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前 言

大家知道,阅读在英语学习中占有特别重要的地位。教育部最新颁布的中学“英语课程标准”将培养学生的阅读能力作为最主要的教学目标之一。同时,阅读也一直是英语教学和考试的重点,阅读在英语考试中所占的分值比例最大,因此从一定程度上说,无论是中考还是高考,阅读理解题做得好不好,直接关系到英语考试成绩的高低。为了帮助同学们提高阅读能力,尤其是提高阅读理解的应试能力,我们特组织全国一批具有丰富经验的一线知名教师编写了这套“红魔英语黄金阅读系列丛书”。

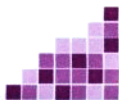
“红魔英语黄金阅读系列丛书”根据新课标要求,在认真分析和研究近年来中、高考英语阅读题命题特点的基础上,精选最新阅读材料,按照由浅入深、循序渐进的规律分年级编写(分初一版至高三版共6册)。大家知道,要想提高英语阅读能力,掌握一定的、有效的阅读方法是极为重要的,因此本套丛书的初中三册结合初中各年级学生的年龄特点和英语学习的实际情况,在每册书的前面均用了1万多字详细介绍了如何培养同学们良好的阅读习惯、正确的阅读方法和有效的阅读技巧。为了充分提高同学们分析问题和解决问题的能力,最大限度地提高应试技巧,我们对于所有阅读试题在给出参考答案的同时,均给出了详细的解题思路分析和解题技巧指导,我们希望在 give you fish 的同时,更能 teach you how to fish,从而让你终身 have fish to eat。高中三个分册除具备上述主要特点之外,我们还按其内容特点将阅读材料分为人物类、故事类、新闻类、科普类、体育类、文化类、教育类、政治类、历史类、地理类、自然类、习俗类、生活类、社会类、广告类、幽默类、游戏类、环保类、智力类、其他类等20余类。另外,我们还对高中三册的阅读试题按其设题特点细分出了细节题、判断题、推理题、主旨题、词义猜测题等若干小类,同时指出各个小题的答题依据、推理过程、分析思路等具体实用的应试方法。

相信这套由众多名师精心编撰的“红魔英语黄金阅读系列丛书”将会给广大的老师和同学们带来意想不到的惊喜,将会为同学们提高阅读能力、在考场上夺得阅读高分助上一臂之力!



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一、人物类

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Computer programmer David Jones earned £ 35, 000 a year by designing new computer games, yet he cannot find a bank prepared to let him have a check card. Instead, he has been told to wait another two years until he is 18.

He works for a small firm in Liverpool, where most young people of his age are finding jobs. David's biggest headache is what to do with his money. Though he has high payment, he cannot drive a car, or get credit cards(信用卡).

David got his job four months ago, a year after leaving school with six O-levels(普通成绩) and working for a time in a computer shop. "I got the job because the people who run the firm knew I had already written some programs," he said.

"I suppose £ 35, 000 sounds a lot but I hope it will come to more than that this year." He spends some of his money on records and clothes, and gives his mother £ 20 a week as he lives with his parents. But most of his spare time is spent working.

"Unfortunately, computing was not part of our studies at school," he said. "But I had been studying it in books and magazines for four years in my spare time. I knew what I wanted to do and never considered staying on at school. Most people in this business are fairly young, anyway. I would like to earn a million and I suppose early retirement(退休) is a possibility. You never know when the market might disappear."

1. Why is David so different from other young people of his age?

- A. He gets an extremely high payment.
- B. He has got a job.
- C. He lives at home with his parents.
- D. He does not go out much.

2. David's greatest problem is that _____.

- A. he can't be treated as an adult by the bank
- B. he doesn't make as many games as he wishes



- C. he doesn't know what to buy with the money
D. he is too young to drive a car
3. He was employed by the company because _____.
A. he had worked in a computer shop
B. he had written some computer programs
C. he is clever and works hard at his lessons
D. he had learnt to use computers at school
4. He left school after taking six O-levels because _____.
A. he was afraid of getting too old to start computing
B. he did not enjoy school
C. he wanted to work with computers
D. he wanted to earn a lot of money
5. Why does David think he might retire early?
A. He thinks computer games might not always sell so well.
B. He wants to stop working when he is a millionaire.
C. One has to be young to write computer programs.
D. He thinks his firm might close down.

【答案与解析】本文讲述了少年电脑程序员 David 的苦恼和愿望。

1. A. 细节题。根据文章第 1 句 Computer programmer David Jones earned £ 35,000 a year... 可推知此题答案为 A。

2. A. 推断题。根据 David's biggest headache is what to do with his money. Though he has high payment, he cannot drive a car, or get credit cards (信用卡) 可知, 他最大的苦恼是他没有被当成大人看待。

3. B. 细节题。根据 I got the job because the people who run the firm knew I had already written some programs 可得出此答案。

4. C. 细节题。根据 I knew what I wanted to do and never considered staying on at school 可推出此答案。

5. A. 细节题。根据 You never know when the market might disappear 可得出答案。

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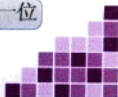
If Catlin was the painter of the American Indians and Bierstadt the painter of the Rocky Mountains, the artist of the Western Cowboys and Settlers was

Remington. Born in New York, the son of a wealthy publisher, Remington was a boxer and a football player at Yale University — the last man you would expect to become the artist of the Old West. But as a boy he loved horses and fed on the journals of some famous writers.

At the age of nineteen, he left college to look for adventures. He traveled from Montana to Texas as a prospector(勘探者). Remington had always been interested in journalism. Now he began to write about and to paint and draw what he saw. The subject of the “Winning of the West” attracted the East. Magazines and newspapers were filled with account of prospectors’ adventures, and of battles with cattle thieves and other outlaws — all the tales that were then news and have become legends since. There were also stories by many other writers. Often these were presented by drawings and paintings from Remington’s hand, but it was as a successful journalist that Remington was a great artist.

1. In his pictures, Remington often painted _____.
 A. the prospectors’ stories B. mountains and rivers
 C. horse races D. American Indians
2. From the text, we can learn that Remington based his art on the _____.
 A. stories he had read in the newspaper
 B. things he had seen and experienced
 C. ideas he had learned at Yale University
 D. paintings he had copied from early settlers
3. During his youth, Remington _____.
 A. showed his gift as an artist
 B. was influenced by his father
 C. enjoyed sports and reading
 D. learned journalism at Yale University
4. The paragraphs before this passage most probably discussed _____.
 A. the cowboys in American art history
 B. the works of Catlin and Bierstadt
 C. the problem of the “Winning of the West”
 D. the magazines about the west

【答案与解析】 Remington 不仅是一位成功的新闻记者，他还是一位





伟大的画家。在他的画中体现的是他亲身经历的和亲眼看到的一切。

1. A. 语义理解题。从第2段最后一句话 Often these were presented by drawings and paintings from Remington's hand 可以看出 Remington 所画的内容。

2. B. 判断题。根据第2段第4句话 Now he began to write about and to paint and draw what he saw 可以推知答案为 B。

3. C. 语义理解题。根据 ...as a boy he loved horses and fed on the journals of some famous writers 可知答案为 C。(其中的 feed on 意为“从...得到供养”)

4. B. 判断题。文章第1句话 If Catlin was the painter of the American Indians and Bierstadt the painter of the Rocky Mountains, the artist of the Western Cowboys and Settlers was Remington 是过渡句, 由此可以推知前面文章很可能是讨论 the works of Catlin and Bierstadt。

(3)

American magician David Blaine left the glass box in which he had lived for 44 days without food on October 19. Hundreds of people came to watch the end of his starvation experiment, which had become one of London's main tourist attractions.

Looking thinner and darker, 30-year-old Blaine was taken out of his box over the River Thames(泰晤士河) and immediately sent to hospital. He was then slowly reintroduced to food, a process(过程) doctors said could be life threatening. He had been drinking only water since September 5.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Blaine first became known as a street magician in the early 1990s. He soon found himself doing magic tricks in bars for the likes of American actor Leonardo DiCaprio and his super model friends.

Over the last decade Blaine has become famous with a combination of breathtaking magic and clever tricks aimed at getting a lot of attention.

In 1999, he was buried in a coffin(棺材) for one week and, in 2000, he spent 62 hours in a giant block of ice. Last year he stood on the top of a 25-meter pillar(柱子) in the center of New York for 35 hours before jumping into a pile of boxes.

"I think a lot of people are unable to accept that they're able to do what they can do," he said. "They don't realize we can survive. The human being is

an amazing creation.”

But he seemed to have suffered from spending so long in the glass box. He said that at times he was unable to see, had serious back pains and lost his sense of taste.

1. It is _____ for David Blaine to eat food after such a long starvation.
A. pleasant B. delicious C. dangerous D. important
2. Having spent such a long time in the glass box, he suffered the following EXCEPT that _____.
A. he had become blind B. he had serious back pains
C. he lost his sense of taste D. he was in weak health
3. Which of the following can best describe David Blaine?
A. Brave. B. Adventurous.
C. Mad. D. Crazy.
4. Which of the following about David Blaine is NOT true?
A. Blaine was immediately sent to hospital after he was taken out of his box because he was in dangerous condition.
B. Blaine was born and brought up in England.
C. According to Blaine, people can create a wonder.
D. Blaine didn't have any food for 44 days.

【答案与解析】本文主要讲述美国魔术师 David Blaine 多次挑战人体极限，这次又进行了为期 44 天的饥饿实验。

1. C. 推测题。根据 He was then slowly reintroduced to food, a process doctors said could be life threatening 可知，进食对他来说是个威胁生命的过程。

2. A. 细节题。文中的 ...at times he was unable to see, 是说他有时看不见东西，但并不等于说他的眼睛瞎了。故 A 的说法不符合事实。

3. B. 推断题。根据 ...buried in a coffin for one week...spent 62 hours in a giant block of ice...stood on the top of a 25-meter pillar in the center of New York for 35 hours before jumping into a pile of boxes 等细节描写，我们可以得出这个结论：David Blaine 喜欢冒险，当然这里面有“勇敢”的成分，但两者比较一下，可知 adventurous 更佳。故选 B。

4. B. 细节题。根据 A native of Brooklyn, New York 我们可以知道 Blaine 是地地道道的美国人。





(4)

Film stars may come and go, but Paul Newman's career(事业) is long-lasting. Newman has worked in films for 40 years. His most recent one opened in December.

The film is called "Nobody's Fool". Newman plays a 60-year-old construction worker named Sully. To some people, Sully seems to be a loser. But he has a lot of charm(魅力). His life changes when his son comes to town. Late in life, Sully learns to grow up.

"I've played a lot of characters and the character I play in 'Nobody's Fool' is closer to me than any other role I've done," says Newman.

Newman turned 70 years old on January 26, 1998. "Nobody's Fool" is his 52nd film. He has won two Oscars in his career.

Newman has found success in other aspects(方面) of life. He has been married for 36 years. He took up car racing at the age of 47 and won prizes.

Twelve years ago, he started a food company called Newman's Own. He gives away all his money helping the poor.

1. The underlined sentence implies _____.

- A. many film stars leave the screen after they've become successful
- B. it is not easy for a film star to lose his or her charm
- C. not all film stars can remain famous for a long time
- D. film stars are successful not only on the screen

2. Newman likes the character of Sully because _____.

- A. he finds a lot in the character that is new to him
- B. he likes playing an ordinary person
- C. he has never played such a wonderful role
- D. he sees more of himself in Sully

3. Newman was born in the _____.

- A. 1920s
- B. 1930s
- C. 1940s
- D. 1950s

4. The writer wrote this passage mainly to _____.

- A. prove that a person can be successful in many ways
- B. show us a most recent film by Paul Newman
- C. introduce a famous film star, Paul Newman
- D. tell us about Sully, a movie character in a recent film

人物类

【答案与解析】本文介绍了著名影星 Newman 传奇的一生。

1. C. 推断题。根据 but Paul Newman's career is long-lasting 可知 Film stars may come and go 是“许多电影明星的事业不长久”的意思，由此可知答案为 C。

2. D. 细节题。根据 ...the character I play in 'Nobody's Fool' is closer to me than any other role I've done 可推知此题答案为 D。

3. A. 细节题。根据 Newman turned 70 years old on January 26, 1998 可以推算出他出生于 20 世纪 20 年代。

4. C. 主旨题。从全文可以看出来这是一篇名人介绍。

(5)

It was early morning. Peter Corbett helped Mark Wellman out of his wheelchair and onto the ground. They stood before El Capitan, a huge mass of rocks almost three-quarters of a mile high in California's beautiful Yosemite Valley. It had been Mark's dream to climb El Capitan for as long as he could remember. But how could a person without the use of his legs hope to try to climb it?

Mark knew he couldn't finish the climb alone, but his friend Peter, an expert rock climber, would be there to lend a helping hand. He and Mark thought that it would take seven days to reach the top.

Peter climbed about 100 feet up and hammered a piton(岩钉) into the rock. Fastening one end of a 165-foot rope to the piton, he let one end of the rope fall down. Mark caught the rope and fastened it to his belt with a special instrument. This instrument would allow Mark to move upward, but would prevent him from falling even as much as a single inch. He next reached above his head and fastened a T-shaped bar to the rope, using the same kind of instrument.

Mark took a deep breath, pushed the T-bar up almost as far as his arms could reach, and began the first of the 7, 000 pull-ups needed to reach the top. High above, Peter let out a cheer, "You're on your way."

Seven years before, at the age of twenty-one, Mark had fallen while mountain climbing, injuring his backbone. The fall cost him the use of his legs, but he never lost his love of adventure or his joyful spirit.

For the first four days the two men progressed steadily upward without incident. But on the fifth day an unbearably hot wind began to blow, and as time



went by, it became stronger and stronger, causing Mark to sway(摇摆) violently on his rope. But Mark kept on determinedly pushing up the T-bar and pulling himself up. In spite of that, he had to admit that he felt a lot better when the wind finally died down and his body touched solid rock again.

It took them one day more than they had expected, but on July 26 at 1:45 in the afternoon, the crowd of people waiting on the top went wild with joy as the two heads appeared. Mark Wellman had shown that if you set your heart and mind on a goal, no wall is too high, no dream is impossible.

1. What had Mark Wellman long desired to do?

- A. To finish one of the most difficult rock climbs in the world.
- B. To be the first to climb El Capitan.
- C. To climb the highest mountain in California.
- D. To help his friend Peter climb El Capitan.

2. How did Mark climb the mountain?

- A. He fastened the rope to his wheelchair.
- B. He hammered in pitons so that he had something to hold on to.
- C. He held on to the T-bar and Peter pulled him up.
- D. He pulled himself up using a T-bar and special equipment.

3. How did Mark lose the use of his legs?

- A. He lost his footing and fell from the side of a mountain.
- B. He fell during his first attempt on El Capitan.
- C. His legs were broken by the falling rocks.
- D. While working out in the gym, he injured his backbone.

4. What was the worst problem Mark had during the climb?

- A. He struck against the rock and hurt his arms.
- B. A strong wind blew him away from the rock.
- C. He kept falling several inches.
- D. While swaying in space, he became terrified.

5. How did Mark react to difficulties during the climb?

- A. He admitted that he was frightened.
- B. He often worried about his friend's condition.
- C. He was able to remain calm and determined.
- D. He was joking to cheer himself up.

【答案与解析】马克在一次登山运动中不幸摔伤了脊椎骨，成了一名靠轮椅生活的残疾人。但作为一名乐观的、极富冒险精神的登山爱好者，他没有放弃“攀爬”加利福尼亚州的近 3/4 英里高的 El Capitan 的梦想。在他的朋友（一位登山运动健将）彼得的协助下，马克凭着顽强的毅力和特殊装备终于征服了 El Capitan，实现了多年的夙愿。

1. A. 主旨题。从第 1 段可知 Mark 是一名残疾人，对他来说要登上 El Capitan 的顶峰是件十分困难的事。

2. D. 细节题。从第 3 段中可找到正确答案。

3. A. 细节题。从第 5 段中可找到答案。

4. B. 语义理解题。根据第 6 段中的 ... causing Mark to sway violently ... when the wind finally died down and his body touched solid rock again 可知答案为 B。

5. C. 语义理解题。从第 6 段第 3 句可以做出正确判断。

(6)

It doesn't matter when or how much a person sleeps, but everyone needs some rest to stay alive. That's what all doctors thought, until they heard about Al Herpin. Al Herpin, it was said, never slept. Could this be true? The doctors decided to see this strange man themselves.

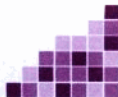
Al Herpin was 90 years old when the doctors came to his home in New Jersey. They thought for sure that he got some sleep of some kind. So they stayed with him and watched every movement he made. But they were surprised. Though they watched him hour after hour and day after day. They never saw Herpin sleeping. In fact, he did not even own a bed. He never needed one.

The only rest that Herpin sometimes got was sitting in a comfortable chair and reading newspapers. The doctors were puzzled by this strange continuous sleeplessness. They found only one answer that might explain his condition. Herpin remembered some talk about his mother having been injured several days before he was born. But that was all. Was this the real reason? No one could be sure. Herpin died at the age of 94.

1. The main idea of this passage is that _____.

A. large numbers of people do not need sleep

B. a person was found who actually didn't need any sleep





- C. everyone needs some sleep to stay alive
D. people can live longer by trying not to sleep
2. The doctors came to visit Herpin, expecting to _____.
A. cure him of his sleeplessness
B. find that his sleeplessness was not really true
C. find a way to free people from the need of sleeping
D. find out why some old people didn't need any asleep
3. After watching him closely, the doctors came to believe that Al Herpin _____.
A. was too old to need any sleep
B. often slept in a chair
C. needed no sleep at all
D. needed some kind of sleep
4. One reason that might explain Herpin's sleeplessness was _____.
A. that he hadn't got a bed
B. that he had gradually got tired of the sleeping habit
C. his mother's injury before he was born
D. his magnificent physical condition

【答案与解析】本文记述了一个名叫 Al Herpin 的怪人，他不需要睡眠，但是没有确定他为什么可以不休息。

1. B. 主旨题。阅读全文可知 A 项与原文意思相反；D 项在文中没有被提到；C 项是医生们以前的看法，但后来发现并不是所有人都需要睡眠，因此选 B。且通过阅读全文也可看出答案为 B。

2. B. 细节题。根据文章第 1 段最后两句：这有可能是真的吗？于是医生们亲自去看，可推知此题答案为 B。

3. C. 细节题。根据文章第 2 段最后三句：他们天天观察，发现他没有睡过，甚至连床也没有，可推知此题答案为 C。

4. C. 细节题。根据最后一段最后三句：Al Herpin 记得有人说他母亲在生他的前几天受过伤，可推知此题答案为 C。

(7)

Jean Driscoll can go faster in her wheelchair than the world's best marathoners can run!

In April, Jean finished the Boston Marathon in 1 hour 34 minutes 22 seconds. That's about 33 minutes faster than the winning male runner! She computers on the track, too. She was second in the 800-meter wheelchair race at the 1992 Olympics.

Jean doesn't like to be told she's brave. "I'm not in sports because I'm courageous," she says, "It's because I'm a competitive person!" Jean was born with spina bifida, a birth illness that damages the spine. She began to use a wheelchair to get around in high school. Then she tried wheelchair race and was amazed. "Players banged each other and fell out of their chairs," she says, "It was fun."

Jean tried other wheelchair sports. At the University of Illinois, her wheelchair basketball team won two national titles.

Now Jean coaches and teaches. She tries to get people to set goals. "When I sign my autograph," says Jean, "I write, dream big and work hard."

1. What made Jean take part in sports?

A. She was brave.

B. She was competitive.

C. She was strong.

D. She was disabled.

2. What kind of education did she receive?

A. High school.

B. Junior middle school.

C. Higher education.

D. Primary school.

3. What is Jean's advice on how to succeed?

A. Work hard.

B. Hope for the best.

C. Dream a lot.

D. Have great wishes and work hard.

【答案与解析】本文主要讲残疾人 Jean Driscoll 凭着自己的努力和拼搏、竞争意识多次获得冠军。

1. B. 语义理解题。从 "It's because I'm a competitive person!" 中可以得到答案。I'm not in sports because I'm courageous 的意思是：我参加运动会并不是因为我勇敢。

2. C. 细节题。因为她参加过 the University of Illinois 的篮球比赛，所以可以判定她曾接受过高等教育。

3. D. 细节题。实际上最后一句话 dream big and work hard 就是她成功的秘诀。



二、故事类

(1)

In the last fifty years, a lot of people have left Europe and gone to live in Australia. One of them was a Hungarian man. He lived in Australia for a long time, and he had a lot of good friends there. He always said to them, "Australia is beautiful, but Hungary is beautiful, too." Then one year he said to his friends, "I'm going to go back to Hungary to visit my hometown." All his friends said to him, "We want to go with you, because you often say Hungary is a beautiful country, and we want to visit it." The Hungarian Australian took his friends from Sydney to Rome in a big plane, and then they went from Rome to Budapest in a train as they wanted to see the mountains, the villages and the towns.

They stayed in Budapest nearly a week, and they liked it very much. One day they went to the zoo in Budapest and saw two kangaroos there.

These Australians were very happy because kangaroos were from their hometown. They said to them, "Come here, old friends! Come and see your Australian brothers!" But the kangaroos did not move.

But then the Hungarian Australian spoke to them in Hungarian. "Come here!" he said, and both of the kangaroos ran to him.

The other Australians laughed and said, "Look at that. They're Australians, but they only know Hungarian!"

1. The Hungarian moved to Australia _____.

- A. last year
B. a few years ago
C. about 50 years ago
D. over 100 years ago

2. The Hungarian wanted to go back to Hungary to _____.

- A. see the kangaroos
B. visit his hometown
C. visit his old friends there
D. pay a visit to the zoo

3. How did they get to Budapest from Sydney?

- A. By air and by train.
B. By ship.
C. By air.
D. By train.

4. Kangaroo is a kind of famous _____ in Australia.

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A. animal

B. tree

C. language

D. plant

【答案与解析】本文讲述一个从欧洲移民去澳大利亚的匈牙利人多年后带他的朋友重返故里看到袋鼠时发生的有趣的事。

1. C. 细节题。运用排除法：由于文章中说 He lived in Australia for a long time, 所以可排除 A 和 B；根据文章第1句 In the last fifty years... 排除选项 D。故选 C 较为恰当。

2. B. 细节题。根据 I'm going to go back to Hungary to visit my hometown 可知答案是 B。

3. A. 细节题。根据 The Hungarian Australian took his friends from Sydney to Rome in a big plane, and then they went from Rome to Budapest in a train as they wanted to see the mountains, the villages and the towns 可知，他们从 Sydney 到 Rome 乘的是飞机，然后坐火车从 Rome 到 Budapest，所以他们从 Sydney 到 Budapest 是先乘飞机，再坐火车，故选 A。

4. A. 细节题。根据 ...both of the kangaroos ran to him 可知 kangaroos 是有生命的，而且会 run(跑)，比较 4 个答案可知只能选 A。

(2)

When my father was getting ready for work, our house was ruled by knocks and words.

He used to come downstairs to breakfast.

The morning paper lay beside his plate. He always read the "Deaths" first, and then he knocked once on the table. One of my sisters brought his bread, already buttered for him. Usually he said nothing, but once I heard him say, "I love you very much, Edith. I would love more if you buttered my bread on both sides." He read the paper all through the breakfast.

Two knocks on the table meant "I am ready for my tea." If a single knock followed that meant, "More bread, please."

After breakfast he said, "Boots." The paper was spread(展开) for him over the back of an arm-chair. Yesterday's paper was put on the chair for his feet, and his boots were brought to him, freshly cleaned. He read standing at the same time putting on his boots. With one boot finished he said, "Bus." At that point one of the girls went outside to the garden gate and waited there. Her job was to stop a bus when it came. It came early sometimes and it had to wait for my father.





"Overcoat, hat." One of my sisters had already brushed his overcoat. Now she held it open for him. Another girl came with his hat, nicely brushed. "Handkerchief, pipe(烟斗)." They were brought and put, with his tobacco(烟草), into his pocket. He looked out of the window and said either "Walking stick" or "Umbrella". It was handed to him. Ready now, he was still reading the paper. He didn't put it down until he heard the shout "Bus coming!" Then he kissed my mother and went out. The girls breathed freely.

How lucky a man was to have a wife and five daughters at home!

1. When the father made the first knock, he meant _____.

- A. he had begun to read the morning newspaper
- B. he was made to feel sad by the "Deaths" news
- C. he would start to read the other parts of the paper
- D. his breakfast should begin

2. What does "Edith" mean?

- A. A kind of bread.
- B. One of the writer's sisters.
- C. The writer.
- D. The writer's mother.

3. All the daughters were quite busy in the morning because _____.

- A. their father never helped them
- B. their father always gave different instructions at the same time
- C. each of them had to start and finish her job just on time
- D. they were not clever or quick enough to do their jobs

4. What was the father's favorite?

- A. Reading newspaper.
- B. Having bread buttered on both sides.
- C. Giving instructions.
- D. Being clean and tidy.

5. From the story we may see that _____.

- A. the father was so lazy that he hardly did anything
- B. the father was the "centre" of the family
- C. every girl in the family was afraid to do wrong because they didn't know clearly enough what to do
- D. the father was hated by all his daughters

【答案与解析】 本文讲一个幸福的男人在早上由他的五个女儿和妻子