登山男孩	★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

A 13-year-old American boy became the youngest climber to reach the top of Mount Everest on Saturday, breaking the former record as part of his quest to climb the highest peaks on all seven continents. A spokesman for Jordan Romero said the boy's team called him by satellite phone from the summit (山顶) of the world's highest mountain, 29 035 feet above sea level. The record for the youngest climber to scale Everest had been held by Temba Tsheri of Nepal, who reached the peak at age 16.

"Their dreams have now come true. Everyone sounded unbelievably happy," a new statement on Romero's blog said Saturday morning. The teenager with long curly hair—who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa when he was 10 years old—has said he was inspired by a painting in his school hallway of the seven continents' highest summits. "Every step I take is finally toward the biggest goal of my life, to stand on top of the world," Romero said in an earlier post on his blog.

"I'm just very proud of him," Romero's mother told the Associated Press by telephone just before he reached the peak, as she watched his progress online on a live GPS tracker. When asked what she would say to him once he reached the summit, she started crying, "I can't really say that. It's just emotional."

Romero, from Big Bear, California, was climbing Everest with his father, his father's girlfriend and three Sherpa guides. He left for the peak from the base camp on the Chinese side. Everest was Jordan Romero's first challenge above 26 240 feet. Unlike neighboring Nepal, the other approach to Everest, China has no age limit for climbers. Romero registered (注册) with Chinese officials in April, said Zhang Mingxing, secretary general of China Tibet Mountaineering Association.

- What's Jordan Romero's aim of climbing?
A. Climbing the highest peaks in seven countries.
B. Climbing all the highest peaks in the world.
C. Becoming the first teenager on Mount Everest.
D. Becoming the youngest climber on Mount Everest.
- It can be inferred from the passage that Jordan Romero conquered Mount Kilimanjaro _____.
A. about three years ago B. about four years ago
C. about five years ago D. about six years ago
- What does the third paragraph mainly tell us?
A. What preparations Romero's mother made before his start.
B. Romero's mother was worried about her son's safety.

- C. How Romero's mother felt on his success.
D. Romero's mother lost information of him.
4. Why did Romero climb Everest from the base camp on the Chinese side?
- A. Because the route on the Chinese side was smooth.
B. Because China had no age limit for climbers.
C. Because Romero liked to climb with Chinese guides.
D. Because there was no base camp on the Nepal side.

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题 材	难度系数	建议用时	实际用时
五年级的双人舞	★★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

It was a beautiful fifth-grade dance, with balloons taped to the walls in an attempt to make the gym look less boring and music swimming through the air from a cheap boom box (手提录音机) a teacher had brought. The only good thing was the food. There had been some line dancing by a few brave souls and some out-of-style waist-wiggling(扭腰) by the teachers, but no couple dancing, at least not officially. There was, however, a rumor spread like a wildfire in a hot forest that Sarah and Luke had danced together.

A group of girls immediately gathered around Sarah, asking, "Did you do it? Did you dance with him?" Some boys came up to Luke and tried not to make their desire to know too obvious, but they were humans and they wanted to know. But why, I wondered, would anyone feel angry to cross over the start of couplehood? Why would they so willingly submit(顺从) themselves to the unknown results that came with attraction to a member of the opposite sex?

"They're dancing!" a voice shouted above the anxious noise. "Look! Jackie and Jesse are dancing together!" Immediately, students circled the pair, and indeed they were holding hands and awkwardly swaying to a song that was almost inaudible(听不见的) above the oohs, aahs and eeks from the crowd.

When Jackie noticed, she threw down Jesse's hands and shouted angrily, "We can't dance with you watching!" She stormed off, leaving Jesse standing alone, ashamed and confused. Several students coupled up, clasping hands with forced smiles over their faces, leaving the rest of us to watch in despair or confusion. Life clearly got more interesting that day. That little dance proved to be the bridge to the rest of our lives.

1. How did the students feel about the couple dancing?
- A. Curious. B. Bored.
C. Confused. D. Excited.
2. What attitude did the author have towards the students' actions?

- A. The author was sure of the reason.
B. The author was eager to know the reason.
C. The author didn't care much about the reason.
D. The author was angry about the students' actions.
3. How did the students respond to the starting of the couple dancing?
- A. They pretended not to see the pair's performance.
B. They ran away from the spot where the pair performed.
C. They also danced happily around the pair.
D. They stood around the pair and watched their performance.
4. It can be inferred from the passage that the author thought the couple dancing _____.
- A. shameful and confusing
B. despairing and boring
C. understandable and encouraging
D. challenging and demanding

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上大学前的思考	★★★★	6.5 分钟	分钟

Along with the knowledge that my senior year is the most fun of the four years of high school, it is also the most stressful.

Applying to colleges is obviously stressful: a moment in a student's life. College is where I think I'm going to learn a lot about myself. I'll be on my own.

An endless flow of questions has been running through my head this year. Having decided to go to college, I had to select a few colleges and universities that are a certain size, a certain distance from home, that require the SAT scores and grades I have, and offer the courses I want to take. Now that I've completed a long application process, I have to wait. I know that the one I choose will be where I'll spend the next four years of my life. Will I ever figure out what I want as a job? It scares me because I only know what I want to study. I have no specific profession in mind.

Many students going to college need to earn money for their meals, books and supplies and expenses. I know that I'll be working this summer to earn money, adding stress on my summer.

Finally, senior year brings the fear of leaving family and friends with whom I've spent my whole life. Keeping in touch with my family will be easy because I won't be going far. What worries me is that I won't stay in touch with my friends. In fact, some are going to schools across the country, and others aren't going to school, but have jobs around the country.

Along with the fear of college comes excitement and