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前 言

无论是英美国家的幽默还是中国的笑话都被认为是致笑的语言，是智慧的语言，都是语言中的精华部分。怎样才能使这些语言中的精华部分在人们的英语学习中发挥出应有的作用？这是我们时常思索的问题。由于读幽默、笑话可以使人放松，又可以开发人的智力，我们把英语中原有的幽默搜集整理出来，辅以适当的习题。这样做的目的是既让英语学习者欣赏到有趣的幽默故事，同时又可以通过后面的练习来加深对内容的理解，从而在笑声中轻松地学习英语。本书所有材料均选自英语国家的原版刊物。本书为英汉对照本，为英语初学者提供了方便，那些不再学习英语的读者也同样能从本书中得到无限的乐趣。由于成书时间仓促，不当之处敬请不吝指教。

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1. Two Tickets Please

A young man was in love with a girl. At one weekend, he invited his girlfriend to the cinema. When they were at the ticket box, the young man said to the ticket seller, "Two tickets, please. "

When the ticket seller told him that all the tickets had sold out, the disappointed young man said, "Then do you have any sur tickets that can allow us to stand together?"

Notes:

(1) be (fall) in love with 爱上

(3) disappointed adj. 失望的

(2) sell out 售完, 卖完

(4) sur-ticket n. 附加票

Exercises:

根据短文回答问题：

What did the young man do at one weekend?

How many tickets did he want?

Did the ticket-seller have any tickets?

Was the young man happy?

What did he decide to do then?

1. 两张电影票

一个小伙子爱上了一位姑娘。周末，他请她看电影。来到售票处，小伙子对售票员说：“请给两张票。”售票员告诉他所有的票都卖完了。失望的年轻人说：“那么，您有两张可以让我们站在一起的附加票吗？”

2. I'll Keep it on My Floor

My 16-year-old son, Jeff, is a boy any parent would be proud of —until you see the floor of his room, covered with layers of clothes, magazines and sports equipment.

Recently I accompanied Jeff to the credit union where he opened up his first bank account. While the credit officer was processing the paper work, I told Jeff he needed a safe, accessible place store his passbook. "I know, Mom," he replied. "I'll keep it on my floor."

Notes

(1) be proud of 为.....感到自豪 They were Very proud of their success.他们对他们的成功感到非常骄傲。

(2) layer n.层

(3) equipment n.设备

(4) accompany v.陪伴

(5) credit union 信用联社

(6) account n. (银行) 账户

(7) process v.办理

(8) accessible adj.可接近的, 可用的

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)

(1) The son was 17 years old.

(2) The parents are very proud of Jeff.

(3) The floor of Jeff's room is always covered with layers of clothes, magazines, toys, and sports equipment.

(4) The mother took Jeff to open their first bank account.

(5) Jeff will keep the money on the floor.

2. 放在地板上

我的儿子杰弗,十六岁。他是一个令父母感到自豪的孩子,只是你别去看他房间的地板,那上面总是堆满了一层层的衣服、杂志及运动器材。

不久前,我带杰弗到信用联社去开他自己的账户,这是他第一次开银行账户。当信用社职员在办理手续的时候,我便告诉杰弗说他需要一个安全可靠的地方来保存密码本。“我知道,妈妈,”他回答说,“我会在地板上找到地方的。”

3. The Attraction of the Map

Mr. Smith taught English at a school .At the beginning of his lesson, he liked to have one of his students give a report on any subject. When it was Jack's turn, he told his audience about his elder brother who was a local worker. But during the report, his eyes were staring at the world map on the wall all the time. Mr. Smith knew that Jack didn't look at the audience because he was nervous. He said to Jack jokingly, "We can see you miss your brother very much. But is he O. K. now in South America?"

Notes:

- (1) subject n. 题目
- (2) audience n .听众
- (3) jokingly adv. 开玩笑地

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

- (1) Mr. Smith taught _____ at a school.
- (2) He liked to have one of his students give a _____ on any subject.
- (3) Jack told his audience about his elder brother who was a _____ worker.
- (4) During his report, Jack didn't look at the _____ .
- (5) Jack looked at the world map all the time because he was _____ .

3. 地图的引力

史密斯先生在一所学校教英语。在每次课的开始，他喜欢叫一个学生上讲台作讲演，题材不限。轮到杰克作讲演时，他向听众讲述了他的哥哥。他的哥哥就在当地工作。但在讲述过程中，杰克的眼睛一直盯着墙上的世界地图。史密斯先生知道杰克不敢看听众是因为紧张。他开玩笑似地对杰克说：“我们能看出你非常想念你的哥哥，他现在在南美还好吗？”

4. What Grade

Kristin,, my 17-year-old niece, had just gotten her driver's license and offered to take her mom's car to the gas station. She pulled up to the full-service pumps, and the attendant asked, "What grade, miss?"

"Eleventh!" Kristin replied.

Notes:

niece n. 侄女

full-service n. 昼夜服务

license n. 驾驶执照

pump n. 加油机

pull up 停止

Exercises:

根据短文回答问题：

- (1) How old was Kristin?
- (2) What had she just gotten?
- (3) what did she offer to do one day?
- (4) What did the attendant mean by asking "What grade, miss?"
- (5) How did Kristin misunderstand the attendant?

4. 哪一级

我的十七岁的侄女，科里斯蒂，刚刚拿到驾照。她主动提出去加油站给她妈妈的车加油。她把车开到昼夜服务的加油泵前。服务员问她：“（加油加到）哪一级，小姐？”

“十一（年）级！”科里斯蒂回答说。

5. An Adult Decision

The year before my son turned 18, he constantly pleaded to be allowed to a tattoo, but I refused to sign permission for one. He argued that soon he would be a man and he should be able to make adult decisions. Sure enough, a few days after his 18th birthday, he come home with a tattoo. Although I was riot happy about this, I was curious to see what symbol of masculinity he had chosen. There, on his shoulder, was a two-inch image of Mickey Mouse.

Notes:

- (1) constantly adv. 不断地
- (2) tattoo n. 文身
- (3) permission n. 允许
- (4) masculinity n. 阳性, 男性
- (5) image n. 形象, 肖像
- (6) Mickey Mouse 米老鼠

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

When the son pleaded to be allowed to a tattoo, the mother thought her son was old enough to make an adult decision.

A few days before his birthday, the son came home with a tattoo.

The mother wondered what symbol her son had chosen.

The image of Mickey Mouse on the son's shoulder was three inches long.

From the passage, we can see that the son really made an adult decision.

5. 成年人的抉择

我儿子十八岁前的那一年，他常常向我提出准许他文身。但我拒绝允许他这样做。他争辩说他不久就要成为男子汉了，并说他应该能够作出成年人的抉择了。果然，十八岁生日的几天后，他文了身，回到家里。尽管我对此感到不高兴，但出于好奇，我想看看他选择了什么雄性象征物。原来是他在肩上文了一个两英寸长的米老鼠像。

6. We're on That Mountain Over There

My son and I became lost while hiking high in the southern Rockies. I immediately went to work with my map and compass to determine where we had gone off course. My son, an electronics engineer, produced from his pack a hand-held Global Positioning System receiver.

"I know exactly where we are," he proudly announced, after carefully locking the instrument on four satellites high above the earth and checking his map. "We're on that mountain there!"

Notes:

- (1) hike v. 远足；徒步旅行
- (2) Rockies n. (美国) 落基山脉
- (3) compass n. 罗盘
- (4) go off course 走下了道
- (5) electronics n. 电子学

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Why did the mother and son become lost in the southern Rockies?

- A. Because they were hiking.
- B. Because the Rockies were too high.
- C. Because they were climbing too high.
- D. Because they had gone off course.

What's the use of a compass?

- A. to determine where people have gone off course.
- B. to show people the correct direction.
- C. to make people confused about direction.
- D. to make people work well

What was the son?

- A. a mechanic
- B. a tourist guide
- C. an electronics engineer
- D. a traveller

How many satellites did the son lock the instrument on?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

What do you think of the son's way to solve the problem?

- A. It was a clever way.
- B. It was the only way.
- C. It wouldn't solve their problem.

D. The son took too much of himself.

6. 我们在那座山上

落基山脉徒步旅行时，由于爬得太高，我和儿子都迷了路。我立刻拿出地图和罗盘来确定我们是在哪儿走错了路。我的儿子是位电子学工程师，他却马上从包里拿出一个全球定位系统接收器。他很小心地把仪器锁定在地球上空的四个卫星上，认真地看了看仪器上的图。然后他自豪地宣布道：“我知道我们的确切位置了。我们就在那边的那个山上！”

7. I'm Going to Let My Chauffeur Answer it

A famous scientist was on his way to yet another lecture when his chauffeur offered an idea. "Hey, boss, I've heard your speech many times, I bet I could deliver it and give you the night off.

"sounds great," the scientist said.

When they got to the auditorium, the scientist put on the chauffeur's hat and settled in the back row. The chauffeur walked to the lectern and delivered the speech. Afterward he asked if there were any questions.

"Yes," said one professor-Then he launched into a highly technical question.

The chauffeur was panic-stricken for a moment but quickly re-covered. "That's an easy one," he replied, "so easy, I'm going to let my chauffeur answer it."

Notes:

- (1) on one's way (to) 某人在.....的路上
- (2) chauffeur n. 受雇驾驶私人汽车之司机
- (3) give you the night off 让你休息一个晚上
- (4) auditorium n. 礼堂
- (5) settle v. 使安身; 使安定
- (6) launch into 开始
- (7) panic-stricken adj. 惊慌失措的

Exercises:

根据短文回答问题:

Why did the chauffeur think he could deliver the lecture?

What did the scientist think of the idea?

Where did the scientist sit when they got to the auditorium?

What kind of question did one professor ask?

Did the chauffeur spoil the lecture?

7. 让我的司机来回答

一个著名科学家起程去再作一个讲座。他的司机出了个主意：“老板，您的讲座我已听了这么多次了。我打赌我能作这个讲座，让您休息一个晚上。”

“那太好了。”科学家说。

到了礼堂，科学家戴上了司机的帽子，坐在了后排。而司机走上了讲台，作讲演。讲演结束后，他问听众是否有什么问题。

一个教授说有，并提出了一个高深的学术问题。

司机一时被问懵了，但很快就镇定下来。“这很容易，”他说，“太容易了，我要让我的司机来回答。”

8. Where Do You Want These Blinds

A drill sergeant ordered two young female recruits to paint a room in the barracks, stressing that they not get any paint on their uniforms. Doubtful they could avoid ruining their clothes, the women locked the door, stripped naked and painted in nude. After about an hour they heard a knock at the door. "Who is it?" asked one of the women.

"Blind man," came the reply.

Seeing no harm in letting a blind man in, they opened the door.

"Wow, what knockouts!" the man said with surprise. "Now, where do you want these blinds?"

Notes:

(1) drill n. 军事训练；操练如：The soldiers were at drill in the barrack square. 兵士们在营房的操场上操练。

(2) sergeant n. 中士

(3) recruits n. 新兵

(4) barracks n. 兵营；营房如：The barracks are quite new. 那些营房相当新。

(5) doubtful adj. 怀疑的；不能确定的

(6) ruin v. 使毁灭；使败坏

(7) strip v. 脱下；除去

(8) nude n. 裸体人像

(9) knockouts n. 动人的人或物

(10) blind adj. 盲的；瞎的 n. 卷式窗帘

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

Three young female recruits were ordered to paint the room.

They were required not to get any paint on their uniforms.

The women painted the room in nude with the door unlocked.

The women thought a blind man could not see them naked.

"A blind man" in this passage refers to a man who makes or sends blinds.

8. 窗帘挂于何处

一位军事训练中士命令两个年轻的女兵去油漆营房里的一间屋子，并一再强调不得把漆弄到她们的制服上。她们很怀疑能不把衣服弄脏，所以就把门插上，脱了衣服，裸体在里面油漆。大约一个小时过后，她们听到有人敲门。

“谁呀？”其中一女子问。

“送窗帘的（与‘盲人’同音同词——编者），”来者答道。

她们觉得让一个盲人进来无妨，就开了门。

“哇，多动人的人儿呀！”那男子惊奇地说，“现在你们想把窗帘挂在哪儿？”

9. Whose Dog Was the Smartest

Four friends were arguing over whose dog was the smartest. The first man, an engineer, called to his dog, "T Square, show your stuff." The dog trotted over to a desk, pulled out a paper and pencil, and drew a perfect triangle.

The next guy, an accountant, called to his dog, "Slide Rule, go ahead." The dog went to the kitchen, nibbled, opened a bag of cookies and divided the contents into four equal piles.

The next man, a chemist, beckoned his dog, Beaker, to show what he could do. The dog went to the fridge, took out a quart of milk and poured out exactly eighty ounces into a measuring cup.

The last man was a government worker. "Coffee Break," he hollered to his dog, "go to it." With that, the dog jumped to his feet, soiled the paper, ate the cookies and drank the milk.

Notes:

- (1) do (show) your stuff 显显你的本领；露一手
- (2) trot v. 疾走；快步走
- (3) triangle n. 三角形
- (4) accountant n. 会计
- (5) nibble v. 轻咬
- (6) beckon v. 招手令他人走近或跟着来
- (7) ounce n. 盎司（重量单位，常衡为 1/16 磅）
- (8) holler v. 喊叫
- (9) soil v. 弄脏；弄污

Exercises:

根据短文回答问号问题：

What were the four friends arguing about?

What did the first man's dog do?

How many parts did the second man's dog divide the cookies into?

How much milk did the third man's dog pour into the measuring cup?

Can we find out whose dog was the smartest?

9. 谁的狗最聪明

四个朋友在为谁的狗最聪明而争吵。第一个人是个工程师，他对自己的狗喊道：“T形角，使出你的本领来。”这只狗便跑向一个书桌，拉出一张纸和一支铅笔，画出了一个完美的三角形。

第二个人是个会计。他对他的狗说：“珠算法，上吧。”那狗直奔厨房，用嘴咬开一袋甜饼并把饼分成了四等份。

第三个人是位药剂师。他命令他的狗——量杯，表现一下。但见那

狗径直走向冰箱，叼出一瓶牛奶并精确地把八盎司牛奶倒入一个量杯中。

最后一位是政府职员。“休息时间，”他对自己的狗喊叫，“去吧。”话还未落，那狗便跳将起来，踏污了那张纸，吃掉了所有的甜饼，喝光了那杯牛奶。

10. What Will Be the Headline

When a man in Macon, Ga. , came upon a wild dog attacking a young boy, he quickly grabbed the animal and throttled it with his two hands. A reporter saw the incident, congratulated the man and told him the headline the following day would read, "Local Man Saves Child by Killing Vicious Animal. "

The hero, however, told the journalist that he wasn't from Macon, it Well, then," the reporter said, 'the headline will probably say, 'Georgia Man Saves Child by Killing Dog. '

"Actually," the man said, "I'm from Connecticut."

"In that case," the reporter said in a huff, "the headline will read , 'Yankee Kills Family Pet. '"

Notes :

- (1) Ga. Georgia 的缩写 (美国的) 乔治亚州
- (2) come upon 偶然遇见
- (3) grab v. 抓取 ; 揽取
- (4) throttle v. 勒死 ; 缢死
- (5) congratulate v. 祝贺
- (6) vicious adj. 凶恶的
- (7) Connecticut n. (美国) 康涅狄格州
- (8) huff n. 发怒
- (9) Yankee n. (美国南北战争中) 北部诸州的人 ; 北方佬

Excises:

根据短文回答问题 :

The man carne from Macon, Ga.

The man killed the dog with a knife.

At first, the reporter was pleased with what the man had done.

The reporter thought that the man was a local person.

We can see from the passage that the reporter didn't like a person from Connecticut.

10. 标题是什么

一位男子在乔治亚州的麦根城遇到一条狗在袭击一个男孩。他敏捷地用两手卡住了狗的脖子并掐死了它。一位记者目睹了这件事，向这位男子表示祝贺并说次日的新闻标题将是：“本地男子杀恶畜救孩童”。

然而，这位英雄却告诉记者他不是麦根人。

“那么，”记者说，“标题可能为‘乔治亚男子杀狗救孩童’。”

“实际上，”那男子道，“我是康涅狄格人。”

“这样的话，”记者怒气冲冲地说，“标题将是‘北方佬杀死家庭爱犬’。”

11.A Challenging Hunt

A woman answered her front door and found two boys holding a list. "Lady," one of them explained, "we are on a treasure hunt, and we need three grains of wheat, a pork-chop bone and a piece of used carbon paper to earn a dollar. "

"Wow," the woman replied, "who sent you on such a challenging hunt?" "Our baby-sitter's boyfriend. "

Notes:

- (1) pork-chop 猪肉排
- (2) carbon paper 复写纸

Exercises:

根据短文回答问题：

The list the two boys were holding must have been about _____.

- A. the name of the baby-sitter's boyfriend
- B. where the two boys should go
- C. the lady's address
- D. the things that the two boys should hunt

Where did the two boys meet the woman?

- A. on the-street
- B. on the road
- C. in the backyard
- D. at her front door

Why were the boys on the hunt?

- A. Because their parents told them to do so,
- B. Because their baby-sitter was not home.
- C. Because their baby-sitter's boyfriend wanted to stay with her alone.
- D. Because it had been their usual game.

The woman's attitude towards the boys' act was that_____.

- A. she was very happy
- B. she was very angry
- C. she was a bit disappointed
- D. she was a bit surprised

From the passage, we may conclude that_____.

- A. it would take the boys a long time to gather all the required things
- B. the woman would give all the required things to the boys
- C. the boys were cheated by the baby-sitter's game
- D. the baby-sitter ran away with her boyfriend

一个妇人打开前门，看到两个男孩手里拿着一张字条。“夫人，”其中一个解释道，“我们在寻宝。我们需要三颗麦粒、一块猪排骨、一张用过的复写纸来挣一美元。”

“哦，”那位妇女回答道：“谁让你们作这样富有挑战性的搜寻的？”

“是我们保姆的男朋友。”

12. YOU're Not Going to Make it

Gravely ill, a man went to the doctor with his wife. After the examination the physician motioned for the wife to meet him in the hallway.

"Your husband is very sick," the doctor said, "but there are three things you can do to ensure his survival. First, fix him three healthful, delicious meals a day. Next, give him a stress-free environment, and don't complain about anything. Finally, make passionate love to him every day.

On the drive home the husband asked, "What did the doctor say?"
"I'm sorry," she said, "but you're not going to make it."

Notes:

- (1) gravely adv. 特别严重地
- (2) physician n. 医生
- (3) motion v. 以动作或手示意
- (4) ensure v. 保证
- (5) survival n. 生存
- (6) stress-free adj. 没有压力的
- (7) complain (about) v. 抱怨; 发牢骚
- (8) passionate adj. 热烈的

Exercises:

根据短文填空:

_____ ill, a man went to the doctor with his wife.

After the examination the physician _____ for the wife to meet him in the hallway.

Next, give him a _____ environment.

Make passionate love _____ him every day.

From the passage, we can see that the wife didn't _____ the husband.

12. 你活不成了

一个人得了重病，妻子伴随他去看医生。检查过后，医生示意病人的妻子到走廊见他。

“你丈夫病得很重，”医生说，“但有三件事可保住他的性命。第一，一日三餐，要营养美味。第二，给他一个轻松的环境，不要抱怨。第三，每天都对他倾注炽热的爱。”

在驱车回家的路上，丈夫问道：“医生说了什么？”“很遗憾，”说，“你活不成了。”

13. A Pleasant Surprise

A friend of mine had been wanting new kitchen cabinets for a long time, but her husband insisted they were an extravagance. She went to visit her mother for two weeks, and when she returned, she was overjoyed to find that beautiful new cabinets had been installed.

A few days later a neighbor came over to visit my friend. After admiring the new cabinets, the neighbor added, "All of us were so glad that the fire your husband had while you were gone was confined to the kitchen. "

Notes:

- (1) cabinet n. 橱柜
- (2) extravagance n. 奢侈
- (3) overjoyed adj. 大为高兴的；极为开心的
- (4) install v. 安装
- (5) be confined to 限制；限于范围内

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

The husband didn't want to buy new cabinets because they were very expensive.

The wife was angry, so she went to her mother's home.

While the wife was away, the husband decided to give his wife a pleasant surprise.

The husband had a fire while the wife was away.

The fire burnt all the new cabinets that had just been installed.

13. 惊喜

我朋友有很长一段时间一直想在厨房添置一些厨柜，但她丈夫坚持说这是铺张浪费。她去娘家过了两周，回到家来，发现厨房里新添置了漂亮的厨柜，这令她喜出望外。

几天后，邻居来拜访我朋友。欣赏了新厨柜后，邻居说：“你不在家的时候，你丈夫弄失了火。我们都深感庆幸只是厨房遭了殃。”

14. A Clever dog

A dog owner claimed that his pet, when given money, would go to the news stall to buy a paper. His friend insisted on a demonstration and handed the dog some money - The dog trotted off, but an hour later he had still not returned with the paper.

"How much did you give him?" asked the owner.

"Five dollars.

"Well, that explains it. When you give him five dollars, he goes to a movie."

Notes:

- (1) claim v. 声称
- (2) when given money 是 when he was given money 的省略
- (3) news stall n. 售报亭
- (4) insist on 坚持
- (5) demonstration n. 演示
- (6) trot off 小步跑开

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What could the dog do, according the owner, when it was given money?

- A. It could trot.
- B. It could understand the news.
- C. It could go to the news stall to buy a paper.
- D. It could tell the news on a paper.

Why did his friend insist on a demonstration?

- A. Because he had a doubt about it.
- B. Because he wanted to see whether this dog was as good as his .
- C. Because he had too much money to know how to spend it.
- D. Because he liked this game.

How much money should the man give the dog to make him buy a paper?

- A. One dollar
- B. Two dollars
- C. Five dollars
- D. It didn't say.

How long did the two men wait for the dog to return?

- A. Half an hour
- B. One hour
- C. One and a half hour
- D. Two hours

Where did the dog go, according to the owner?

- A. To the news stall.
- B. To the owner's house.
- C. To the cinema
- D. It was missing.

14. 聪明狗

一位养狗人宣称：要是给了爱犬钱，它便会到卖报亭买份报纸来。他的朋友坚持要来个演示，并给了狗一些钱。狗一溜小跑着去了。但一个小时过去了，仍不见它带报纸回来。

“你给了它多少钱？”狗的主人问。

“五元。”

“这就是了。你给它五元钱时，它就去看电影。”

15. It Seemed like Hours

As a band instructor at an elementary school, I require my students to turn in practice sheets signed by their parents so I can be sure they are putting in enough time. I had to laugh, however, when one parent wrote on her child's sheet, "Practiced 17 minutes, but it seemed like hours."

Notes:

(1) band n. 乐队

(2) instructor n. 指挥

(3) turn in 上交；归还

(4) signed by their parents: 由他们的父母签名的。这是一个分词短语作定语修饰 sheets.

(5) so I can be sure they are putting in enough time: 这样我才能确定他们投入了足够的时间。这是 so that 引导的目的状语从句，其中 that 省略。

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

The author is a member of the musical band at the elementary school.

The instructor requires the students to hand in practice sheets once a month.

The purpose of the instructor's requirement is to make sure that the students are putting in enough time.

One child practiced for several hours, but the parent mistook for only 17 minutes.

From the passage we can infer that the parent is not keen on music.

15. 犹如几个时辰

作为一个小学的音乐队指挥，为了确保学生投入足够的时间练习，我要求他们上交由他们父母签字的练习单。可是有一次，一位家长的签字把我逗乐了。练习单上写着：“练习了17分钟，但犹如几个时辰。”

16. Mother's Feet

To prevent our dog, Lacy, from pestering visitors to our house, my mother often massaged her as she lounged beneath the kitchen table, her favorite resting spot. One day a contractor came over to talk about a home-improvement project. As he and my mother sat across the table discussing the renovations, my mother slipped off her shoes and mindlessly soothed Lacy with her feet. My mother had been talking for about a half-hour when to her great embarrassment she heard Lacy bark outside the front door.

Notes:

- (1) prevent (from) v. 避免；阻止
- (2) pester v. 使苦恼；困扰
- (3) massage v. 按摩；揉捏
- (4) lounge v. 懒洋洋地坐着或站着
- (5) contractor n. 承包商
- (6) improvement n. 改进；改善
- (7) renovation n. 修复；修理
- (8) slip off 滑脱；掉
- (9) mindlessly adv. 不注意地
- (10) soothe v. 抚慰；使镇静
- (11) embarrassment n. 局促；不安

Exercises:

根据短文回答问题：

What kind of a dog was Lacy?

What did the mother often do to make visitors feel at home?

Who came one day? What for?

How long had the mother been talking when she felt greatly embarrassed?

Why did she feel embarrassed?

16. 母亲的脚

为避免我们的狗，莱希，纠缠来访的客人，我母亲常在爱犬喜欢呆的地方，即餐桌下面，摩昵它。一天，一个建筑商来谈居室装潢工程。在这人和我母亲坐在餐桌边谈居室的修葺时，我母亲滑脱了她的鞋子，开始不经意地用脚摩蹭起莱希来。谈话进行了半个小时的时候，我母亲突然感到很不好意思起来，因为这时她听到了莱希在前门外的犬吠声。

17. I Want to Get Out

A bar owner locked up his place at 2 a. m. and went home to sleep. He had been in bed only a few minutes when the phone rang. "What time do you open up in the morning?" he heard an obviously inebriated man inquire.

The owner was so furious, he slammed down the receiver and went back to bed. A few minutes later there was another call and he heard the same voice ask the same question. "Listen," the owner shouted, "there's no sense in asking me what time I open because I wouldn't let a person in your condition in-"

"I don't want to get in," the caller interjected. "I want to get out"

Notes:

(1) obviously adv.明显的

(3) slam v.砰然放下

(2) inebriated adj.酒醉的

(4) interject v.突然插话

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

A bar owner locked _____ his place at 2 a. m. and went home to sleep.

He heard an obviously _____ man inquire.

The owner was so furious, he _____ down the receiver and went back to bed.

A few minutes later there was another call and he heard the _____ voice ask the _____ question.

There is no _____ in asking me what time I open.

17. 我要出去

在凌晨两点，酒吧店主锁了店门，回家睡觉。他刚躺下几分钟，这时电话响了。“你早上几点营业？”他听到一位明显已醉醺醺的男子的声音。

店主非常气愤，砰地一声挂上电话又上床去睡。几分钟后又有一个电话，他听到还是那个声音问同样的问题。“听着，”店主嚷道，“不要问我什么时候营业，因为我不让你这种人进——”

“我不是想进来，”那人打断他的话，“我要出去。”

18. Nest and Hair

My sister, a primary school teacher, was informed by one of her pupils that a bird had built its nest in the tree outside the classroom.

"What kind of bird?" my sister asked.

"I didn't see the bird, ma'am, only the nest," replied the child.

"Then, can you give us a description of the nest?" my sister encouraged her .

"Well, ma'am, it just resembles your hair. "

Notes:

- (1) inform v. 告诉
- (2) nest n. 窝；巢
- (3) description n. 描述
- (4) encourage v. 鼓励
- (5) resemble v. 相似；类似

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

The teacher was told by a boy student that a bird had built a nest in the tree outside the classroom.

The teacher was greatly surprised when she heard the news.

The child told the teacher where the bird had gone.

The teacher wanted to seize the chance to get the child to learn how to describe a thing.

(5) The child did give a vivid description.

18. 鸟窝与头发

我姐姐是一位小学老师。一次一个学生告诉她说一只鸟儿在教室外的树上垒了个窝。

“是什么鸟呢？”我姐姐问她。

“我没看到鸟儿，老师，只看到鸟窝。”那孩子回答说。

“那么，你能给我们描述一下这个鸟巢吗？”我姐姐鼓励她道。

“哦，老师，就像你的头发一样。”

19. I Never Work after Supper

A penny-pinching farmer didn't want his hired hand to stop working. One morning, he told the farmhand, "It's such a nuisance to come in from the field, wash up for lunch and take time to eat. Why don't we save time and eat lunch now?"

The hired man agreed. The farm's wife brought in some cold meat and fried potatoes, and the two men ate again.

When they had finished, the cheap farmer said, "While we're still at the table, let's have supper too." They were now served steak, boiled potatoes and mixed vegetables, and they ate once more.

"Now that the meals are out of the way," the farmer announced, "we can go out and work all day without interruption."

"Oh, no," the farmhand answered. "I never work after supper."

Notes:

- (1) penny-pinching adj. 吝啬的
- (2) hired hand n. 帮手
- (3) nuisance n. 讨厌的事物、人、行为等
- (4) wash up 洗
- (5) be out of the way 解决某事
- (6) interruption n. 打断某人

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

How many people did the farmer hire to work in his field?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

What, according to the farmer, was a nuisance?

- A. to come back from the field
- B. to wash up for lunch
- C. to take time to eat
- D. All of the above.

Why did the farmer urge the farmhand to eat three meals together?

- A. Because the farmhand was always hungry.
- B. Because the farmer's wife prepared three meals at one time.
- C. Because he was not willing to let the farmhand have a rest.
- D. Because the crops in the field had to be harvested in no time.

We can see from the passage that the farmer

- A. was too vicious

- B. did not like the farmhand
- C. was too mean
- D. was very hospitable

We can infer from the passage that the farmhand

- A. was slow-witted
- B. was very greedy
- C. was very lazy
- D. was a clever man

19. 我晚饭后从不工作

一位农场主非常吝啬，不想让他雇佣的帮手停下来休息。一天早上，他对帮手说：“从地里回来，又要洗手吃饭，又花时间，真是太不方便了。我们何不省点时间，现在就吃午饭呢？”

雇员同意了。农场主的妻子端进来一些冷肉和油炸土豆。于是，两个人又开始吃起来。

吃完后，吝啬鬼说：“既然我们还在桌子边，让我们连晚饭也吃了吧。”这次上桌的有排骨、煮土豆和杂烩青菜。于是两个人又吃起来。

“现在三顿饭都吃过了，”农场主宣称道，“我们便可以出去一整天不停地干活了。”

“哦，不，”那帮手回答说，“晚饭后我从不工作。”

20. Coffee Problem

A man was at the doctor's office. "Every time I drink a cup of coffee, Doctor, I have a stabbing pain in my right eye. What should I do?" he asked .

"Take the spoon out of your cup. " answered the doctor.

Notes:

(1) stabbing adj. 刺痛的

(2) spoon n. 匙子

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

Where was the man?

What problem did he have?

In which eye did he have the problem?

How did the doctor answer him?

Do you think the doctor was only joking?

20. 咖啡问题

一位男子来到医生的办公室。“医生，每次我喝咖啡，我的右眼都有刺痛感。您说我该怎么办？”他问道。

“把勺子从咖啡杯里拿出来。”医生回答说。

21. I've Just Bitten My Tongue

"Are we poisonous?" the young snake asked his mother.

"Yes, dear," she replied - "Why do you ask?"

"Cause I've just bitten my tongue! "

Notes:

(1) poisonous adj. 有毒的

(2) Cause I've just bitten my tongue 因为我刚咬了自己的舌头。
句中 Cause 是 Because 的缩略形式。

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

The young snake was a female .

The mother snake was puzzled by the young snake's question.

The young snake had just eaten something poisonous.

The young snake was going to die.

The young snake was worried about his survival because he thought his own blood would kill him.

21. 我刚咬破自己的舌头

“ 我们有毒吗？ ” 一个年幼的蛇问它的母亲。

“ 是的，亲爱的， ” 她回答说， “ 你问这个干什么？ ”

“ 因为我刚刚咬破自己的舌头。 ”

22. Job Technique

Vacationing on the island of Oahu, we were waiting in our tour bus for some stragglers to show up. A man, obviously not with our group, approached the bus and was about to board. How would our driver handle the situation, we wondered. Straight-faced, he leaned toward the door and asked, "Going to the nudist Colony, sir?" "Oh, no," replied the would-be passenger, retreating quickly. "Works every time," the driver said with a wink.

Notes:

- (1) Oahu n. 瓦胡 (岛)
- (2) straggler n. 落伍者; 掉队者
- (3) show up 显现
- (4) approach v. 走近; 接近
- (5) be about to (do) (表计划) 即将做
- (6) board v. 上 (船、火车、飞机、公共汽车等)
- (7) straight-faced adj. 板起面孔的
- (8) nudist Colony 天体营 (裸体主义者实行其信条的场所)
- (9) retreating quickly 迅速后退。这是一个分词短语作状语, 表示伴随状况。

Exercises:

根据短文填空:

We were waiting in our tour bus for some _____ to show up.
A man, obviously not with our group, _____ the bus and was to board.
How would our driver _____ the situation, we wondered.
He leaned _____ the door.
"Oh, no, " replied the _____ passenger, _____ quickly.

22. 工作技巧

在瓦湖岛上度假时, 我们坐在旅游车里等候掉队的人。一位男子, 明显不是和我们一起的, 朝旅游车走来并要上车。司机会怎么处理这种情况呢? 我们都拭目以待。司机拉长了脸, 向车门靠过去, 问道: “先生, 是去天体营吗?”

“哦, 不, ” 刚想乘车的男子回答说, 迅速转身而逃。

“每次都管用, ” 司机眨巴了一下眼睛说。

23. A Bad Doctor

A man walked into a doctor's examining room.

"Put out your tongue," the doctor said.

The man put out his tongue and the doctor said.

"O. K. You can put your tongue back now. " the doctor said.

"it's clear what's wrong with you . You need more exercise."

"But, doctor, " the man said. "I don't think—"

" Don't tell I me what you think, " the doctor said I am the doctor, not you. I know what you need. I see hundreds of people like you. None of them get any exercise. They sit in offices all day and in front of the television in the evening. What you need is to walk quickly for at least 20 minutes a day. "

"Doctor, you don't understand," the patient said "I -"

"I don't want to hear any excuses, " the doctor said. "You must find time for exercise. If you don't, you will get fat and have health problems when you are older. "

"But I walk every clay," the patient said.

"Oh, yes, and I know what kind of walking that is. You walk a few feet to the train station from your house, a few more feet from the station to your office , and a few more feet from your office to a restaurant for lunch and back. That's not real walking. I'm talking about a walk in the park for twenty minutes every day. "

Will you I listen to me, doctor! " the patient shouted, getting angry with this doctor who thought he knew everything.

"I'm a mailman," the patient went on, "and I walk for seven hours every day. "

For a moment the doctor was silent, then he said quietly, "Put your tongue out again, will you?"

Notes:

(1) examining room 检查室

(2) mailman n. 邮递员

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

The first thing the doctor asked the man to do was to_____ .

- A. walk to work
- B. exercise
- C. show him his tongue
- D. see hundreds of other patients

The doctor would not_____ .

- A. tell the patient what was wrong with him
- B. let the patient speak

- C. took at the man's tongue
 - D. let the patient watch television
- The doctor told the man that he_____ .

- A. should get more exercise
- B. should stop making excuses
- C. should watch more television
- D. was already too fat

The doctor_____ .

- A. gave him good advice
- B. walked seven hours a day
- C. was really a mailman
- D. was wrong

So we can know _____.

- A. the man was very lazy
- B. the man should do more exercise
- C. the doctor was very kind to the patient
- D. the man was not a good and careful doctor

23. 庸医

一人走进一家诊所。

“伸出舌头，”医生说。

那人伸出舌头，医生很快地看了一下。

“好了，把舌头缩回去吧。”医生说，“你的病因很明显。你需要更多的运动。”

“但是，医生，”那人说，“我不认为——”

“不要告诉我你认为怎么样，”医生说，“我是医生，不是你。我知道你需要什么。我看过数以百计的你这样的病人。他们没有一个人锻炼过。他们整天坐在办公室里，晚上就坐在电视机前。你所需要的是每天至少快跑 20 分钟。”

“医生，你不知道，”病人说，“我——”

“我不想听任何理由。”医生说，“你应该抽出时间来运动。如果你不锻炼，那么当你老的时候，你就会变得很胖，并且有健康问题。”

“但我每天都走路的，”病人说。

“喔，是的。我知道那是一种怎样的散步。你走几英尺的路，从家到火车站，又走几英尺从车站到办公室，然后走几英尺从办公室到餐馆去吃中饭再回来。那不是真正的散步。我所说的是每天在公园里散步 20 分钟。”

“请听我说，医生！”病人叫起来，对那位自以为什么都知道的医生很生气。

“我是一名邮递员，”病人接着说，“我每天得走 7 小时的路。”

医生闷在那里半天无语。然后他轻声地说：“再把你的舌头伸出来，行吗？”

24. Saving Grace

Vacationing in Hawaii, my husband and I went out to dinner one night at one of its finest restaurants - When presented with the check, my husband reached into his pocket for his wallet, but somehow lost his balance and fell over. As the people at the next table looked on in astonishment 'he said, "The food was delicious-but wait till you get your bill!"

Notes:

- (1) Hawaii n.夏威夷(岛)
- (2) fall over 落下;跌下
- (3) astonishment n.惊诧

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

Where were the husband and wife vacationing?

Where did they go one night?

Did the husband fall over before or after the meal?

How was the food there?

The husband was mocking himself to save grace, wasn't he?

24. 保全面子

在夏威夷度假时，一天晚上，丈夫和我去一家最好的饭店吃饭。当侍者拿来账单结账时，我丈夫把手伸进口袋掏钱包。但不知怎的，他失去了平衡，仰面摔倒了。在邻桌的人还在惊讶地望着他的时候，他说：“饭菜味道是很美——但也要等结了账再走呀。”

25. A Woman Who Fell

It was rush hour and I was dashing to a train in New York City's Grand Central Terminal - As I neared the gate, a plump, middle-aged woman sprinted up from behind, lost her footing on the smooth marble floor and slid onto her back. Her momentum carried her close to my shoes. Before I could help her, however, she had scrambled up. Gaining her composure, she winked at me and said, "Do you always have beautiful women falling at your feet?"

Notes:

- (1) rush hour n. (大城市上下班时的) 拥挤时刻; 高峰时刻
- (2) dash v. 猛冲
- (3) terminal n. (铁路、公路的) 终点站
- (4) near v. 接近; 靠近
- (5) plump adj. 圆胖的; 丰满的
- (6) sprint v. 以全速缩短距离
- (7) momentum n. 动量 (即物体质量与速度之乘积)
- (8) scramble v. 爬
- (9) composure n. 泰然自若

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案:

The author was hurrying he _____.

- A. wanted to catch a bus
- B. wanted to catch a train
- C. was driven by crowds
- D. wanted a taxi

The story happened during _____.

- A. working time
- B. the author's vacation
- C. rush hour
- D. a weekend

The story happened _____.

- A. in central New York
- B. near the suburbs of New York
- C. at a bus station in New York
- D. at a railway station in New York

Why did the woman fall over?

- A. Because somebody behind her pushed her.
- B. Because the author was blocking her way.
- C. Because she lost her footing on the smooth marble floor.
- D. Because she wanted to see how smooth the floor was.

What does "Do you always have beautiful women falling at your feet?" imply?

- A. The woman was complaining to the author.
- B. The woman was mocking herself with humor.
- C. The woman was angry at the fall.
- D. The woman had seen some beautiful women falling at the author's feet before.

25. 摔倒的女人

上下班高峰期，我匆匆奔向纽约豪华中心站去赶一趟火车。接近门口，一位肥胖的中年妇女从后面冲过来，没想到在平滑的大理石地面上失了脚，仰面滑倒了。她的惯性使她接近了我的脚。我正准备扶她，她却自己爬了起来。她镇定了一下，对我挤了一下眉，说道：“总是有漂亮女人拜倒在你脚下吗？”

26. My water Thinks So

Reading water meters in an unfamiliar part of town, I came upon a house with no number. Then I noticed an elderly man gardening at the first house on that block.

"Excuse me," I said to him. "Are you Number One?"

He smiled and replied, "My wife thinks so!"

Notes:

- (1) water meter n. 水表
- (2) unfamiliar adj. 不熟悉的
- (3) come upon 偶遇 (等于 come across)
- (4) Number One 第一 ; 一号

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题 :

Where was the author?

What was the author doing?

What problem did he encounter?

What was the elderly man doing?

Did the elderly man really understand what the author meant?

26. 我老婆这样认为

在城区陌生地段查读水表时，我发现一处房子没有门牌号。接着，我看到这个街区的第一幢房子前有一位老人在养花。

“打扰，”我对他说，“您是第一（号）吗？”

他笑了，回答说：“我老伴是这样认为的。”

27. A Plumber

My daughter Judy, who works for a plumbing company, found herself in need of a plumber at home. When she got to work, she asked that a plumber be sent. For several days her request was ignored.

In desperation, as she departed one afternoon she left her boss this note - "I will come to work in the morning as soon as a plumber gets to my house. " One arrived shortly before 7 a. m.

Notes:

- (1) plumber n.水管修理工
- (2) ignore v.不理；不顾
- (3) desperation n.不顾一切的冒险；拼命
- (4) depart v.离开

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

One day, something was wrong with the plumb in Judy's house.

For several days, Judy didn't ask for a plumber.

The company did not send a plumber to Judy's house because Judy herself was a plumber.

Judy was so furious that she left her boss a note indicating she wouldn't work any more.

Judy succeeded by writing a proper note to the

27. 管道修理工

我女儿朱迪在一家管道公司工作。一日，她发现自己家里需要一个管道修理工。于是，去上班时，她要求派一个管修工到她家里。但一连几天，她的要求都没有得到回应。

出于无奈，一天下午下班时，她给老板留下这样一张字条：“明早管修工一到我家，我即刻来上班。”第二天早晨还不到七点钟就来了一位管修工。

28.A Tough Teacher

A school teacher friend of mine injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. On his first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he was assigned to teach the most undisciplined class. Stepping confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible. Just then, a strong breeze made his tie flap. Trying to fix the tie, he took a blackboard eraser and hammered a large tack through his tie into his chest.

He had no trouble with discipline that term.

Notes:

- (1) injur v. 伤害
- (2) plaster cast n. 石膏绷带；石膏夹
- (3) assign v. 分配；分派
- (4) undisciplined adj. 缺乏纪律的
- (5) rowdy adj. 粗暴而吵闹的
- (6) breeze n. 微风
- (7) flap v. 上下或左右移动
- (8) eraser n. 黑板擦

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

A school teacher friend of mine _____ his back and had to wear a plaster cast _____ the upper part of his body.

He was _____ to teach the most undisciplined class.

_____ confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible.

just then, a strong _____ made his tie flap.

He had no trouble _____ discipline that term.

28. 强悍的教师

我有一位作教师的朋友弄伤了他的背，因此上身不得不穿石膏罩。开学的第一天，他的身上还穿着石膏罩。他被分派教最不守纪律的班级。他很自信地步入乱哄哄的教室，把窗子尽可能大地打开。就在这时，一阵强风把他的领带吹得飘起来。为了固定领带，他拿起黑板擦，把一个大头钉透过领带砸入他的胸膛。

那学期在他的课上，没有不守纪律的。

29. I'm a Police Officer

When my husband, Jack, was a police officer, he once approached a home guarded by two ferocious dogs. They lunged at the screen door with such force that it opened, and they tore out into the yard.

Thinking quickly, Jack, stepped into the house, closing the door tightly behind him. "It's all right, ma'am," he reassured the homeowner "I'm a police officer."

"Not a very brave one," she observed.

Notes:

- (1) guard v. 保护 ; 保卫
- (2) ferocious adj. 凶猛的 ; 残忍的
- (3) lunge v. 冲刺 ; 前冲
- (4) tear v. 急奔 ; 冲
- (5) reassure v. 消除对.....的恐惧 ; 使安心

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案 :

What was once Jack?

- A. He was once a soldier.
- B. He was once a government official.
- C. He was once a police officer.
- D. He was once a gardener.

The word "ferocious" in "a home guarded by two ferocious dogs" means _____ .

- A. very nice
- B. very strong
- C. very big and strong
- D. cruel and violent

What is a screen door?

- A. A door which is made of glass.
- B. A door which is a frame holding a net used for separating things, which do not pass through the holes.
- C. A door which is made of iron .
- D. A door which is made of wood.

What did Jack do when he found that the dogs tore into the yard?

- A. He ran away quickly.
- B. He stood still.
- C. He locked the dogs inside the house.
- D. Instead of running away, he stepped into the house and shut the door tightly.

From this passage, we can see that _____.

- A. Jack was very quick
- B. Jack was not so brave
- C. Jack was very helpful
- D. Jack was a competent policeman

29. 我是警察

在我丈夫杰克还是警察的时候，一次他走近有两只恶狗看守的庭院。那两只狗奋力地扑抓纱门，把门弄开了并冲到院子里。

杰克反应迅速，三步并两步地跨入房子里，牢牢地关上身后的门。

“没事了，女士，”他安慰家主道，“我是警察。”

“可不是很勇敢的一个。”她淡淡地说。

30. A Business Trip

On a business trip to India, a colleague of mine arrived at the airport in Delhi. He took a taxi to his hotel, where he was greeted by his hospitable Indian host. The cab driver requested the equivalent of eight dollars U. S. for the fare, which' reasonable, so my friend handed him the money.

But the host grabbed the bills and initiated a verbal assault upon the cabby, calling him a worthless parasite and a disgrace to their country for trying to overcharge visitors. The host threw half the amount at the driver and told him never to return.

As the taxi sped off, the host gave the remaining bills to my colleague and asked him how his trip had been. "Fine," the businessman replied, "until you chased the cab away with my luggage in the trunk."

Notes:

- (1) colleague n.同事
- (2) hospitable n.好客的
- (3) equivalent n.等值；等量
- (4) initiate v.开始
- (5) verbal n.言辞的
- (6) assault (on/upon) n.猛烈而突然之攻击
- (7) cabby n.出租汽车司机
- (8) parasite n.寄生虫

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列句子：

Where was the businessman going?

How did he get to the hotel?

How much money did the taxi driver request?

What did the host think of the charge?

How was the trip?

30. 出差旅行

我的一个同事去印度出差。他抵达迪尔黑机场，就搭出租车到宾馆。好客的印度主人在那里迎接他。出租车司机索要相当于八美元的费用。我朋友觉得似乎是合理价格，就把钱给了他。

但迎客主人一把抓过那钱钞，对出租司机大骂不止，称他是一文不值的寄生虫，并说他企图宰国外来客，真是丢尽了他们国家的面子。他把钱钞的半数扔给司机，告诉他永远别再回来。

出租司机一踩油门跑掉了。主人把剩下的钱还给我的同事，问他旅途如何。“很好，”这位商人回答，“只是你把出租车赶跑了，我的行李还在车箱里。”

31. Get a Job

One day shortly after I had come home from college, my father was outside doing yard work. He found a baby bird under a tree and assumed it had fallen from its nest. Wanting to return the tiny creature to its home, my dad went to get a ladder. When he got back, he found another baby bird on the ground.

Suddenly he heard a loud chirping from above. Looking up, my father saw the mother bird giving a third baby the boot from its nest. With that, Dad walked into our house, took one look at me watching television and barked, "Get a job!"

Notes:

- (1) assume v. 猜测
- (2) chirping n. 啁啾声
- (3) give sb the boot 开除；赶出
- (4) bark v. 咆哮着说出；吼叫

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

Probably the son had just graduated from college when the incident took place.

The father saw a hurt bird under a tree.

The father sent the first baby bird back to its home.

Altogether, the father had found three baby birds on the ground before he stepped into the house.

The father, having seen the mother bird kicking the young birds, thought that his son was old enough to feed himself.

31. 找个工

一天，我刚刚从学院回到家里，我父亲正在院子里面做活。他发现树下有一个雏鸟，猜想可能是从窝里掉下来的。父亲便去搬梯子，他想把这个小东西送回它的家。梯子搬来了，可父亲发现地上又多了一个雏鸟。

突然他听到树上有大声的唧唧声。父亲抬起头，看见母鸟正在把第三只雏鸟往巢外踢。

看到这些，父亲走进屋，看了一眼在看电视的我，大声叫道：“找工作去！”

32. 12 Post Cards

My teen-age daughter was preparing to return home after having visited her grandparents for a few weeks one summer. Her grandfather gave her 12 post cards .

"Here, write us a few lines every month," he said.

Months passed and the cards remained unused-that is until the day this letter arrived:

"Dear Jennifer,

Life is a series of stages.

As a child, I looked forward to becoming a teenager-that happened.

As a teen-ager ,I looked forward to becoming a young man-that happened.

As a young man, I looked forward to meeting a young woman, in love and becoming a married man-that happened.

As a married man, I looked forward to becoming a father-that happened.

As a father, I looked forward to becoming a grandfather to beautiful ,intelligent grandchildren-that happened.

Then I looked forward to the day they would learn to write-that hasn't happened yet.

Yours Sincenely"

Notes:

(1) stage n.阶段

(2) teenayer n.青少年

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where did Jennifer spend her summer?

- A. at home
- B. at the seaside
- C. at her grandparents'
- D. at her uncle's

What did the grandfather do when Jennifer was preparing to return home?

- A. He gave her some cards.
- B. He wrote her a note.
- C. He told her a story.
- D. He gave her a notebook

What were the cards should be used for, according to the grandfather?

- A. Jennifer should write a few lines on each of the cards every

month and post them to him.

- B. Jennifer should keep the cards for her memory of the summer.
- C. Jennifer should post the cards to her friends.
- D. Jennifer should post the cards to their relatives.

What happened to the cards?

- A. They were torn by Jennifer.
- B. They were posted back to the grandfather.
- C. They were not used.
- D. They were made dirty by Jennifer.

What was the grandfather's feeling about the incident?

- A. angry
- B. sad
- C. disappointed but still hopefully expecting
- D. desperate

32. 十二张卡片

一个夏天，我十多岁的女儿在她祖父母家过了几周。她准备回家时，祖父给了她十二张卡片。

“每月给我们来个短信，”他说。

几个月过去了，可卡片一直放在那儿没用——直到有一天来了这样一封信：

“亲爱的詹妮芙：

生活是一系列阶段组成的。

还是个孩子的时候，我期待着成为一个青少年——我如愿以偿了。

还是个年轻人的时候，我期待着遇到一个年轻的女人，恋爱、结婚——我如愿以偿了。

结了婚，我便期待着成为一个父亲——我如愿以偿了。

作为父亲，我期待着成为一个祖父，有漂亮、聪明的孙儿孙女——我也如愿以偿了。

接着，我期待着有一天他们能给我写信——我却还没有如愿以偿。

爱你的 祖父”

33.A Stubborn Horse

The great novelist had gone mad, but now there seemed to be some hope for his recovery. For six months, he had been sitting at his typewriter pounding out a novel. Finally, he pronounced it completed and brought the book to his psychiatrist, who eagerly began reading it aloud:

"General Jackson leaped upon his faithful horse and yelled, 'Giddyap, giddyap, giddyap, giddyap'" The doctor thumbed through the rest of the manuscript." There's nothing here but 500 pages of giddyaps! " he exclaimed."

Stubborn horse," explained the writer.

Notes:

- (1) go mad 发疯
- (2) pound v.连续重击；砰砰地打
- (3) pronounce v.宣称；宣布
- (4) psychiatrist n.精神病专家
- (5) leap upon 跃上(马)
- (6) thumb through 以拇指翻动(书页)
- (7) manuscript n.草稿

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

The great novelist had_____ mad.

But now there seemed to be some hope for his_____ .

For six months, he had been sitting _____his typewriter _____ out a novel.

Finally, he pronounced it_____ and brought the book to his psychiatrist.

The doctor _____the rest of the manuscript.

33. 倔强的马

大作家疯了，但现在似乎还有恢复的希望。六个月以来，他都坐在打字机旁用力地敲一部小说。终于，他宣称书已写好并把它拿到精神病医生那里。医生急切地大声朗读起来：

“杰克逊将军跨上他的忠实的马，喊道：‘驾，驾，驾，驾……’”医生翻了翻剩下的手稿。“五百页纸竟全是‘驾，驾’！”他惊奇地说。

“是匹倔强的马，”作家解释道。

34. Looking for a companion

A bachelor asked the computer to find him the perfect mate:
' I want a companion who is small and cute, loves water sports and enjoys group activities. "

Back came the answer: "Marry a penguin. "

Notes:

- (1) bachelor n. 单身汉
- (2) perfect adj. 完美的
- (3) mate n. 配偶
- (4) cute adj. 聪颖的

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

For what did the bachelor turn to the computer?

What were his requirements?

Did the computer give him an answer?

What was the advice of the computer?

What is a penguin?

34. 找个伴侣

一个单身汉要电脑为他找个完美的伴侣：“我要找一个娇小可爱的、喜爱水上运动又喜欢群体活动的伴侣。”

回答是：“娶一只企鹅吧。”

35. My Roommate

My roommate was interested in a young man in her English-literature class, but she was too shy to let him know. One day she overheard him say he was on his way to the library for a certain book. She rushed to the library, found the book and stuck in it a letter from her mother.

"Why would he want to read a letter from your mother?" I asked.

"He wouldn't, but if he's any kind of gentleman, he'll return it to me." Her dorm and room numbers were on the envelope, of course.

The next day he appeared with the letter and asked my roommate out on a date. "Couldn't fail," she later told me. "The book was Great Expectations."

Notes:

- (1) overhear v. 偶然听到；无意中听到
- (2) on one's way to 在去.....的路上
- (3) date n. 约会

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

My roommate was interested in a young man in her _____ class.

- A. mathematics
- B. English
- C. English-literature
- D. physics

How did she know that he was on his way to the library?

- A. He had told her so.
- B. She was only guessing.
- C. Her classmate told her so.
- D. She overheard it when he was talking to someone else.

She rushed to the library, and stuck in it _____.

- A. a love letter
- B. a rose flower
- C. a letter from her mother
- D. a note on which there were her dorm and room numbers

The young man knew where to find the girl because _____.

- A. there were her dorm and room numbers on the letter
- B. there were her dorm and room numbers on the envelope
- C. he found her telephone number
- D. his classmates helped him

What happened at last?

- A. The young man only returned the letter to her.
- B. The young man ignored the letter.
- C. The young man was too shy to ask her out on a date.

D. She did make it.

35. 我的室友

我的室友对她英国文学课上的一个年轻人有意思，但又不好意思让他知道。一天，她听到他和别人说要去图书馆借某本书。她冲到图书馆，找到那本书，夹进去她妈妈来的一封信。

“他为什么会要读你妈妈来的信呢？”我问。

“他不会读的。但如果他还算是个绅士的话，他会把信还给我的。”当然啦，她的宿舍及房间号码就在信封上。

第二天，他拿着那封信出现了，并约我室友出去。“错不了的，”她后来对我说，“那本书的书名是《远大前程》。”

36. I Can't Stop Now

The woman ahead of me in a long line at the department of motor vehicles was reading a paperback romance novel. I inched along behind her and when her turn finally came, she stepped aside, saying "You go on ahead. I can't stop now. He's just carried her into his castle!"

Notes:

- (1) paperback n. 平装书
- (3) inch v. 慢性移动；渐进
- (2) romance n. 爱情故事
- (4) castle n. 城堡

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

- Where were the two persons in the passage?
- What was the woman doing?
- How was the line moving?
- What did the woman do when her turn finally came?
- Why did the woman do so?

36. 我无法停下

人们在汽车商场里排着长队。排在我前面的是一位妇女，她在读一部平装本的小说。我在她的身后一点点向前挪动。终于轮到她了，她却让开了，说：“你先来。我现在无法停下来，他把她带进城堡啦！”

37. The Big Baby

"You'll have to take care of the baby today," a woman told her husband . " I'm not feeling well."

"Then you must stay in bed and rest, dear. " her husband said. "I'll be pleased to look after our baby. "

"Thank you. I'll have a quiet day and I'll soon get better. " his wife told him.

"Shall I do the shopping for you as well?" her husband asked.

She was very pleased and said, "That will help me very much. I'll give you a list of things to buy. "

She wrote out the list and gave it to him.

"You can get all these things at the supermarket," she said.

"You can put the baby in the shopping cart, then you won't have to leave him outside."

The man took the baby to the supermarket and put him in the shopping cart. Then he pushed the shopping cart along the rows of things to buy and looked for those that were on his list.

At first all was well, but then the baby began to cry.

Then he started to scream.

And scream!

And SCREAM!

"Keep calm ,George, " the man said. "Don't get excited. Don't shout, George. Don't lose your temper, George.

A woman in the supermarket heard him saying these things. She walked up to him.

"I think you are wonderful," she said. "You are so patient with your little George. "

"Madam, " the man said, "I'm George. He's Edward.

Notes:

(1) shopping cart 购物手推车 (3) lose one's temper 发脾气

(2) scream v.尖声叫喊 (4) be patient with 有耐性

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Why did the man take care of the baby?

- A. it was his turn.
- B. His wife was not well.
- C. His wife was not at home.
- D. He always looked after it.

Why did the man take the baby to the supermarket?

- A. He had to go shopping.
- B. He wanted to show the baby to his friend.
- C. He wanted to give the baby a ride in a shopping cart.

D. The baby liked going to the supermarket.

What did the baby do in the supermarket?

A. pushed the shopping cart

B. lost its temper

C. made a lot of noise

D. helped his father

Who was the man telling to keep calm?

A. the baby

B. Edward

C. the woman

D. himself

Finally we can infer from the story that_____ .

A. the man was very calm when the baby was crying

B. the woman was very pleased to see the man

C. the woman mistook George for the baby, while in fact the man was named George

D. the man was very busy in shopping, but he couldn't find all the goods on the list

37. 大婴儿

“今天你得照看孩子，”女人对丈夫说，“我身体不舒服。”

“亲爱的，那你呆在床上休息，”丈夫说，“我很高兴照顾我们的孩子。”

“谢谢。今天我将清静一下了，我很快就会好点的。”

“我为你去买东西，好吗？”

她很高兴地说：“这帮我很大忙呢。我给你列个要买的的东西的单子。”她列好单子，递给他。

“在超级市场你能买到这些东西，”她说。

“你把孩子放在购物手推车里，就不用把孩子留在外面了。”

男人带着孩子到超市，把他放在推车里。然后推着车子沿着货架走，寻找单子列出的东西。

开始一切都进行得很顺利，接着孩子开始哭起来。

然后孩子开始尖声喊叫。

尖叫。

又尖叫。

“保持镇静，乔治，”男人说，“不要冲动。不要喊叫，乔治。不要发脾气，乔治。”

一个女人在超市听到他说的这些话。她走到他跟前。

“我觉得你真不错，”她说，“你对你的小乔治真有耐心。”

“夫人，”男人说，“我是乔治，他是爱德华。”

38.Pears and Plume

I bought some pears at my local supermarket. At the checkout counter the cashier commented, "Oh, dear, I've charged you for plums instead of pears."

"What's the difference?" I asked.

"Well," she said, "plums are smaller and round."

Notes:

- (1) pear n.梨
- (2) supermarket n.超级市场
- (3) checkout n.付账出口处
- (4) cashier n.出纳员
- (5) comment v.说话；发表意见

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where was the customer?

- A. The customer was at home.
- B. The customer was in a small fruit shop.
- C. The customer was at a local supermarket.
- D. The customer was at the railway station.

What did the customer buy?

- A. some plums
- B. some pears
- C. some apples
- D. The author bought nothing.

What does "comment" in the sentence "At the checkout counter the cashier commented" mean?

- A. to say
- B. to argue
- C. to disagree
- D. to permit

What did the customer mean by saying "What's the difference?"

- A. the difference between the two prices
- B. the difference between the appearances of pears and plums
- C. the difference between the colors of the two kinds of fruits
- D. the difference between the tastes of the two kinds of fruits

From the passage we can infer that_____.

- A. probably there is no price difference between the two kinds of fruits
- B. there is a price difference between the two kinds of fruits
- C. the cashier didn't know the price of pears
- D. the customer was overcharged

38. 梨子与李子

我在市超级市场买了些梨子。在付款台，出纳员说：“噢，天哪，你这是梨子，我按李子收钱了。”

“有什么区别吗？”我问，

“哦，”她说，“李子小一点儿但很圆。”

39. She Is Left-handed

A married couple, both avid golfers, were discussing the future one night. "Honey," the wife said, "if I were to die and you were to remarry, would you two live in this house?"

"I suppose so-it's paid for."

"How about our car?" continued the woman. "Would the two of you keep that?"

"I suppose so-it's paid for."

"What about golf clubs? Would you let her use them too?"

"Heck, no," the husband blurted out. "She's left-handed."

Notes:

- (1) avid adj. 热望的
- (2) golfer n. 打高尔夫球者
- (3) It's paid for 理所当然
- (4) heck (俚语) 地狱 (用于感叹句中)
- (5) blurt out 脱口而出

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

What were the married couple both keen on?

What were they doing one night?

What would the man do if the woman were to die?

What would the man do with their house and car?

What does the last sentence of the passage imply?

39. 她是左撇子

一对已婚夫妇都热心于打高尔夫球。一天夜里，他们在谈论将来。“亲爱的，”妻子说，“如果我死了，而你再婚，你们两个会住在这个房子里吗？”

“我想是的——这是理所当然的。”

“那我们的汽车呢？”妇人继续问道，“你们两个会留着这辆车吗？”

“我想是的——这是理所当然的。”

“那我们的球棒呢？你也会让她用吗？”

“见鬼，不，”丈夫脱口而出，“她是左撇子。”

40. Ways end Means

A man handed a pair of slacks to the department-store clerk. "I'd like these altered, please," he said. The clerk asked for the sales receipt, but after searching his pockets, the man replied he had lost it. The clerk informed him that it was store policy not to do free alterations without a receipt.

"Okay, then," the man said, "I'd like to return the slacks. The clerk processed the return and gave him cash equaling the cost of the slacks.

The man pushed the money back across the counter. "Now I want to buy the slacks," he said. The clerk rang up the sale, bagged the slacks and handed them to him with a receipt.

Triumphantly, he put the slacks and the receipt on the counter. "I'd like to have these altered, please."

Notes:

- (1) slacks n. 宽松的裤子
- (2) receipt n. 收据
- (3) process v. 处理以保存
- (4) ring up 用收银机收钱
- (5) bag v. 打包；装入袋中
- (6) triumphantly adv. 获胜地；得意洋洋地

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

The man wanted to alter the shoes he bought .

The clerk asked the man for the sales receipt .

It was the store's policy that free alterations without a receipt

allowed but a return without a receipt was alright.

The clerk was angry with what the man required.

The man got his slacks altered.

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

40. 花招

一位男子把一条宽松裤递给百货商店职员。“我想换一条。”他说。店员向他要售货收据。这位男子翻遍了他的口袋，最后只得说收据丢了。店员告诉他说没有收据不准随意更换，这是商店的规章。

“那好吧，”这位男子说，“我要把这条裤子退掉。”店员按程序办理了退货手续并把等于裤子价格的现金给了他。

这位男子把钱从柜台上推回去。“现在我还要这条裤子，”他说。店员用收银机收下了钱，把那条裤子装进包里，并把它们连同收据递给了他。

这男子终于以胜利者的姿态把裤子和收据放在柜台上，说：“我要把这条裤子换了。”

41. You Lot Me Search Quite

Once upon a time, there was a man who always forgot things. One day, he went out with his little son. He was so happy that he put the son ride his neck.

After a time, he suddenly thought of his son, he asked people: "Have you seen my child?"

One of his villages laughed and said: "Don't you know he is on your neck?"

Hearing this, the man took down his son from his neck, he was so angry that he hit the son on the face, then shouted: "I have told you not to go here and there. Where did you go just now?"

Notes:

(1) think of 想起

(2) hearing this 听到这话。这是个分词短语，相当于一个表示时间的状语从句，即：When he heard this.

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

Once _____ a time, there was a man who always forgot things.

He was so happy that he put the son _____ his neck.

After _____ time, he suddenly thought of his son.

_____ this, the man took down his son from his neck.

He was so angry that he hit the son _____ the face .

41. 叫我好找

古时，有个人记性极差。一天，他带着小儿子出去玩。一高兴，便把小儿子举起来，让他骑在自己的脖子上。

过了一会儿，他忽然想起儿子来，逢人便问：“你看到我孩子了吗？”

“哎，你脖子上的那个不是吗？”有个邻居见了大笑。

这个人一把将小儿子从脖子上揪下来，狠狠地打了一耳光，骂道：“混蛋，叫你别乱跑，刚才你到哪里去了？”

42. The Long and Short of It

Although I had never met him, I knew that my grandfather had been five feet, six inches tall, while my stately grandmother stood five feet, eleven inches. As a teen-ager leafing through old photographs with Grandma, I finally realized how unusual they must have looked together .

"Grandma, " I asked, "how could you have fallen in love with a man five inches shorter than you?"

She turned to me. "Honey," she said, "we fell in love sitting down, and when I stood up, it was too late."

Notes:

- (1) stately adj. 高贵的
- (2) leaf through 迅速翻阅；浏览
- (3) teen-ager. 十几岁的人
- (4) fall in love with 爱上；坠入爱河

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

The child had never met_____ .

- A. the grandfather
- B. the grandmother
- C. the father
- D. the mother

The grandmother was _____taller than the grandfather.

- A. five feet
- B. six inches
- C. four inches
- D. five inches

"Leafing through" in "leafing through old photographs" means_____ .

- A. to turn page by page
- B. to put leaves in an album
- C. to look for
- D. to take out from

The child realized_____ .

- A. how strange they must have looked together
- B. how wonderful they must have looked together
- C. how shameful they must have looked together
- D. how unusual they must have looked together

From the passage we can see that_____ .

- A. the grandmother loved her husband deeply
- B. the grandmother regretted to have married her husband
- C. the grandfather had been out for at least ten years

D. the grandfather had been dead for nearly eight years

42. 长短之说

尽管我从未见过我祖父，但我知道他身高五英尺六，而我高贵的祖母身高五英尺十一。十几岁的时候，我和祖母一起一页一页地翻着老照片，我终于认识到他们在一起是多么不同寻常。

“奶奶，”我问道，“你怎么会爱上一个比你矮五英寸的人呢？”

她转过脸来看着我。“宝贝，”她说，“我们是坐着相爱的。当我站起来的时候，已经太晚了。”

43. The Shepherd and the Bureaucrat

A bureaucrat was hiking when he came upon a shepherd tending a large flock. The bureaucrat took a fancy to the sheep and asked the shepherd, "If I can guess how many there are, may I have one?" The shepherd thought it unlikely the man would guess the exact number, so he agreed.

The bureaucrat guessed, "You have 287 sheep." The shepherd was astonished, since this was exactly right.

"Can I pick out my sheep now?" asked the bureaucrat. The shepherd grudgingly gave his permission. Selecting one, the bureaucrat slung it over his shoulders to carry home.

The shepherd got an idea. "If I guess your occupation," he said, "may I have my sheep back?" The bureaucrat was surprised, but figured there was little chance of the shepherd guessing correctly, so he went along. "You're a bureaucrat," announced the shepherd. Amazed, the bureaucrat asked.

"How did you know?"

The shepherd replied, "Put the dog down and we'll talk about it."

Notes:

- (1) bureaucrat n. 官僚
- (2) come upon 偶然遇到
- (3) shepherd n. 牧羊人
- (4) take a fancy to sth 喜爱
- (5) astonish v. 使惊骇
- (6) pick out 挑选
- (7) grudgingly adv. 不情愿地
- (8) sling v. 用力投掷
- (9) occupation n. 职业；工作
- (10) figure v. 料想；推断

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What was the bureaucrat doing when he saw the sheperd?

- A. He was driving in the countryside.
- B. He was fishing in the countryside.
- C. He was having a walk in the countryside.
- D. He was hunting in the countryside.

How many sheep did the sheperd have?

- A. one hundred and eighty seven
- B. two hundred and eighty seven
- C. three hundred and eighty seven
- D. eight hundred and seventy two

How did the sheperd feel when the bureaucrat guessed right?

- A. He was very delighted.
- B. He was puzzled.
- C. He was very sad
- D. He was greatly surprised.

How many sheep did the bureaucrat choose?

- A. one
- B. two
- C. three
- D. four

How could the sheperd guess the man's occupation as a bureaucrat?

- A. The bureaucrat's wearing told him.
- B. The bureaucrat's words told what his occupation was.
- C. The bureaucrat had mistaken a dog for a sheep -
- D. The sheperd overheard that the man was a bureaucrat.

43. 牧羊人与官僚

一位官僚在徒步旅行，这时他看到一个牧羊人在看护一大群羊。这个官僚特别喜欢羊，就问牧羊人：“如果我能猜出有多少只，我能领走一只羊吗？”牧羊人想他不可能猜中准确的数目，就同意了。

官僚猜道：“你有二百八十七只羊。”牧羊人惊呆了，因为这确是准确的数目。

“我可以挑一只羊了吧？”官僚问道。牧羊人勉强地答应了。官僚挑了一只羊，把它甩在肩上就往家里扛。

牧羊人来了主意。“如果我猜中你的身份，”他说，“我可以收回我的羊吗？”官僚甚感惊奇，但考虑到牧羊人猜中的机会很小，就同意了。“你是个官员，”牧羊人猜道。

官僚一愣，问道：“你怎么知道的？”

牧羊人回答：“先把我的狗放下，然后我们再说话。”

44.The Judge's Pistol

One day Mel Martin stopped by the chambers of a judge with whom he had lunch appointment. As his friend changed from robe jacket, Martin noticed a shiny black pistol bolstered to the judge's shoulder.

The judge was not a firearms enthusiast, so Martin asked him why he was carrying it. His friend said that because of recent threats he had borrowed the pistol from the repository of confiscated weapons. Holding it up, the judge said, "I chose this one because it's so mean-looking, yet it hardly weighs a thing. I hope I don't need it, because I don't even know how to load it."

"It's not hard," Martin said, examining it closely. "We can fill it at the water fountain on the way out."

Notes:

- (1) chambers n.法官办公室
- (2) robe n.长袍
- (3) shiny n.闪亮的
- (4) holster v.装在皮套里
- (5) repository n.仓库
- (6) confiscated adj.没收的；充公的
- (7) mean-looking adj.吓人的
- (8) load v.装弹于（枪炮）

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

Where did Martin stop by one day?

Why was he there?

Why was the judge carrying a pistol?

Had the judge used a weapon before? How do you know?

What did Martin think of the gun?

44. 法官的手枪

一天，麦尔·马丁来到一个法官办公室。他跟法官约好了一起吃午餐。当法官换掉长袍时，马丁发现法官肩上绑着一支闪光发亮的手枪。

法官并不是个武器狂热者，因此马丁问他为什么带上它。他的这位朋友回答说因为近来不断有恐吓发生，所以他从充公武器仓库那里借来一把手枪。法官把枪拿在手里，说：“我选了这把枪是因为它看起来很吓人，却一点也不重。我希望我并不需要它，因为我还不知道怎么装子弹呢。”

“这并不难，”马丁说，一边仔细检查那支枪，“我们可以在出口的自来水管处装满它。”

45.A Call from a Frog

A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you . "

The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?"

"No," says the psychic. "Next semester in her biology class.

Notes:

- (1) frog n. 青蛙
- (2) psychic n. 通灵之人
- (3) semester n. (美国) 一个学期
- (4) biology n. 生物学

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

A frog visits the psychic one day.

The psychic tells the frog that he will meet a pretty mid-aged

The frog is greatly delighted to hear the news.

The frog would like to meet her at a party.

The psychic tells him that he will be in danger actually.

45. 青蛙的电话

青蛙拨打通灵热线。电话中说：“你将遇到一位美丽的年轻女子，她要了解你的一切。”

青蛙说：“这太棒了！我会在舞会上遇见她，还是——？”

“不，”通灵者说，“是在下个学期她的生物课上。”

46. Wouldn't You Know

I accompanied my eight-months-pregnant wife to her monthly checkup . We boarded the hospital's elevator to go to the appropriate floor. The only other passenger was an elderly man who studied intently and then said, "Boy."

Without another word, he got off at his floor. I was about to tell wife how strange I thought he was acting when suddenly I realized was wearing a T-shirt sporting the "Guess?" logo.

Notes:

- (1) accompany v. 伴随 ; 陪伴
- (2) pregnant adj. 怀孕的
- (3) appropriate adj. 适当的
- (4) intently adv. 专心地
- (5) T-shirt n. T 恤衫
- (6) logo n. 标语

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列问题正 (T)、误 (F) :

The wife had been pregnant for six months.

The man accompanied his wife to the hospital for a checkup.

The only other passenger was an elderly woman.

The elderly person had a brief look at the pregnant woman and said it was a boy.

The elderly person made a guess because she was wearing a T shirt with the "Guess ?" loge.

46. 你不要知道吗

我陪伴怀孕八个月的妻子去月查。我们上了医院的电梯去某个楼层。唯一的另外乘客是一位上了年纪的男子。他专注地看着我妻子，然后说：“男孩。”

直到他到了自己的楼层，他再没说话。我刚要告诉我妻子那个男子是多么奇怪，这时我突然意识到她穿着一件 T 恤运动衫，上面写着“猜猜看？”标语。

47.The Very Last Birthday

When I was approaching 50, I announced to my three grown children that I no longer wanted to celebrate my birthday and that they could phone me instead of sending a gift. At first they protested, but finally they agreed to go along with my wish. So when the doorbell rang on the morning of my birthday, I was surprised to see the florist delivering a huge, beautiful plant. Suddenly, without a word, she rushed back to the truck and, with a sad look, turned once to glance at me. Puzzled, I read the card attached to the plant: "To Mom-with lots of love-on your very last birthday.

Notes:

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| (1) approach v. 接近 | (4) florist n. 花商；经营花卉业者 |
| (2) protest v. 反对 | (5) glance at 瞥视；匆匆一看 |
| (3) go along with 同意 | (6) attach v. 附上；系上 |

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

The mother was more than 50 when she decided that she no longer wanted to celebrate her birthday.

She still hoped that her children could send her gifts.

The mother was very glad to see the florist delivering a huge, beautiful plant.

The florist felt sad because she thought that the woman was going to die.

The florist mistook the meaning of the words on the card.

47. 最后的生日

接近五十岁的时候，我对我的三个成年孩子宣布说我不再想庆祝我的生日，并说他们可以给我打电话，不要再送礼物。开始他们反对，但终于他们同意随我愿。所以我生日那天早上门铃响的时候，我惊奇地发现花店营业员送来一束又大又美的鲜花。突然她一声不响地跑回到车上，并回过头来悲哀地看了我一眼。我感到纳闷，我看了一下花上的卡片，上面写着：“献给妈妈——无尽的爱——在您最后的生日里。”

48. Good Thing He Has You

While I was talking to a parent of one of my third-grade students, another teacher walked by. The mother, remarking how beautiful the woman was, said, "If my son had her for a teacher, he wouldn't be able to concentrate." Then she paused and added, "Good thing he has you."

Notes:

(1) remark v. 谈起

(2) concentrate v. 集中注意力于；专心于

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

The teacher was talking to a parent of one of her _____ students.

- A. first-grade
- B. second-grade
- C. third-grade
- D. fourth-grade

What happened when they were talking?

- A. The student came in.
- B. The headmaster asked the teacher to go to his office.
- C. The bell rang for a break.
- D. Another woman teacher came by.

What did the mother think of the woman passing by?

- A. She thought that the woman was ugly.
- B. She thought that the woman was too noisy.
- C. She thought that the woman taught badly.
- D. She thought that the woman was very pretty.

Why wouldn't the mother like the pretty woman to teach her son?

- A. Although she was pretty, she was not competent for her job.
- B. The students would be attracted by her beauty instead of her teaching.
- C. The students didn't like a pretty woman to teach them.
- D. The pretty woman was not so kind to her students.

The mother's words "good thing he has you" implies that _____.

- A. the teacher was not pretty
- B. the teacher was too kind
- C. the teacher was very good at her teaching
- D. the mother liked the teacher very much

48. 有你教他真好

在我和一位三年级学生的母亲交谈时，另一位老师从旁边走过。那位母亲评论说那女教师真美，她说：“如果由她教我儿子的话，他一定不能认真听课的。”她停顿了一下，又加了一句：“有你教他真好。”

49. Do Me a Favor

The mechanic was very busy when I took my car in for repairs, so I settled down in the waiting room with a book I'd brought along. The mechanic was in and out answering calls, and at one point he stopped and looked at me. "Would you do me a favor and flip back a few pages when someone comes in? That way it won't look as if you've been here all day."

Notes:

- (1) mechanic n. 汽车修理师
- (2) settle down 安适地坐下或躺
- (3) do sb a favor 帮助某人
- (4) flip v. 以指捻

Exercises:

根据短文填空

The mechanic was very busy when I took my car _____ repairs.

So I _____ down in the waiting room with a book I'd brought _____ .

The mechanic was _____ and _____ answering calls.

Would you do me a favor and _____ back a few pages when someone comes _____ ?

That way it won't look _____ you've been here all day.

49. 请帮个忙

我把车拖去修理，机械师很忙。所以我就坐在接待室，拿出我随身带来的书读，机械师出出进进地打招呼。有一次，他停下来看了看我说：“你能帮我个忙吗？有人进来时，把书翻回几页行吗？那样的话，就不会看上去你在这儿呆了一整天了。”

50. Point of No Return

My husband ordered home delivery of our local newspaper. Because we live in rural area where no street numbers are used, I was concerned that the carrier would have trouble finding us. Sure enough, we missed delivery several days despite frequent calls to the circulation department. Finally I phoned to cancel the subscription. "You'll have to tell me your exact location," the woman on the line said. "We can't cancel the subscription unless we know where you live."

Notes:

- (1) delivery n. 递送
- (2) rural area 乡村
- (3) concerned adj. 焦虑的；担心的
- (4) have trouble doing sth 做某事有麻烦
- (5) despite prep. 不管；不顾
- (6) frequent adj. 时常发生的；惯常的
- (7) circulation n. 发行
- (8) subscription n. 订阅

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where did the family live?

- A. in the countryside
- B. in the suburbs
- C. in the urban area
- D. near the circulation department of the local newspaper

What was the wife worried about?

- A. She was worried about the quality of the newspaper.
- B. She was worried that the carrier would deliver their newspaper to someone else.
- C. She was worried that the carrier would find difficulty in finding them.
- D. She was worried that the newspaper might not be interesting enough.

What happened to them after their ordering?

- A. They got the newspaper.
- B. The newspaper was cancelled.
- C. The circulation department refused to deliver the newspaper to them.
- D. For several days they missed delivery.

What did they finally decide to do?

- A. They decided to cancel the subscription.
- B. They decided to cancel the newspaper.

C. They decided to punish the carrier.

D. They decided to take it to court.

What was the result?

A. The circulation department promised that they would get their delivery in time.

B. The carrier was punished.

C. They could neither get their delivery nor cancel their subscription.

D. The newspaper was cancelled.

50. 有去无回

我丈夫预订了当地报纸的户送。因为我们住在乡下，没有街道号码，所以我担心送报员不易找到我们。果真如此，一连几天都没有报纸送来，尽管我们频繁地往发行部打电话询问。最后我打电话取消订阅协议。“您得告诉我们您的准确位置，”电话中女子说，“除非我们知道您住在哪里，否则我们不能取消订阅协议。”

51. The Story of a Snail

When a snail crossed the road, he was run over by a turtle. Regaining consciousness in the emergency room, he was asked what caused the accident.

"I really can't remember," the snail replied. "You see, it all happened so fast."

Notes:

- (1) snail n. 蜗牛
- (2) run over 碾过 (在地上的某人或某物)
- (3) regain v. 恢复
- (4) consciousness n. 知觉
- (5) emergency n. 紧急事件 ; 紧急情况

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题 :

What did the snail do one day?

What happened to him ?

Where did he regain consciousness?

Could he still remember what caused the accident?

51. 蜗牛的故事

一个蜗牛过马路，被一个乌龟从身上碾过。在急救室里它恢复了知觉，有的人问它事故是怎样发生的。

“我记不起来了，”蜗牛回答说，“你瞧，一切发生得都太快了。”

52. Not Here

Kathy and Polly were friends but they liked playing tricks on each other

One day Kathy met Polly in the street. She said, "Hi, Polly. It's good to see you."

"How can you see me when I'm not here?" Polly asked.

"What do you mean, you're not here?" Kathy asked. "Of course you're here."

"No, I'm not." Polly said. "and I'll bet you ten dollars that I can prove I'm not here."

"Alright," said Kathy. "Ten dollars. Now prove you're not here."

"Easy," Polly said, "Am I in Hong Kong?"

"No," said Kathy.

"Am I in Paris?"

"No," said Kathy.

"It I'm not in Hong Kong and I'm not in Paris," Polly said, " then I must be somewhere else. Right?"

"Right," said Kathy. "You must be somewhere else."

"Exactly." said Polly. "And if I'm somewhere else I can't be here, can I? Ten dollars, please. "

"That's very clever, Polly," Kathy said, "but I can't give you ten dollars."

"Why not?" asked Polly. "We had a bet."

"Certainly we had a bet," Kathy said, "but how can I give you ten dollars if you're not here?"

And with a laugh she walked away.

Notes:

- (1) trick n. 恶作剧
- (2) play a trick on sb. 开玩笑；戏谑某人
- (3) prove v. 证明
- (4) Hong Kong 香港
- (5) Paris 巴黎（法国首都）

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where did Polly and Kathy meet?

- A. at school
- B. on the train
- C. in the playground
- D. in the street

Polly wanted to_____ .

- A. be friends with Kathy

- B. bet on Kathy
- C. make a bet with Kathy
- D. give Kathy some money

What did Polly say she could do?

- A. prove she wasn't there.
- B. give Kathy ten dollars.
- C. 90 to Paris.
- D. prove she was in Hong Kong.

What did Kathy do?

- A. She gave Polly ten dollars.
- B. She proved she couldn't give Polly the money.
- C. She was angry with Polly.
- D. She refused the bet.

So from the story we can know _____.

- A. Polly is very clever
- B. Kathy is very clever
- C. neither of them is very clever
- D. both of them are very clever

52. 不在这里

凯斯和波丽是朋友，但她们总爱开对方的玩笑。

一天凯斯在街上遇见了波丽。她说，“喂、波丽，很高兴见到你。”

“我不在这里，你怎能看到我呢？”波丽说。

“你说你不在这里，这是什么意思？”凯斯问，“当然，你在这里。”

“不，我不在这里。”波丽说，“我将和你打 10 美元的赌，赌我能证明我不在这里。”

“行，”凯斯说，“10 美元。现在证明你不在这里吧。”

“这很容易，”波丽说，“我在香港吗？”

“不在，”凯斯说。

“我在巴黎吧？”

“如果我既不在香港也不在巴黎，”波丽说，“那我一定在别的地方。对不对？”

“对，”凯斯说，“你一定在别处。”

“确实如此，”波丽说，“既然我在别处，那我一定不在这里，不是吗？请给 10 美元吧。”

“真聪明，波丽。”凯斯说，“但我不能给你 10 美元。”

“为什么不给？”波丽问，“我们打过赌的。”

“不错，我们打过赌。”凯斯说，“但既然你不在这里，我怎么能给你 10 美元呢？”

说完她笑着离开了。

53.A Midshipman

One of my fellow midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy was performing poorly in class and reported to his company officer for counseling. , "Your marks are deplorable!" the officer scolded. "Is there a problem-that has kept you from studies?"

"No, sir," the midshipman replied. "I have no idea what the problem is. I study the notes I take, and I'm never late to class. I don't even talk in class, but for some reason my professors don't seem to like me.

The officer sat back and thought. Then he asked, "Do you get enough sleep?"

My classmate replied, "Sir, do you mean at night or in class?"

Notes:

- (1) midshipman n.海军军官候补生
- (2) the U.S.Naval Academy 美国海军学院
- (3) perform v.执行；履行
- (4) company n.连（队）
- (5) counsel v.建议；劝告
- (6) deplorable adj.可悲的；可怜的
- (7) scold v.指责；责备

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正（T）、（F）：

The midshipman was doing well in his study.

He went to his company officer to ask for advice.

The officer sang a high praise of him.

Professors didn't seem to like him because he was performing badly in class.

The reason why he was performing badly was probably that he often slept in class.

53. 海军军官候补生

我们在美国海军学院军官候补生中有一个同伴，他的学业很差。他到连队军官那儿寻求安慰。“你的成绩糟透了，”军官责备他说，“是否你的学习中存在什么问题？”

“没有哇，先生，”候补生回答说，“我搞不清楚是什么问题。我读我的笔记，上课从不迟到。甚至上课从不讲话，但不知怎么搞的，教授们好像都不喜欢我。”

军官向后一靠，想了想。然后问道：“你睡眠充足吗？”

我同学回答说：“先生，你说的是夜里还是课堂上？”

54. That's What They All Say

While sitting on the bleachers during my youngest son's baseball game, I overheard another mother talking about her three-year-old daughter, who was playing with a neighbor's boy. The little girl kept saying to the boy, "Marry me. Marry me." The little boy innocently replied, "I want to play first."

At this, the mother turned to all of the parents on the bleachers and announced, "That's what they all say!"

Notes:

- (1) bleachers n. (美) 运动场的露天看台
- (2) baseball n. 棒球
- (3) keep doing 不停地做
- (4) innocently adv. 天真无邪地

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

While _____ on the bleachers during my youngest son's baseball game _____ another mother talking about her three-year-old daughter.

The little girl kept _____ to the boy, "Marry me. Marry me."

The little boy _____ replied, "I want to play first."

_____ this, mother turned to all of the parents on the bleachers.

We can see from the passage that little boys and girls are _____.

54. 他们都是这么说的

我最小的儿子在参加棒球比赛，我坐在露天座位上观看。我听到另一位母亲在讲她的三岁的女儿。她女儿和邻居家的一个男孩玩耍。小姑娘不停地对男孩说：“娶我，娶我。”而那个男孩总天真无邪地说：“我想先玩球。”

说着，这位母亲转向所有坐在座位上的父母亲，大声地说：“他们都是这么说的！”

55.The Mistaken Father

The morning following the birth of our first child, my husband was mistakenly directed to the room of another new mother on the maternity floor. As he walked into the room, he bent over the napping mother, whose back was turned to him, and gave her a big kiss. The woman was startled to see a stranger. But before she could say anything, my husband smiled and said, "I didn't know having a baby would change you this much!"

Notes:

- (1) mistaken adj.弄错了的 (4) nap v.小睡；打盹
(2) direct v.批示方向；指点 (5) startle v.使惊奇
(3) maternity n. (医院) 产科病房

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

When did the husband go to see his wife?

- A. in the morning
- B. at noon
- C. in the afternoon
- D. at night

Why did the husband enter the room of another new mother ?

- A. Because he had a bad memory.
- B. Because he was misguided by the nurse.
- C. Because he was mistakenly directed.
- D. The new other needed help.

What was the other new mother doing?

- A. She was crying out for help.
- B. She was lying in bed, awake.
- C. She was having asleep.
- D. She was chatting with the man's wife.

What did the husband do to the other new mother?

- A. He smiled at her and then went out.
- B. He bent over and kissed her.
- C. He helped the woman to get up.
- D. He sent her a bunch of flower.

How did the husband handle the incident?

- A. He ran out quickly.
- B. He felt ashamed.
- C. He was very angry with the woman.
- D. He left the mistake uncorrected and made the best of it.

我们孩子出世的那天早晨，我丈夫由于受误导跑到了产科病区的另一位产妇那里。他弯下腰，给了那位正背对着他小睡的产妇一个长吻。那位产妇发现是位陌生人，惊跳起来。但她还没来得及张口，我丈夫便微笑着说：“真想不到生个孩子能使你变化如此之大！”

56. This Hole in the Ground

There was once a farmer who lived near a road.

It was not a busy road, but from time to time, cars passed the farm.

Near the farm gate, there was a large hole in the road.

This We was always full of water, and the drivers of the cars could not see how deep the We was. They thought it was probably shallow.

Then when they drove into the hole, they could not drive out because it was so deep .

The farmer did not spend much time working on his farm. He spent most of it watching the hole.

When a car drove into it, he pulled the car out with his tractor and charged the driver a lot of money for doing this.

One day, the driver of a car said to him, "You must make a lot of money pulling cars out of this hole night and day."

"Oh, no, " the farmer said." I don' t pull cars out of the hole at night. At night I fill the We with water."

Notes:

- (1) from time to time 偶尔
- (2) tractor n. 拖拉机
- (3) charge v. 收费 ; 要价

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案 :

Where did the farmer live?

- A. near a road
- B. in a hole in the road
- C. in a large cu
- D. under a tractor

Many mm went into the hole because the drivers_____ .

- A. were going too fast to stop
- B. did not see the hole
- C. did not know the hole was very deep
- D. liked driving through water

What did the farmer all day?

- A. pulled mm out of the hole in the road
- B. filled the hole with water
- C. laughed at the drivers of the cars
- D. worked on his farm

How did the farmer make money?

- A. from growing things
- B. from selling water

C. from pulling cars out of the hole

D. from filling the hole with water

What did the farmer do at night?

A. He pulled cars out of the hole.

B. He sat there watching the hole.

C. He filled the hole with water.

D. He dug the hole deeper and deeper.

56. 地坑

从前，有个农夫住在马路边上。

这不是个繁忙的路段，偶尔有汽车从农场路过。

就在农场大门的旁边，路当中有个大坑。

坑里总是充满了水，汽车司机根本看不出坑有多深。他们会以为很浅。

司机们一旦把车开进坑里，就别想再开出来，因为坑太深了。

农夫也不怎么在农场里干活，大部分时间他都在注视着这个坑。

当一个汽车开进坑里，他就用他的拖拉机把它拉上来，然后为此向司机索要很多钱。

一天，一位汽车司机对他说：“你日日夜夜把汽车往外拉，肯定挣了很多钱。”

“哦，不，”农夫说，“我夜里不干这活儿，夜里我得朝这坑里注水。”

57.A Prospective Horse Buyer

Then there was the preacher who decided to sell his horse. A prospective buyer was impressed with the animal, but the preacher said, "I must warn you—he only responds to 'church talk'. Go is 'Praise the Lord', and stop is 'Hallelujah'".

"I've worked with horses all my life," said the buyer, "and I've never heard of anything like this." Mounting the horse, he said skeptically, "Praise the Lord." The horse began to trot. He repeated "Praise the Lord" and the horse broke into a gallop. Suddenly the buyer saw a cliff dead ahead. Frantic, he yelled "Hallelujah", and they came to a stop a foot from the edge.

Wiping the sweat from his brow, the buyer said, "Praise the Lord!"

Notes:

- (1) prospective adj. 预期的；可能的
- (2) preacher n. 传教者
- (3) impress v. 给予强烈影响；留下深刻印象
- (4) respond v. 有反应
- (5) Praise the Lord 感谢上帝
- (6) Hallelujah 哈里路亚（赞美上帝之语）
- (7) skeptically adv. 怀疑地
- (8) trot v. 小跑
- (9) gallop n. 疾驰；飞奔
- (10) dead adv. 完全地；绝对地
- (11) dead ahead 正前方

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The preacher decided to sell his horse to buy another.

The buyer liked the horse at his first glance.

The buyer didn't believe what the preacher had said.

) Suddenly the buyer saw a deep river ahead.

The buyer shouldn't have said "Praise the Lord" when they came to a stop at the edge of the cliff.

57. 欲买马之人

传教士决定卖掉他的马。一位欲买马之人看中了这匹马，但传教士说：“我必须警告你——他不懂‘教堂语言’。走是‘感谢上帝’，停是‘哈里路亚’。”

“我一生都在同马打交道，”买马之人说，“这样的事我还是头一次听到。”他跨上马，将信将疑地说：“感谢上帝。”马开始小跑。他重复说“感谢上帝”，马开始飞奔起来。突然买马者看到前面是一个悬

崖。他吓坏了，匆忙喊道：“哈里路亚。”他们在离悬崖只有一英尺的地方停了下来。

买马之人擦了擦额头上的汗珠，说道：“感谢上帝！”

58. Bad Business

A salesman was chatting with the owner of a motel. 'Business is terrible,' said the motel owner. 'Really bad.'

"But every time I drive by here you have the 'no vacancy' sign on," said the salesman.

"That's true," replied the motel owner. "But I used to turn away 30 to 35 people a night. Now, I only turn away ten to 15."

Notes:

(1) motel n. 汽车旅馆

(3) turn away n. 谢绝

(2) vacancy n. 空缺

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

A motel is a hotel for motorists.

The salesman was arguing with the owner of the motel.

When the motel owner said that business was terrible, the salesman did not believe him.

Every time the salesman drove by the motel, the motel was only half full.

The motel owner used to turn away ten to 13 people.

58. 生意不好

一个商人在和汽车旅馆的主人闲聊。“生意大糟了，”旅馆主人说，“真的太糟了。”

“可是每次我驾车经过这儿，你都挂上了‘客满’的牌子，”商人就。

“那倒是真的。”旅馆主人答道，“可是过去我一夜就谢绝三十至三十五人，而如今只能谢绝十至十五人。”

59. The Cheater

Donald was not very good at math.

He could not understand the teacher's explanations.

Even when the teacher explained something a second time, Donald still could not understand it.

"Never mind," Donald told himself. "I'm quite good at other subjects. I'll cheat in the math exam, then I won't be in trouble."

"I'll sit next to the boy who's best at math, he thought, "and copy down his answers."

The day of the exam came, and Donald sat next to Brian Smith, who always was at the top of the class in math.

Donald carefully copied Brian's answers on to his own exam paper.

At the end of the exam, the teacher collected the papers and graded them.

Then she said, "Well, boys and girls, I've decided to give a prize to the student who got the highest grade. It's difficult for me to decide who to give the prize to, however, because two students, Donald and Brian, got the same grade.

"Let them share it," one of the other students said.

"I've thought about that," the teacher said, "but I've decided to give the prize to Brian."

Donald was angry when he heard this.

He stood up and said, "That's not fair. I got the same grade as Brian. "

"That's true," the teacher said. "However, Brian's answer to Question 18 was 'I don't know'. Yours was 'Neither do I'."

Notes:

- (1) be good at 擅长
- (2) cheat v.作弊
- (3) be in trouble 有麻烦
- (4) grade v.打分 ; 分等

Exercises:

Donald decided to cheat in the math exam because _____.

- A. he was always at the top of the class in math
- B. he understood the questions
- C. he was not very good at math
- D. the math teacher did not explain the questions carefully

Donald got a high grade in math because_____ .

- A. math was his best subject
- B. the questions were easy
- C. he copied from another boy

D. the teacher explained the questions carefully
Donald got the same grade as Brian because _____.

- A. both boys were good at math
- B. Donald cheated
- C. Brian copied Donald's answers
- D. the questions were very easy

The teacher knew it was Donald who cheated because _____ .

- A. his answers were the same as Brian
- B. he wrote "I don't know " as an answer
- C. he got the same wrong answers as Brian
- D. he wrote the words "Neither do I"

In the end , we can learn that_____ .

- A. both Brian and Donald won the prize
- B. neither of Brian and Donald won the prize
- C. Brian won the prize
- D. Donald won the prize

59. 作弊者

多纳尔德数学不太好。

他听不懂老师的讲解。

即使解释第二遍，他也听不懂。

“不要紧，”多纳尔德安慰自己，“我别的科目很好。我要在数学考试中作弊，那么我就不会有麻烦了。”

“我将坐在数学最好的同学旁边，”他想，“并抄下他的答案。”

考试那一天到来了，多纳尔德坐在布思·史密斯的旁边。

布恩是班里数学学得最好的学生。

多纳尔德仔细地把布恩的答案抄下来。

考试结束后，老师把卷子收上去，开始判分。

判完后，她说：“好，同学们，我已决定给得最高分的同学奖励。然而我不知该奖励哪一个，因为两个学生，多纳尔德和布恩，都得了同样的分数。”

“让他们两个都得奖励吧，”一个学生说。

“我想过这样办，”老师说，“但我打算奖励布恩。”

多纳尔德听到这话非常生气。

他站起来说：“这不公平。我和他得的分数是一样的。”

“是这样的，”老师说，“然而，布恩的第18题的答案是‘我不知道’。你的是‘我也不知道’。”

60. Which One to Call Back

After I took office as mayor of a small Kentucky city, an unfortunate incident precipitated some hateful phone calls to my home. One night while I was conducting a city-council meeting, my wife answered the phone.

"Is this the home of Bert May, the mayor?" a woman's voice asked.

When my wife explained that I was at a meeting and would return her call if she left a name and number, the caller said. "That's confidential. This is his girlfriend. "

My wife, knowing this was all a ruse, calmly responded, "Lady, if you don't leave your name and number, he won't know which one to call back

Notes:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) take office 任职 | (4) confidential adj. 保密的 |
| (2) precipitate v. 使突然发生 | (5) ruse n. 欺诈 |
| (3) conduct v. 主持 | |

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What did the husband take office as?

- A. president of a big company
- B. mayor of a big city
- C. mayor of a small city
- D. mayor of Kentucky

What happened after he took office?

- A. an unfortunate incident
- B. an earthquake
- C. the opening ceremony of a company
- D. his wife got ill

The word "precipitate" in "an unfortunate incident precipitated some hateful phones to my home" probably means ____.

- A. to return
- B. to receive
- C. to initiate
- D. to get

Why wouldn't the woman on the line leave her name and number?

- A. Because she had no name or number.
- B. Because she was not allowed to do so by her husband.
- C. Because she was too nervous to remind herself of her name and number.
- D. Because she was just playing a dirty trick.

From the passage we can see that ____.

- A. the mayor had many girlfriends
- B. the woman on line had dialed the wrong number
- C. the wife of the mayor was quick-minded
- D. the mayor would return the woman's call

60. 给哪一个回电话

我上任为肯塔基州的一个小城的市长后，发生了一件不幸的事，从而招致了一些可恨的电话打到我家里。一天夜里，我还在主持市政会议，我妻子接到了一个电话。

“是伯特·麦因、市长的家吗？”一个女人的声音问道。

我妻子向她解释说我还再开会，如果她留下姓名和电话号码的话，我会给她回话。通话人马上说：“这个保密。我是他的女朋友。”

我妻子知道这完全是欺诈。她镇静地回答说：“女士，如果你不留下姓名和号码的话，他就不会知道给哪一个回话。”

61. Boy, Oh Boy

When they're together, my five-year-old son and his cousin tend to cause mayhem. one Saturday, I put my foot down. "All right, you two," I said sternly. "No scratching, grabbing, whining, hitting, teasing, tattling, breaking toys, scratching or fighting."

As I turned to leave, I heard my son say, "C'mon, Steven, let's get dirty . "

Notes:

- (1) tend to (do) 倾向；趋向
- (2) mayhem n. 大混乱；大灾害
- (3) put one's foot down 开始抗议
- (4) sternly adv. 严厉地
- (5) whine v. 哭闹
- (6) tease v. 取笑
- (7) tattle v. 扯淡

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

How old is the son?

What do they tend to do when the son and his cousin are together?

What does "Put one's foot down" mean here?

Did the boy obey the father's order?

What did they do then?

61. 让人无奈的孩子

我五岁的儿子和他的表弟在一起的时候，总要招来大乱。一个星期六，我开始抗议了。“好啦，你们两个，”我严厉地说，“不许叫喊，不许乱拿，不许哭闹，不许乱敲，不许取笑，不许扯淡，不许弄坏玩具，不许乱抓，不许打架。”

我刚转身要走，就听我儿子说：“来，斯蒂文，我们来把自己弄脏吧。”

62. I Can't Let Him Get Away

A male crab met a female crab and asked her to marry him. She noticed that he was walking straight instead of sideways. Wow, she thought, this crab is really special. I can't let him get away. So they got married immediately.

The next day she noticed her new husband walking sideways like all the other crabs, and got upset. "What happened?" she asked. "You used to walk straight before we were married."

"Oh, honey," he replied, "I can't drink that much every day."

Notes:

(1) crab n. 螃蟹

(2) sideways adv. 侧着；斜着

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The female crab liked the male crab at her first sight.

The female crab noticed that the male crab was walking sideways when she first met him.

The female crab agreed to marry the male crab because she considered him special.

The male crab walked straight only because he got drunk.

The moral of the story is that we should not judge a person so quickly.

62. 不能让他跑了

一只雄蟹遇到一只雌蟹，便要娶她为妻。她注意到他走路是直着走，而不是横着走。哇！她想，这只雄蟹可真特别，我可不能让他跑了。因此他们立刻结婚了。

第二天，她又发现她的新郎像其他蟹一样横着走路了。她深感不安。“你怎么了？”她问，“我们结婚前你可是直着走路的。”

“哦，宝贝，”他回答说，“我不可能每天都喝那么多。”

63.A Hasty Interruption

The fine-furniture store where I work has been in business since the 1920s. Recently I received a call from a woman who wanted to replace some chairs from a dining set purchased from us in the 1930s. I assured her we could help and sought the assistance of the office manager. "You'll never believe this one," I told him. "I just got a call from a customer who bought some chairs from us in the 1930s."

Before I could finish repeating her request, he interrupted and said, "Don't tell me she hasn't received them yet!"

Notes:

- (1) replace v. 更换；替换
- (2) purchase v. 购买
- (3) assure v. 有信心地说
- (4) seek v. 寻求
- (5) assistance n. 帮助

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Since when has the fine-furniture store been in business?

- A. since the 1910s
- B. since the 1920s
- C. since the 1930s
- D. since the 1940s

When did the woman customer buy the chairs in the store?

- A. in the 1910s
- B. in the 1920s
- C. in the 1930s
- D. in the 1940s

What did the woman customer want to do?

- A. She wanted to return the chairs.
- B. She wanted to sell the chairs.
- C. She wanted to replace the chairs.
- D. She wanted to repair the chairs.

Purchase " in " a dining set purchased from us" means _____.

- A. to sell
- B. to replace
- C. to buy
- D. to return

Why did the office manager interrupt before the man finished?

- A. Because he thought it impossible for the woman not to have received the chairs.

- B. Because he was angry with the poor efficiency of the store.
- C. Because he was bad tempered.
- D. Because he had something else to do at the moment.

63. 匆忙的打断

我所工作的精品商店是从二十年代以来就营业的。最近我接到一个妇女的电话。她想换一套餐具中的一些椅子。这套餐具她是在三十年代从我们这儿买的。我向她保证说我们可以帮忙并向部门经理提了出来。“你永远也不会相信，”我对他说，“我刚接到一个顾客的电话，她在三十年代从我们这里买了一些椅子。”

我还没来得及说她的要求，经理就打断了我的话：“不要告诉我她到现在还没收到货！”

64. It's a Puzzlement

I asked a colleague of mine how he liked the shirt his daughter had given him as a gift. "The color and the design are nice," he said. "But the sleeves are three inches too long."

I suggested that perhaps it was made for a much taller man. "I don't think so," he said. "If I stand on my toes, it still fits the same."

Notes:

(1) puzzlement n. 困惑; 苦思 (2) colleague n. 同事

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F):

The daughter gave the father a coat as a gift.

The father thought that the color was nice, but he did not like the design

The sleeves were two inches long.

The shirt was made for a much taller man

The father liked the shirt very much.

64. 难解的问题

我问我的同事是否喜欢他女儿送他的衬衣。“颜色和款式嘛是无可挑剔，”他说，“就是袖子长了三英寸。”

我对他说或许衬衣是为个头更高的人做的。“我想不是吧，”他说，“我踮起脚尖，它还是一样的长。”

65. A Small Surprise

When his wife was expecting their third child, a father decided to tell his two sons, ages seven and nine, the facts of life. He checked out several books from the library on how parents should approach the subject. After stumbling through an explanation, he took a deep breath, and said, "Now, boys, do you have any questions?"

"Yes," the younger boy answered immediately.

"Go ahead," said the man, his heart in his throat.

"Can we," his son asked, "have new baseball gloves?"

Notes:

(1) the facts of life (口, 委婉语) 性知识 (例如讲给孩子们听的)

(2) check out 挑选出; 筛选出

(3) stumble v. 结结巴巴地说话

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F):

The wife was expecting their fourth child.

The father decided to tell his two sons the real meaning of life.

The father went to the bookstore to buy several books.

The father felt shamed to have told the sons about the subject.

The two sons didn't understand what the father had said actually.

65. 小小的意外

当妻子要生第三胎时, 父亲决定给分别已七岁和九岁的两个儿子讲关于性的知识。他从图书馆查出几本书, 都是关于父母如何涉及这个话题的。在结结巴巴地解释一番后, 他长出了一口气, 然后说: “好了, 孩子们, 有什么问题吗?”

“有,” 小儿子立即回答。

“问吧,” 爸爸说, 心提到了嗓子眼儿。

“我们,” 儿子问道, “可以得到新棒球手套了吗?”

66. The Cat and the Saucer

An antiques collector was passing a small shop when he noticed a cat on the sidewalk out front, licking milk from a saucer. The man immediately realized the saucer was very old and valuable. He stepped into the shop with an uninterested look and asked to buy the cat. "I'm sorry," the shop owner said, "but the cat is not for sale: "

"Please," the collector urged, "I need a cat around my house to catch mice. I'll give you 20 dollars. "

"The cat is yours," the owner said taking the money.

"Listen," the collector added, "I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer as well. The cat seems to like it and I'd hate to have him give it up. "

"Sorry," the shop owner answered, "but that saucer brings me luck. Why, just this week I've sold 68 cats!"

Notes:

- (1) saucer n. 托盘
- (2) antique n. 古董
- (3) lick v. 舔
- (4) urge v. 力劝；敦促
- (5) throw in 额外赠送

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

An antiques collector was _____ a small shop.

He noticed a cat on the sidewalk out front, _____ milk from a saucer.

He stepped _____ the shop with an _____ look and asked to buy the cat .

"I'm sorry," the shop owner said, " but the cat is not _____ see."

I wonder if you could throw _____ that old saucer as well.

66. 猫与托盘

一个古董收集者正路过一个小店。他发现店前人行道上有一只猫在舔一个托盘上的牛奶。这个人立刻意识到这个托盘是个值钱的古物。他带着一种毫无兴趣的表情步入店内，要买那只猫。“对不起，”店主说，“这只猫是不卖的。”

“卖给我吧，”收集者敦促道，“我家里面需要一只猫来捉老鼠。我给你 20 元。”

“猫归你了，”店主接过钱说道。

“还有，”收集者补充道，“我想你是否能把那只旧盘子也额外赠

送给我。猫好像很喜欢它。我不愿意看到它失去这东西。”

“对不起，”店主回答说，“但那只托盘能给我带来好运。你不知道，光这一周，我就卖掉 68 只猫！”

67. Long Life

A man was selling medicines at a fair. At first he sold bottles of a cure for colds for just a dollar a bottle.

Many people wanted to buy it and the man's young assistant moved quickly through the crowd collecting money and handing out bottles of the cold cure.

Then, when he had a big crowd, the man held up a very small bottle.

"And now, ladies and gentlemen, " he shouted. "here is the medicine you have been waiting for. The cure for old age. Drink just one bottle of this and you will live forever."

"And, ladies and gentlemen," the man continued, "I'm not going to charge you a hundred dollars a bottle for this wonderful medicine. I'm not going to charge you fifty dollars a bottle. I'm not going to charge you twenty-five dollars a bottle. No, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to charge you just ten dollars a bottle. Think, my friends, for ten dollars you can live forever."

Most of the people in the crowd did not believe this.

One person shouted, "if it will make you live forever, why don't you drink it?"

Then another person cried, "Yes, you look as if you're at least sixty years old. "

"Thank you, sir, thank you," the man replied, "I'm so glad you said that. My real age is three hundred and twenty nine. "

The crowd laughed at this but there were still a few people who wanted to believe the man. One of them spoke to the man's assistant as she passed by. "Is that true," he asked, "that he's three hundred and twenty-nine?"

"Don't ask me," the assistant said, "I've only worked for him for a hundred and fifty years."

Notes:

- (1) fair n. 集市
- (2) charge v. 收钱；要价
- (3) look as if 看上去

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What did the man sell at first?

- A. a cure for colds
- B. empty bottles
- C. a cure for old age
- D. a medicine that made people live forever.

Why didn't the people believe the man was selling medicine

that could cure old age?

- A. The medicine was too cheap.
- B. The medicine was too expensive.
- C. He looked quite old himself.
- D. He didn't look honest.

How old did the man selling medicine say he was?

- A. at least sixty
- B. over three hundred
- C. a hundred and fifty
- D. he didn't say

How much did the man charge for the cure for old age?

- A. one dollar a bottle
- B. twenty-five dollars a bottle
- C. ten dollars a bottle
- D. fifty dollars a bottle

We can infer from the passage that_____ .

- A. the man was very honest
- B. the assistant was also very honest
- C. the man was very stupid
- D. neither the man nor the assistant was honest, for they were cheating people

67. 长生不老

一人在集市卖药。起先他卖一美元一瓶的治感冒的药。

很多人想买药，那人的年轻助手迅速穿行于人群中，一边收钱，一边递药。

然后当围观的人多起来时，那人举起一个小瓶子。

“听着，女士们，先生们，”那人喊道，“这就是你们一直想要的药。

消除衰老的药。只吃一瓶，就会长生不老。”

“女士们，先生们，”那人接着说道，“对这种神奇的药，我不打算卖一瓶 100 美元。我不打算卖一瓶 50 美元，我也不打算卖一瓶 25 美元。我只打算卖一瓶 10 美元。想想吧，朋友们，只花 10 美元，你们就能长生不老。”

人群中大多数人不相信他的话。

一人喊道：“如果这药能使人长生不老，你为什么不吃？”

接着另一人叫道：“是哇，你看上去至少 60 岁。”

“谢谢，先生，谢谢，”那人回答，“我很高兴你这么说。我的实际年龄是 329 岁。”

听到他的话，人群中发出一阵笑声，但仍有几个人愿意相信他的话。其中一人当那个助手经过时问她，“他已 329 岁了，这是真的吗？”他问。

“别问我，”助手说，“我只为他工作了 150 年。”

68. Diet Tribe

Mom was very proud that she'd lost ten pounds. On the way to the store with my husband and me she talked of little else. We dropped her off in the lingerie department, but when we returned, we couldn't find her. Thinking she might be in the fitting room, I asked the saleswoman if she had seen my mother. "What does she look like?" the clerk asked.

My husband said simply, "She just lost ten pounds.

"Third door on the left." the woman replied with a smile.

Notes:

- (1) drop sb off 将某人送到 (某处)
- (2) lingerie n. 女内衣
- (3) fitting room 试衣室

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Why was the mother very proud?

- A. Because her daughter was on a diet.
- B. Because she had lost ten pounds.
- C. Because her daughter had lost ten pounds.
- D. Because her son-in-law had lost ten pounds.

"She talked of little else" means_____ .

- A. she almost kept silent
- B. she talked about shopping all the time
- C. she talked about her daughter for most of the time
- D. she talked about her losing weight for most of the time

"We dropped her off" probably means_____ .

- A. we pushed her out of the car
- B. we ordered her to stay there
- C. we left her by herself
- D. we lost her because there were too many people

Where did the daughter think her mother might be?

- A. in the fitting room.
- B. in the washing room.
- C. in the dining room.
- D. in the next shop.

From this passage we can infer that_____ .

A. the mother talked to everybody she met about the success of her diet

- B. the mother was suffering from a mental problem
- C. the mother should be taken good care of
- D. the daughter and her husband did not treat her mother well enough

68. 节食族

妈妈为她减肥十磅而非常自豪。在和我们小两口一起去商场的路上，她别无所谈。我们把她送到女内衣部，在那儿分手，但当我们回来找她时，却找不见她。我想她也许会在试衣室，就问售货员是否见过我母亲。“她长得什么样？”这位职员问。

我丈夫直截了当地说：“她刚减了十磅。”

“左边第三个门，”女售货员笑眯眯地回答。

69. Stunning Reply

My five-year-old son was not picking up his toys while I was preparing dinner as I had asked him. When I inquired why he wasn't doing his chores, he said that he didn't feel like it. Exasperated, I said, "Where would you be right now if I didn't feel like making dinner?"

He thought for a moment and then replied, "A restaurant?"

Notes:

- (1) pick up 捡起；拾起
- (2) chore n. 杂务；不愉快的工作
- (3) exasperated adj. 愤怒的；恼火的

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

How old was the son?

What was the mother doing when she asked her son to pick up his toys?

Why didn't the son do as his mother had asked him?

How did the mother feel when her son replied that he didn't feel like it?

Why did the son think that he would be at a restaurant?

69. 出色的回答

我在准备晚饭的时候，我叫年仅五岁的儿子把玩具都收拾起来。当我问他为什么没做他的差事时，他说他不想做。我感到有些恼火，就对他说：“要是我说我不想做晚饭，这时你会在哪里呢？”

他略加思索便回答说：“在饭店里？”

70. Senior Class

During the doctor's periodic visit to my elderly mother, I told him that Mother would be celebrating her 98th birthday in few days. Delighted by the news, he bent down and gave her a kiss for the occasion. He then announced that he, too, would be celebrating a birthday in few days and asked for a kiss in return.

When he left, my mother shook her head in disgust. "Can you imagine," she said. "Seventy dollars and I had to kiss him too!"

Notes:

(1) periodic adj. 定期的

(2) bend down 弯腰

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The doctor came to see the elderly woman regularly.

The elderly woman would be celebrating her 99th birthday.

The doctor was surprised at the news.

The elderly woman and the doctor would celebrate their birthday on the same day.

The elderly woman thought the doctor was too mean.

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、误(F)：

70. 年长者阶层

医生按期来探视我的老母。我告诉他母亲不几天就要庆祝她 98 岁的生日了。医生听了也很高兴，为此，他弯下腰来亲了她一下。然后他说不几天他也要庆祝自己的生日，并要求她还他一个吻。

医生走后，我母亲厌恶地摇摇头。“你能想象吗，”她说，“付了他 70 元，我还得亲他！”

71. The Young Man at the Wheel

My infant daughter began crying as I drove home from the store, and since she was harnessed to her safety seat in the back, I couldn't console her. Stopping for a red light, I turned around and waved my hands, calling her name to distract her. I gave her my biggest smile and blew her a kiss. The sound of a horn from the car behind us prompted me to look up. The young man at the wheel was smiling broadly. He waved and then blew me a kiss.

Notes:

(1) harness (to) v. 系于；绑于 He is harnessed to his job. 他工作脱不开身。

(2) console v. 给予安慰或同情

(3) distract v. 转移注意力；使分心

(4) prompt v. 驱使

(5) the man at the wheel 驾驶员

(6) broadly adv. 咧嘴地

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

My infant daughter began_____ as I drove home from the store.

And since she was harnessed_____ her safety seat in the back, I couldn't console her.

Stopping _____a red light, I turned around and waved my hands, calling her name to distract her.

I gave her my biggest smile and her a kiss.

The young man _____the wheel was smiling broadly.

71. 驾车的小伙子

从商场开车回家的路上，我的小宝贝女儿开始哭闹起来。由于她被套在后面的安全座里，所以我无法安慰她。红灯停车的时候，我转过身来，对她摆手，叫她的名字来引她。我给她以满脸笑容，并给她一个飞吻。从我们车后传来的喇叭声立刻使我抬头望去。驾车的小伙子正对我咧着大嘴笑。他向我摆手并给了我一个飞吻。

72.What Went Wrong

A Japanese company and an American company had a boat race, the Japanese won by a mile. The Americans hired analysts to figure out what went wrong. They reported that the Japanese had one person managing and seven rowing, while the Americans had seven managing and only one rowing. The American company immediately restructured its team. Now they had one senior manager, six management consultants and one rower.

In the rematch the Japanese won by two miles. So the American company fired the rower.

Notes:

- (1) analyst n. 分析家
- (2) figure out 想出; 演算出
- (3) restructure v. 重组
- (4) consultant n. 顾问

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F):

For the first time in the boat race, the Japanese won by two miles.

The American company hired Japanese analysts to find out what went wrong.

The Japanese team had two persons managing and five rowing.

In the rematch the Japanese won by one mile.

The American company fired the rower.

72. 问题出在哪里

一家日本公司和一家美国公司进行了一场划船比赛。日本队赢了一英里。美国人便请来了分析家探讨问题出在哪里。他们的报告说日本队有一人掌舵七人划桨,而美国队是七人掌舵一人划桨。美国公司立刻对队伍进行了重组。这次他们有一个高级舵手、六个舵手顾问、一个划桨员。

在第二次比赛中,日本队赢了两英里。因此,美国公司解雇了划桨员。

73. You Never Called

A guy spots his doctor in the mall. He stops him and says, "Six weeks ago when I was in your office, you told me to go home, get into bed and stay there until you called. But you never called."

"I didn't?" the doctor says. "Then what are you doing out of bed?"

Notes:

(1) spot v. (从很多人或物中) 认出; 看出

(2) mall n. 集市

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案:

Where did the guy see his doctor?

- A. in the barber's
- B. in the shopping center
- C. at the railway station
- D. in the hospital

How long had it been since the guy went to see the doctor?

- A. two weeks
- B. three weeks
- C. more than a month
- D. more than two months

What had the doctor told him to do?

- A. to stay in bed
- B. to have a nice sleep
- C. to go home
- D. to call him again

We can see from this passage that_____.

- A. the doctor had played a trick on the guy
- B. the guy must have stayed in bed for a long time
- C. the guy was very angry with the doctor
- D. the doctor did call upon the guy

What had been the guy's problem?

- A. He had caught a cold.
- B. He had had a mental problem.
- C. He needed a good rest.
- D. He had been homesick.

73. 从未来访

一人在购物中心偶遇他的医生。他走上前去说：“六周以前我在你的办公室，你告诉我让我回家去卧床直到你来访。但你从未来访。”

“我没去吗？”医生说，“那你现在下床干什么？”

74. A Vacation Cruise

One stupid guy reads an ad about a vacation cruise that costs only \$ 100. After he signs up and pays, the travel agent hits him with a bat, knocks him unconscious and throws him out the back door into the river. Soon another guy comes in, pays his fee and gets the same treatment

Fifteen minutes later, as the two are floating down the river together, the first man says, "I wonder if they're serving any food on this cruise."

"I don't know, the second guy replied. "They didn't last year."

Notes:

- (1) cruise n. 乘船巡游；巡航
- (2) sign up 签约
- (3) bat n. 棒
- (4) unconscious adj. 没有知觉的；不省人事的

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The first man heard about the cheap vacation cruise.

The first man is knocked unconscious and carried onto a ship.

The second guy doesn't have to pay since he was on the cruise last year.

The second guy comes about 15 minutes later than the first man.

The second guy was even more foolish than the first.

74. 假日巡航游

一愚笨之人读到一则假日巡航游只须花 100 元的广告。在他签了字付了款后，旅游经纪人用棒猛击了他一下，把他打昏了过去，并把他从后门扔进了河里。不久又来了一个人，付了钱并得到了相同的待遇。

十五分钟后，这两个人一起向河的下游漂去。第一个人说：“不知道他们这次巡航游是否提供食物。”

“不知道，”第二个人说道，“去年是没有的。”

75.This Way to Request

I had fallen and dislocated my elbow, which made writing checks for my small business nearly impossible. I called my bank to explain that the signature on my checks would look odd due to my accident, and would they please honor them anyway.

"Okay," said the woman on the phone, "but you'll have to write a letter to the bank telling them that you are requesting this."
"

Notes:

- (1) dislocate v. 脱离原位；使脱臼
- (2) signature n. 签名
- (3) due to 由于
- (4) honor v. 承认并如期支付

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

I had fallen and _____ my elbow.

It made writing checks for my small business _____ impossible.

I called my bank to _____ that the signature _____ my checks would look odd due to my accident.

"Okay," said the woman _____ the phone.

But you'll have to write a letter to the bank _____ them that you are requesting this.

75.如是请求

我摔倒了，肘骨脱臼了。这使得我几乎不能给我的小生意签账单了。我打电话给银行解释说由于事故，账单上我的签名看起来会有些古怪，并请求他们无论如何给予承兑。

“好的，”电话中的女子说，“但你必须给银行写封信，告诉他们你在作此项请求。”

76.The Problem of Two Flounders

Simon was an inveterate fisherman, well known for exaggerating the size of "the one that got away". But there came a day when he actually caught two enormous flounders. He immediately invited a few friends over to dine, then tried to figure out how best to serve the fish." If I use both," he told his wife, "it will seem ostentatious."

"Why not serve a piece of each?" she suggested.

"No, if I cut them up, nobody will believe I caught two giant flounders." Simon racked his brain. Then he had an idea.

The guests were seated at the table when their host strode in with a platter, holding the biggest flounder they'd ever seen. Suddenly Simon stumbled and fell. Everyone cried out in dismay as the fish crashed to the floor, but Simon quickly brushed himself off.

"Dear, " he called out to his wife, "bring in the other flounder!"

Notes:

- (1) inveterate adj. (指习惯、感情)根深蒂固的;由来已久的
- (2) exaggerate v.夸张;夸大
- (3) flounder n.比目鱼
- (4) figure out 想出;理解
- (5) ostentatious adj.炫耀的;卖弄的
- (6) rack one's brain 绞尽脑汁
- (7) be seated 就座
- (8) stride v.大步走
- (9) platter n.
- (10) dismay n.惊慌
- (11) brush oneself off 摆脱窘境

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题:

What kind of fisherman was Simon?

For what was he well known?

What did he do after he caught two enormous flounders?

Did he encounter a problem?

How did he solve the problem?

76. 两个比目鱼问题

西蒙是个老练的渔夫。人们都熟知他爱吹嘘“跑掉的那条”鱼的尺寸。但有一天他确实抓了两条极大的比目鱼。他立刻邀请几个朋友过来吃饭,然后着力搞清楚怎样上鱼。“如果两条一起上,”他对妻子说,

“好像有点炫耀之嫌了。”

“何不两条鱼各上一块呢？”他妻子建议道。

“不行，如果把两条鱼都切碎了，就不会有人相信我抓了两条大比目鱼了。”西蒙绞尽了脑汁，终于想出了一个好办法。

客人已在餐桌边就座完毕，这时主人大步地走进来，手里端着一个托盘，托盘上是一个他们所见过的最大的比目鱼。突然西蒙被什么东西绊了一下摔倒了。所有的人都惊慌地叫了起来，因为鱼在地板上摔得粉碎。但是西蒙迅速地摆脱了窘境。

“亲爱的，”他对妻子喊道，“把另一条鱼端上来！”

77. At the Supermarket

At the supermarket I noticed an elderly man who seemed to being me wherever I went. As I moved to each aisle, there he was smiling at me. Now I was wondering if he was interested in At the dairy counter I was checking out the eggs when I felt a tap on my shoulder. Turning around, I saw that it was the mm man. "Lady," he finally said, "you have my shopping cart."

Notes:

- (1) aisle n.超市中两个货架之间的走道
- (2) dairy n.售牛奶、奶油、鸡蛋的柜台、商店
- (3) check out (超市上) 付款离开

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where did the lady meet the elderly man?

- A. at the railway station
- B. at a small shop
- C. at the supermarket
- D. at home

What was the elderly man doing?

- A. He was collecting things he wanted to buy.
- B. He was following the lady.
- C. He was staring at the lady.
- D. He was checking out the eggs.

What did the lady think of the man's behaviour ?

- A. She thought he was mad.
- B. She thought he was a strange man.
- C. She thought he might attack her.
- D. She thought maybe he liked her.

From the passage we know that the lady bought_____ .

- A. some clothes
- B. some bread
- C. some drinks
- D. some eggs

Why was the elderly man following the lady?

- A. Because he was interested in her.
- B. Because he was trying to rob her.
- C. Because the lady was using his shopping cart.
- D. Because he was mad.

77. 在超级市场

在超市我注意到一位上了年纪的男子好像总在跟着我。我每到一个

售货通道，他就跟我到一个售货通道，微笑地看着我。我开始想他是不是喜欢上我了。在乳品柜，我正给鸡蛋包装结账时，有人在我肩上轻拍了一下。我转过身发现还是那个男子。“女士，”他终于开口说话了，“你用着我的采货车呢。”

78. A Preacher's Topic

A preacher was asked to give a talk at a local women's health symposium. His wife asked about his topic, but he was too embarrassed to, admit that he had been asked to speak about sex. Thinking quickly, he replied, "I'm talking about sailing."

"Oh, that's nice," said his wife.

The next day, at the grocery store, a young woman who had attended the lecture recognized the minister's wife. "That was certainly an excellent talk your husband gave yesterday, " she said. "He really has a unique perspective on the subject." Somewhat chagrined, the minister's wife replied, "Gee, funny you should think so. I mean, he's only done it twice. The first time he threw up, and the second time, his hat blew off."

Notes:

- (1) preacher n. 传教士
- (2) symposium n. 专题研讨会
- (3) embarrassed adj. 局促不安的
- (4) grocery n. 杂货业
- (5) unique adj. 独特的
- (6) perspective n. 观点；看法
- (7) chagrined adj. 懊恼的
- (8) throw up 呕吐

Exercises:

根据短文判断正确下列句子：

The preacher was asked to give a talk on sex.

He was too shy to tell his wife the topic.

The young woman told the minister's wife the real topic he had spoken about.

The young woman thought the preacher had his unique idea on sex.

The preacher's wife thought the young woman was praising the preacher for his wide knowledge on sailing.

78. 传教士的讲题

一位传教士应邀在当地的妇女健康专题研讨会上作报告。他的妻子问及他的讲题，他要是供认他应邀讲性知识的话，他会无地自容的。他飞快地思索，回答说：“我要讲关于航海的知识。”

“噢，那好极了，”他妻子说。

第二天，在杂货店，一位听过讲座的年轻妇女认出了牧师的妻子。“你丈夫昨天讲得确实好极了，”她说，“在那个问题上他确有独到的见解。”牧师妻子显出有些懊恼地回答说：“唧，你这样认为真是好笑。”

我是说他仅仅做过两次。第一次他呕吐了，第二次他的帽子被吹掉了。”

79. In the air

Matt and his wife lived in the country. Matt was very stingy and hated spending money. One day a fair came to the nearby town.

"Let's go to the fair, Matt," his wife said. "We haven't been anywhere for a long time."

Matt thought about this for a while. He knew he would have to spend money at the fair. At last he said, "All right, but I'm not going to spend much money. We'll look at things, but we won't buy anything. "

They went to the fair and looked at all the things to buy. There were many things Matt's wife wanted to buy, but he would not let her spend any money.

Then, in a nearby field, they saw a small airplane.

"Fun flights!" the notice said, " \$ 10 for 10 minutes.

Matt had never been in an airplane and he wanted to go on a fun flight. However, he didn't want to have to pay for his wife, as well.

"I've only got \$ 10, " he told the pilot. "Can my wife come with me for free?" The pilot wasn't selling many tickets, so he said, "I'll make a bargain with you. If your wife doesn't scream or shout, she can have a free flight."

Matt agreed, and got into the small airplane with his wife.

The pilot took off and made his airplane do all kinds of things. At one moment it was flying upside down.

When the plane landed, the pilot said, "O. K. your wife didn't make a sound. She can have her ride free."

"Thank you," Matt said. "It wasn't easy for her, you know, especially when she fell out."

Notes:

- (1) stingy adj. 吝啬
- (2) hate (doing) 讨厌 (做)
- (3) free adj. 免费的
- (4) make a bargain with sb 达成协议 ; 做成交易
- (5) upsidedown 倒转地 ; 倒置地

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案 :

Why didn't Matt really want to go to the fair?

- A. He didn't like fairs.
- B. His wife didn't want to go.
- C. He did not want to spend any money.
- D. It was a long way to walk to the fair.

What wouldn't Matt let his wife do?

- A. go to the fair
- B. buy anything
- C. go on a fun flight
- D. took at things at the fair

What did Matt want to do at the fair?

- A. buy a few things
- B. have a ride in an airplane
- C. take his wife shopping
- D. buy an airplane

Why didn't Matt's wife scream or shout in the airplane?

- A. She had fallen out of it.
- B. She did not go up in it.
- C. She enjoyed the flight.
- D. She wanted a free ride.

So from the passage we can know that_____ .

- A. Matt was very generous
- B. Matt was very kind to his wife
- C. Matt's wife was very brave
- D. Matt was very stingy

79. 在空中

麦特和妻子住在乡下。麦特很吝啬，讨厌花钱。一天附近的镇子逢集。

“我们去赶集，麦特，”妻子说。“我们很久没出去了。”

麦特想了一会儿。他知道在集市上一定得花钱。最后他说：“好吧，但我不打算花太多钱。我们只看不买。”

他们去集市，看看所有可买的东西。有很多东西麦特的妻子想买，但麦特不让她买。

然后在附近的露天场地，他们看到一架小飞机。

“有趣的飞行。”海报上写着，“10分钟10美元。”

麦特从来没有乘过飞机，所以他想乘一次小飞机。然而他不想付他妻子的票钱。

“我只带了10美元，”他对飞机驾驶员说，“我妻子能免费和我一起乘飞机吗？”驾驶员没卖出多少票，所以他说：“我和你做个交易。如果你妻子不尖叫，也不叫出声来，她就能免费飞行。”

麦特同意了，他和妻子一起登上了飞机。

飞机起飞了，驾驶员让飞机做出各种各样的动作。有一会儿飞机倒着飞行。

飞机着陆时，驾驶员说，“好吧，你妻子没发出任何声响。她就不用买飞机票了。”

“谢谢，”麦特说，“你知道，这对她不容易，特别当她刚才掉下去的时候。”

80. Way of Inducing

At the cleaner's, I noticed the sign "In by 10 a. m. , out by 5 p. m. " so I told the owner that I wanted to pick my clothing up at five. "it won't be ready," he said.

"But your sign says, 'In by 10 a. m. , out by 5 p. m.'," I reminded him.

"Oh," he replied, "that means me.

Notes:

remind v.提醒

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

Where was the author?

What did he notice?

What did the sign say?

What request did the author make to the owner?

What effect did the sign have?

80. 招客有方

在洗衣店，我看到招牌上写着：“上午10点进，下午5点出。”因此我就告诉店主我想在下午5点取衣。“下午5点还不能取，”他说。

“但是你的牌子上写着：‘上午10点进，下午5点出’，”我提醒他说。

“哦，”他回答说，“那指的是我。”

81. An Urgent Standby Passenger

While in Korea, Gov. Mike Smith of Utah was relaxing in the VIP lounge at the Seoul airport, awaiting his flight to Japan. At the same moment, his press secretary, Jenny Varela, was being told at the ticket counter that she had no ticket.

After insisting she had to make the flight because she was with a U. S. governor, an American embassy aide intervened. Varela got a standby ticket and boarded just before take off.

Regaining her composure, Varela went to the front of the plane to tell Smith of her adventure. He was not there. She later found out that the governor was told that he had been bumped by an urgent standby passenger. It was Varela.

Notes:

- (1) Korea n. 韩国
- (2) Gov. 州长 (governor)
- (3) Utah n. (美国) 犹他州
- (4) VIP 重要人物 (very important people)
- (5) lounge n. 休息室
- (6) Seoul n. 汉城 (韩国之首都)
- (7) press n. 新闻
- (8) embassy n. 大使馆
- (9) aide n. 副官
- (10) intervene v. 介入; 插入
- (11) standby ticket 待机票
- (12) composure n. 泰然自若
- (13) bump v. 碰撞

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案:

Where were the governor and his press secretary?

- A. in Korea
- B. in Japan
- C. in Utah
- D. in U. S.

Where was the governor relaxing himself?

- A. in the plane
- B. in the VIP lounge
- C. in a hotel at the airport
- D. in a car

What happened to Jenny Varela at the same moment?

- A. She was told to wait for the next flight
- B. She was told to go with the governor.
- C. She was told that she had no ticket .

- D. She was told to go to the American Embassy.
How did Jenny Varela get a standby ticket?
- A. The governor gave his ticket to her .
B. She insisted making the flight and paid more money.
C. An American embassy aide intervened.
D. The governor telephoned the American embassy aide to come to help.

What happened to the governor?

- A. I was too sick to make his flight.
B. He was told that his flight had been delayed .
C. He was told that he had to give his ticket to an urgent standby passenger.
D. He was told to stay in Korea.

81. 紧急待机乘客

在韩国时，犹他州的州长麦克·史密斯正在汉城机场的要人休息室里休息。他在等着飞往日本的航班。与此同时，他的新闻秘书、詹妮·维蕾拉，在售票房被告知没票了。

她坚持说要乘此航班，因为她是一位美国的州长的随员，这样美国大使馆的一位副官介入了。维蕾拉拿到一张待机票并赶在飞机起飞前登了机。

略略镇定后，维蕾拉到机舱前部去告诉史密斯她的经历。他不在那儿。她后来得知，有人告知州长，他的飞行被一位紧急待机乘客冲撞掉了。这个人就是维蕾拉。

82. A Man Who Said No

A friend of mine noticed a man staggering about in the Times Square subway station. A well-dressed Wall Street type, his coat was unbuttoned, a briefcase dangled from his hand and he'd obviously had one too many.

Asked if he was all right, the man gave a slurred but affirmative response. However, my friend simply could not see someone brave the rough maw of a New York subway without trying to help. He followed the chap, and again asked, "Are you sure you're all right? What subway are you looking for? Do you need help getting home?"

At last, the object of his attentions snarled, in a low voice, "Leave me alone! I'm an undercover cop!"

Notes:

- (1) stagger v. 蹒跚；摇摆（因衰弱、负重、酒醉等）
- (2) the Times Square（美国）时代广场
- (3) subway n. 地铁
- (4) briefcase n. 手提箱
- (5) dangle v. 悬吊着或摇摆不定
- (6) slurred adj. 含糊不清的
- (7) affirmative adj. 肯定的
- (8) brave the rough maw 闯入是非之地
- (9) maw n. 动物的胃或咽喉，比喻随时会吞噬他物之物
- (10) chap n. 家伙
- (11) snarl v. 咆哮
- (12) undercover adj. 秘密的；暗中从事的

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

A friend of mine noticed a man staggering _____ in the Times Square subway station.

His coat was unbuttoned, a briefcase _____ from his hand and he'd obviously had one too many.

_____ if he was all right, the man gave a slurred but affirmative response.

My friend simply could not see someone _____ the rough maw of a New York subway without trying to help.

At last, the _____ of his attentions snarled, in a low voice, "Leave me alone! I'm an undercover cop!"

82. 说不断的男子

我的一位朋友看到一个男子在时代广场的地铁车站摇摇晃晃地走。

那个人穿着时髦，敞着怀，一个手提箱在他的手里悬吊着，很明显他是多喝了一杯。

我朋友问他怎么样，那男子含糊而肯定地回答说没问题。然而我朋友就是不能眼看着有人在纽约地铁独入是非之地而置之不顾。他跟在那家伙的后面，又一次问道：“你肯定你没事？你在找哪个地铁站？你需要帮忙回家吗？”

他所注意的对象终于忍耐不住了，对他低声咆哮道：“你给我走开！我是便衣警察！”

83. The Target

My cooking has always been the target of family jokes. One evening, as I prepared dinner a bit too quickly, the kitchen filled with smoke and the smoke detector went off. Although both of my children had received fire-safety training at school, they did not respond to the alarm. Annoyed, I stormed through the house in search of them.

I found them in the bathroom, washing their hands. Over the loud buzzing of the smoke alarm, I asked them to identify the sound.

"It's the smoke detector," they replied in unison.

"Do you know what that sound means?" I demanded.

"Sure," my oldest replied. "Dinner's ready."

Notes:

- (1) target n. 靶子；目标
- (2) detector n. 探查器
- (3) go off 发射；响
- (4) storm through 冲入；闯入
- (5) in search of 搜寻；寻找
- (6) buzzing n. 嗡嗡声
- (7) unison n. 一致

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The mother's cooking was once the target of family jokes. One evening the mother prepared dinner a bit too slowly. When the kitchen filled with smoke, the smoke detector went off.

Neither of the two children had received fire-safety training at school, so they did not respond to the alarm.

The children knew what the alarm meant, so they did not respond to it.

83. 靶子

我的烧饭手艺向来是家庭笑话的攻击目标。一天晚上，晚餐我准备得有点儿太快了，厨房里充满了烟，结果烟雾探查器报起警来。尽管我的两个孩子都在学校里接受过防火安全训练，可是他们并没有对报警声作出反应。我感到很恼火，满幢房子乱冲寻找他们。

我在洗澡间找到他们，发现他们正在洗手。我的声音盖过了烟雾警报的嗡嗡声，我叫他们辨别那声音。

“是烟雾探查器，”他们异口同声地说。

“你们知道那声音意味着什么吗？”我责问道。

“当然，”我的大孩子回答道，“晚饭准备好了。”

84. Day after Day

A teacher was always so involved in the text being studied that he never looked up . He would call on a student for translation and explanation, and-without realizing it-he often chose the same student day after day. Out of respect, the student wouldn't point this out to him.

After being called on four days in a row, a student named Goldberg asked advice from his friends. The next day when the teacher said "Goldberg, translate and explain," Goldberg replied, "Goldberg is absent today ."

"All right," said the teacher. "YOU translate and explain."

Notes:

(1) be involved in 卷入 ; 投入 (2) out of respect 出于尊敬

Exercises:

根据短文填空 :

A teacher was always so _____ in the text being studied that he never looked up.

He would call _____ a student for translation and explanation.

_____ respect, the student wouldn't point this out to him.

After being called on four days in a _____, a student named Goldberg asked advice from his friends.

The next day _____ the teacher said "Goldberg, translate and explain," Goldberg replied, "Goldberg is absent today."

84. 日复一日

一位老师对所讲课文总是非常投入，从不抬头。他常让一个学生来翻译和解释，并且——不自觉地——他常日复一日地叫同一个学生。出于尊敬，学生并不给他指出这一点。

一个叫古德伯格的学生，在被一连叫了四天之后，向他的朋友寻求建议。第二天，这位教师又说：“古德伯格，翻译并解释。”古德伯格回答说：“古德伯格今天缺席。”

“那好吧，”教师说，“那就你来翻译并解释。”

85. Post Haste

My husband asked me to go to the post office to mail his resume in anticipation of a job interview. He instructed me to send it the fastest way possible.

Struck by the urgency in his voice, I grabbed a handful of change and dashed out the door. Arriving at the post office, I rushed to the counter and breathlessly explained to the clerk that my envelope had to be delivered immediately. He casually weighed the envelope and said it would cost \$ 10.03. I fumbled through my pockets and tallied up my coins. "But I don't have \$ 10.03," I said. He punched some more buttons and said, "Okay, that will be \$ 7.40, ma'am."

Once more I said in dismay, "Sorry, I don't have \$ 7.40."

"Well," he sighed, "exactly how much do you have?"

I meekly answered, "I have exactly \$ 2.15, sir."

With that, he yelled over his shoulder to a coworker, "Hey, Charlie, get the pigeon ready."

Notes:

- (1) resume n. 履历
- (2) anticipation n. 期望
- (3) dash v. 急奔；猛冲
- (4) breathlessly adv. 上气不接下气地
- (5) casually adv. 漫不经心地
- (6) fumble v. 摸索
- (7) tally up 算上
- (8) punch v. 敲；击
- (9) dismay n. 困惑；茫然
- (10) meekly adv. 谦和地

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What did the husband ask the wife to do?

- A. to get up early
- B. to get out of the door
- C. to post his resume
- D. to go to his office

From the passage we can see

- A. the husband was applying for a job
- B. the husband was bad tempered
- C. the husband was always rude to his wife
- D. the husband was anticipating a new clerk

How was the wife when she got to the post office?

- A. She was pale.

- B. She was breathless.
- C. She was angry.
- D. She was worried.

How much money did the wife have in total?

- A. \$ 10.03
- B. \$ 7.40
- C. \$ 2.15
- D. \$ 9.55

What does the last sentence in the passage imply?

- A. The woman would get the letter posted in the fastest way
- B. The woman probably wouldn't get the letter posted fast.
- C. A pigeon would be used to post her letter fast.
- D. The clerk refused to post the letter for her.

85. 邮政快递

我丈夫让我到邮局寄他的履历，期望能得到工作面试的机会。他告诉我要用尽可能快的方式把它寄出去。

我感到他语气紧急，就抓了一把零钱，冲出了家门。到了邮局，我冲到柜台，上气不接下气地向职员解释说我的信必须马上寄出。他漫不经心地称了一下信的重量，说邮费是十元零三分。我翻遍了我的口袋，把所有的硬币都算上。“可是我没有十元零三分，”我说。他又敲了几个键，然后说：“那好吧，七元四角，夫人。”

我又一次茫然地说：“对不起，我没有七块四。”

“那，”他叹了口气，“确切地说你有多少？”

我很谦和地回答道：“我有整整两块一角五分，先生。”

听了这话，他转过头向身后的同事喊道：“嗨，查理，准备好鸽子。”

86. Responses

Frequent hand-washing in my job as a medical technologist and the harsh Alaskan weather combined to give me very dry skin. One night as I prepared for bed, I rubbed my hands with petroleum jelly and covered them with a pair of old white gloves.

As I sat in bed reading a book with my gloves on, my husband finished showering and came into the room. Drying himself off, he went to the closet, selected a tie and began putting it on. "What are you doing?" I asked.

"Well," he replied, "if you're going to be formal, so am I."

Notes:

- (1) frequent adj. 经常的
- (2) technologist n. 技师
- (3) harsh adj. 恶劣的
- (4) Alaskan adj. 阿拉斯加的
- (5) petroleum n. 凡士林
- (6) jelly n. 霜
- (7) shower v. 洗淋浴

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

Why did the wife frequently wash her hands?

Why was her skin very dry?

What did she rub her hands with one night?

Why did the husband think she was going to be formal?

What did the husband do in response?

86. 回应

我是医药技师，在工作中频繁地洗手，再加上阿拉斯加的恶劣天气，使我的皮肤非常干燥。一天晚上，我准备睡觉前用凡士林霜搓了手并带上一双旧白色手套。

我坐在床上戴着手套读书，我丈夫洗完澡走进来。他擦干身子，走到壁橱选了一条领带开始带上。“你在干什么？”我问。

“哦，”他回答说，“既然你想正式点，我也想这样。”

87.A Coach and His Players

I was the new coach of a Little League baseball team and had not yet learned the names of my players. At our first game, I called each boy by the number on his uniform. When I yelled, "Number 5, your time to bat," Jeff Smith came to the plate to hit. When I called for "Number 7", Steve Heinz jumped up. Then I asked for "Number 1", and no one emerged from the dugout. Again I called for Number 1. Still no one.

As the umpire looked on, annoyed at this delay of the game, I shouted, "Who is Number 1?"

That's when the whole team yelled, "We are, Coach! We are!"

Notes:

- (1) coach n. 教练
- (2) baseball n. 棒球
- (3) bat v. (用棒) 击
- (4) plate n. (棒球) 本垒
- (5) emerge v. 出现
- (6) dugout n. 隐蔽壕
- (7) umpire n. 裁判员

Exercises:

请回答下列问题：

Why didn't the coach know the names of his players?

How did the coach call the boys since he didn't know their names?

Who was number five?

Why did the coach get annoyed?

How did the players interpret "Number 1"?

87. 教练与他的队员

我初到一小团体棒球队作教练，还不知道队员的名字。在第一次比赛中，我按照每一名队员球衣的号数来指挥。当我大声喊到：“5号，你该击球了。”杰夫·史密斯到本垒击球。当我叫到“7号”时，史迪夫·汉斯就跳起来。然后我叫到“1号”，却没人从隐蔽壕里跳出来。我又叫了一遍1号。还是没人跳出来。

因为裁判在旁观看，我很生气这支球队的懒散，大声吼道：“谁是1号（第一）？”

这时全体队员大喊道：“是我们，教练！我们是！”

88.He Lowered Her chair Six Inches

While on vacation in San Francisco, my sister developed a toothache. The hotel desk clerk recommended a dentist. Susan, who dislikes heights, was horrified to discover that he was located on the 14th floor of a skyscraper, with two of the office walls made entirely of glass.

Susan was sitting rigidly in the examination chair, clutching its sides, when the dentist came in. "Are you always this nervous?" he asked.

"It's just that I'm not used to being up this high," Susan replied, eyes closed.

"Oh, I'm sorry," he said. Then he lowered her chair six inches.

Notes:

- (1) San Francisco 旧金山
- (2) develop v. 发病
- (3) recommend v. 推荐
- (4) horrified adj. 惊恐的
- (5) be located 位于
- (6) skyscraper n. 摩天大楼
- (7) rigidly adv. 僵硬地
- (8) clutch v. 紧抓；紧握
- (9) be used to 习惯于

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

While _____ vacation in San Francisco, my sister developed a toothache.

The hotel desk clerk _____ a dentist.

Susan, who dislikes heights, was horrified to discover that he was _____ on the 14th floor of a skyscraper, with two of the office walls made _____ of glass.

Susan was sitting _____ in the examination chair, clutching its sides, when the dentist came in.

"It's just that I'm not used to being up this high" Susan replied, eyes _____ .

88. 他把她的椅子降低了 6 寸

在旧金山度假期间，我妹妹得了牙痛。宾馆接待员向她推荐了一名牙医。苏珊有恐高症，她惊恐地发现他的诊所位于摩天大楼的 14 层上，办公室有两面墙壁全用玻璃制成。

苏珊僵硬地坐在候诊椅里，紧紧地抓住两边的扶手，这时牙医进来了。“你总是这么紧张吗？”他问。

“这只是因为我不习惯这种高度。”苏珊回答，眼睛紧闭。
“哦，对不起，”他说。然后他把她的椅子降低了6寸。

89.The ability of the Kangaroo

The zoo built a special eight-foot-high enclosure for its newly acquired kangaroo, but the next morning the animal was found hopping around outside. The height of the fence was increased to 15 feet, but the kangaroo got out again. Exasperated, the zoo director had the height increased to 30 feet, but the kangaroo still escaped. A giraffe asked the kangaroo, "How high do you think they'll build the fence?"

"I don't know," said the kangaroo. "Maybe a thousand feet if they keep leaving the gate unlocked."

Notes:

- (1) enclosure n. 围墙
- (2) kangaroo n. 袋鼠
- (3) exasperated adj. 恼火的

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

What had the zoo newly squired?

Why did the zoo keep increasing the height of the fence?

How did the zoo director feel about it?

Why could the animal still escape even when the fence was increased to a height of 30 feet?

What does the passage imply?

89. 袋鼠的能力

动物园为刚引进的袋鼠建了一个特殊的八英尺高的围墙。但是第二天早上，人们发现这动物在围墙外面蹦跳着。于是围墙高度增加到十五英尺，但袋鼠还是跑了出来。动物园经理甚感恼火，又叫人把围墙高度加到三十英尺，但袋鼠还是逃了出来。一个长颈鹿问袋鼠：“你认为他们会把围墙建到多高？”

“我不知道，”袋鼠说，“如果他们继续开着大门，可能要修到一千英尺吧。”

90. Dream

The school of agriculture's dean of admissions was interviewing a prospective student. "Why have you chosen this career?" he asked.

"I dream of making a million dollars in farming, like my father," the student replied.

"Your father made a million dollars in farming?" echoed the impressed dean.

"No," replied the applicants "But he always dreamed of it."

Notes:

- (1) dean of admissions 招生办主任
- (2) prospective adj. 预期中的, 可能的
- (3) echo v. 重复, 附和

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F):

The principal interviewed the student.

The student was prospective.

The student chose farming as his career.

The student dreamed of becoming a millionaire.

The student's father was a millionaire.

90. 梦想

农校的招生办主任在面试一个上线的学生,“你为何要选择这个职业?”他问。

“我梦想以经营农场来赚一百万元,就像我父亲一样。”这个学生回答说。

“你父亲经营农场赚了一百万元?”主任惊诧地问道。

“没有,”这位申请人回答道,“他总是梦想着赚到这个数目。”

91. Bull Wrestler

A bull wrestler was visiting his friend in a small town, and one night they stayed a little too long at the pub. Not wanting to drive, they decided to walk home. As they were crossing a farmer's field, a bull charged them. The wrestler grabbed the bull by the horns, and they went down in a snarling heap. Finally the bull jumped up and ran away. "Wow," said the friend, "that was quite a tussle. "

"Yeah," the wrestler replied, "and if I hadn't had that last

Notes:

- (1) bull wrestler 斗牛士，也作 bullfighter.
- (2) charge v. 袭击
- (3) grab v. 抓，握
- (4) snarl v. 缠结，纠结
- (5) heap n. 堆
- (6) tussle n. 扭打，扭斗

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

A bull wrestler was visiting his friend _____ a small town.
One night they stayed a little too long _____ the pub.
_____ wanting to drive, they decided to walk home.
As they were crossing a farmer's field, a bull _____ them.
The wrestler grabbed the bull _____ the horns.
They _____ in a snarling heap
That was _____ a tussle.

If I _____ had that last drink. I would have gotten that
guy his bicycle.

91. 斗牛士

一个斗牛士在一个小镇拜访他的朋友。一天夜里他们在酒馆里呆的时间稍长了一点。他们不想搭车，就决定步行回家。他们在穿过一片农田时，一头牛向他们冲过来。斗牛士抓住了牛的两只角，他们扭打在一起。最后牛跳起来跑走了。

“哇，”他朋友说，“好一场搏斗哇。”

“哦，”斗牛士回答说，“要不是我多喝了一杯，我非把那家伙从自行车上拽下来不可。”

92. Dis-Concerting

I had been trying to get my friend Mike—a rock' n roll fan—interested in classical music. When I offered to purchase tickets to a Mozart festival, he willingly agreed to accompany me and seemed to enjoy the symphony.

After the concert, I mentioned how Mozart's music moved me. "At times, I can almost hear his voice in his music and I feel as though he's talking to me," I said.

Mike nodded his head in solemn agreement. "Yes," he said. "I know what you mean."

Feeling very pleased that I had made a "convert", I asked what he felt the music was saying to him.

He replied, "it said 'go to sleep, Michael. Go to sleep."

Notes:

- (1) disconcert v. 使窘困，使狼狈
- (2) a rock'n roll fan 摇滚迷
- (3) offer to (do) 主动提出(做)
- (4) purchase v. 购买
- (5) Mozart 莫扎特(奥地利著名作曲家)
- (6) accompany v. 陪伴，伴随
- (7) symphony n. 交响乐
- (8) solemn adj. 庄严的，严肃的
- (9) convert n. 归顺某宗教者(本文指转变兴趣的人)

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What was Mike's interest?

- A. classic music
- B. folk songs
- C. rock' n roll
- D. pop music

What were the tickets for?

- A. a moving film about Mozart
- B. a concert given by Mozart
- C. a Mozart festival
- D. a rock' n roll concert

Why did Mike agree to accompany the author?

- A. Because the author urged him again and again.
- B. Because the author ordered him to do so .
- C. Because Mike really enjoyed classical music.
- D. Because Mike wanted to show politeness since they were friends.

How did the author feel about the symphony?

- A. The author was disappointed.
 - B. The author was very happy.
 - C. The author was excited.
 - D. The author was moved.
- How did Mike think of the symphony?
- A. exciting
 - B. moving
 - C. tiring
 - D. nice

92. 尴尬

我一直设法让我朋友迈克——一个摇滚迷——对古典音乐感兴趣。我主动提出购买两张莫扎特纪念节的票，他很愿意伴随我，而且似乎喜爱上了交响乐。

音乐会后，我捉到莫扎特的音乐如何感动了我。“有些时候，我几乎可以听到他在音乐中的声音，感觉到好像他在对我倾诉，”我说。

迈克严肃地点点头表示赞成。“是的，”他说，“我懂你的意思。”我为已使他转变了兴趣而非常得意，我问他是如何感受那音乐的。他回答说：“交响乐对我说：‘睡吧，迈克，睡吧。’”

93.A Talk an the Phone

I teach computer courses, and my students often call me at home with questions. One morning I was on the phone, explaining in computer language the solution to a problem, while a repairman was fixing my refrigerator. After an endless stream of "C colon, backslash, greater than, cd, backslash, DOS, 0 colon" and so on, I hung up and found the repairman staring at me. "Lady," he asked, are you p spy?"

Notes:

- (1) computer language 计算机语言
- (2) refrigerator n. 冰箱
- (3) backslash n. 回车
- (4) greater than 大于号
- (5) DOS 计算机语言中的 DOS 处理

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

What does the teacher teach?

With what do students call her at home?

Who was in the teacher's house when she was on the phone?

Was it a long talk?

Why did the repairman think she was a spy?

93. 电话交谈

我教计算机课程，我的学生经常打电话到我家问我问题。一天早晨，我在电话里用计算机语言解释一个问题的答案，当时一个维修工正在给我修电冰箱。经过一连串的“C 冒号，回车，大于号，CD，回车，DOS，C 冒号”等等，我挂上电话发现那位维修工在盯着我。“女士，”他问，“你是个间谍吗？”

94.A Bad Impression

My husband and I are both writers. During dinner conversations, we often tell our children about our working days. It wasn't clear how much they absorbed until one day I overheard my seven-year-old, Lucy, cry out in frustration at her five-year-old sister, Charlotte, "You, you... you editor!"

Notes:

- (1) impression n. 印象
- (2) absorb v. 吸收 (知识等)
- (3) overhear v. 偶然听到
- (4) frustration n. 挫折

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正 (T)、(F) :

The woman and her husband are both journalists.

The parents try to educate their children during dinner.

Lucy is the youngest of the children.

Lucy had a quarrel with Charlotte.

To Lucy, "editor" means a bad person

94. 坏印象

我丈夫和我都是作家。晚夕谈话中，我们经常给孩子们谈到我们的工作。没人清楚他们听懂了多少。直到有一天，我偶然听到七岁的女儿卢希烦恼地向她五岁的妹妹喊道：“你，你——你这个编辑！”。

95. Lose One Pound

I complimented one of my co-workers on having lost ten pounds. However, I couldn't resist bragging that when I was 17, I weighed 225 pounds and today I tip the scales at 224. I added, "That's not bad for a man my age."

Overhearing this, a woman remarked, "You mean to say it took you all this time to lose one pound?"

Notes:

(1) compliment (sb. on sth.) v. 恭维；称赞

(2) brag v. 自夸；夸耀

(3) tip the scale at 称量

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

How much had the man's co-worker lost in weight?

- A. one pound
- B. ten pounds
- C. seventeen pounds
- D. eleven pounds

What was the man's attitude towards his co-worker having lost in his weight?

- A. jealous
- B. unconcerned
- C. admiring
- D. worried

How much did the man weigh when he was 17?

- A. 224 pounds
- B. 225 pounds
- C. 223 pounds
- D. 222 pounds

"Tip the scales at" in paragraph one possibly means_____ .

- A. weigh
- B. make a tip for scales
- C. weigh more than
- D. weigh less than

How did the man feel on his losing one pound?

- A. disappointed
- B. proud
- C. ashamed
- D. puzzled

我称赞我的一个同事减肥 10 磅。可是，我禁不住夸耀说我 17 岁时，体重 225 磅，而目前体重是 224 磅。我还说：“这对我这样年龄的男子来说，是不错的。”

一个女子听到了这些话，她说道：“你是说你花了这么长时间才减了 1 磅？”

96. Older Goats in America

A group of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goats' milk was used.

She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. These, she explained, were the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produced. She then asked, "What do you do with your older goats in America?"

A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"

Notes:

- (1) hillside n. 山坡
- (2) graze v. (指牛羊等) 吃青草
- (3) put out 把...送到外面去
- (4) pasture n. 牧场
- (5) spry adj. 活泼的

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The group of Americans were travelling by train.

They visited a cheese farm.

The young guide told them that cattle milk was used to make cheese.

Older goats were put out to pasture when they no longer produced milk.

The old gentleman was making a joke.

96. 美国老羊

一群美国人乘长途汽车在荷兰旅游。他们在一个奶酪场停下来。一位年轻的导游带他们参观了奶酪制作的全过程，解释说用的是羊奶。

她指给这群人一个美丽的山坡，山坡上许多羊在吃草。对这些，她解释说，是放逐草地的老羊，它们已不能再产奶。她然后问道：“在美国你们怎样处理老羊呢？”

一位活泼的老绅士回答说：“他们让我们乘车旅行！”

97. The Stories Are Still in Them

During a visit to my mother's home, I joined her in the living room to talk, read and watch television. Facing a bookcase that has been in the same spot since I was a child, I let my eyes wander over the familiar volumes, many of which now have faded covers and frayed bindings.

"These books look so sad," I remarked. "Maybe we should go through them and toss some."

My mother stood up and went over to the shelves. She took down several books, turned a few pages and replaced them. Then she returned to her chair and quietly said, 'They are just fine. The stories are still in them.'

Notes:

- (1) bookcase n. 书架
- (2) wander v. 漫游；徘徊
- (3) faded adj. 退色的
- (4) frayed adj. 磨破的
- (5) go through 检查；搜查

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

I let my eyes_____ the familiar Volumes.

Many of them now have_____ covers and _____bindings.

Maybe we should go them and toss some.

My mother stood up and went_____ to the shelves.

She took _____several books, turned a few pages and replaced them.

97. 故事还在里面

我回娘家期间，我和母亲一起在起居室里交谈、读书、看电视。对面是一个从我孩童时代就原地未动的书架。我的眼睛看着那些熟悉的卷册，其中许多都已封面褪色、书脊磨破了。

“这些书看起来真惨，”我说，“或许我们应该翻检一下，扔掉一些。”

母亲站起来，走到书架处。她拿下几本书，翻了几页又重新放了回去。然后她坐回到椅子上，平静地说：“很好，故事还都在里面。”

98.Back Up Two Miles

A farmer and his son, traveling by horse and buggy up a narrow lane, met a motorist going the other way. There was no room to pass for two miles in either direction. The motorist, in hurry, honked his horn .

"If you don't back up," said the farmer, rolling up his sleeves, I won't like what I'm going to have to do." The surprised driver put his car in reverse and backed up two miles, allowing the horse and buggy to go by.

"What was it you wouldn't have liked to have done back there?" asked the farmer's son.

"Back up two miles," replied the farmer.

Notes:

- (1) back up 退后
- (2) buggy n. 轻便马车
- (3) honk v. (旧式汽车喇叭) 声

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

By what were the farmer and his son travelling?

- A. by train
- B. by car
- C. by horse and buggy
- D. on horses

Where did the farmer and his son meet the motorist?

- A. on a wide road
- B. on a narrow road
- C. on a bridge
- D. on the farm

Who was in hurry?

- A. the motorist
- B. the farmer and his son
- C. the farmer's son
- D. all of the above

The farmer said: "I won't like what I'm going to have to do" to mean

- A. he would have to back up if the motorist didn't
- B. he would have to start a fight if the motorist didn't back up
- C. he would have to push the motorist's car back if the motorist didn't back up
- D. he would have to run over the car if the motorist didn't back up

The motorist took the farm's words as_____ .

- A. an advice
- B. an order
- C. a threat
- D. a request

98. 退后两英里

一位农夫和他的儿子乘坐轻便马车来到一段窄路，他们遇到一个开车的人向相反的方向去。两个方向的两英里以内都没有地方可以使他们相擦而过。驾车人甚是着急，按响了喇叭。

“如果你不后退，”农夫说着撸起了袖子，“我可不喜欢我将不得不做的事。”司机吃惊不小，挂上倒挡，向后退了两英里，让轻便马车先过去。

“刚才在那儿你说过的你不喜欢要做的事是什么？”农夫的儿子问道。

“退后两英里，”农夫回答道。

99. Who Was That Man

The owner of a small travel agency saw an attractive couple gazing at his travel poster. Suddenly inspired, he ran up and told them his idea. "I'll give you an all-expenses-paid vacation in exchange for appearing in ads endorsing my agency." They agreed on the spot.

Three weeks later he met them at the airport. While the man checked on their baggage, the travel agent asked the woman about the trip. "The food on the cruise ship was wonderful," she said, "and flying the Colorado was a thrill. But I do have one question. Who was that man I had to sleep with every night?"

Notes:

- (1) all-expenses-paid 所有费用已付的
- (2) in exchange for 交换
- (3) endorse v. 认可；赞同
- (4) on the spot 当场
- (5) thrill n. 激动；震颤

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

What were the man and the woman doing when the travel agent saw them?

What was the travel agent's idea?

How long was the vacation for the man and the woman?

How was the trip according to the woman?

What was the woman's question?

99. 那男子是谁

一位小旅行社的老板看到漂亮的一男一女正在他的旅游广告牌前驻足观看。他突然灵机一动，跑上前去告诉他们他的主意：“我为你们提供一次免费的旅游，作为交换条件，你们必须在广告中称赞我的旅行社。”他们当场表示同意。

三周后，他在机场见到他们。那位男子在检查行李时，这位旅行经纪人问那女子旅行情况。“游船上的食物很好，”她说，“而且飞越科罗拉多大峡谷实在刺激。不过我确实想问一个问题，那每天晚上我都必须和他睡在一起的男人是谁？”

100.The Advantage of Noise

Wherever I drove my old car over 55 miles per hour ,it vibrated terribly, so I decided to sell it. My first customer wanted to buy the car, and I battled with my conscience over whether or not to tell him of the vehicle's problem. Finally I did the right thing. Expecting him to drop the deal, I was surprised by his reply.

"That's okay," he said. "I'm buying this car for my daughter. If she complains about a vibration, I'll know she's driving too fast. "

Notes:

- (1) advantage n. 优点 ; 好处
- (2) vibrate v. 震动 ; 颤动
- (3) conscience n. 良心
- (4) deal n. 交易 ; 成交
- (5) complain about 对...进行抱怨

Exercises:

根据短文填空 :

Wherever I drove my old car _____55 miles per hour, it vibrated terribly.

I battled _____my conscience _____whether or not to tell him of the vehicle's problem.

Finally I did the _____thing.

Expecting him to _____ the deal, I was surprised by his reply.

If she complains _____ a vibration, I'll know she's driving too fast.

100. 噪音的优点

每当我驾驶我那辆旧车时速超过 55 英里时，它就剧烈地震动起来，所以我决定卖掉它。我的第一位买主想买这辆车。围绕是否告诉他这辆车的问题，我经历了一番与良心的较量。终于我做对了。

我想他会放弃这个交易，却对他的回答吃了一惊。

“那没什么，”他说，“我是给我女儿买这车的。如果她抱怨震动的话，那我就知道她开得太快了。”

101.A Gentle Reminder

Having been married a long time, my husband sometimes needs a gentle reminder of a special occasion. On the morning of our 35th anniversary, we were sitting at the breakfast table when I hinted, "Honey, do you realize that we've been sitting in these same two seats for exactly 35 years?"

Putting down the newspaper, he looked straight at me and said, "So, you want to switch seats?"

Notes:

- (1) reminder n. 提醒
- (2) anniversary n. 周年纪念
- (3) hint v. 暗示
- (4) switch v. 改变

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

How long had the couple been married?

- A. 33 years
- B. 34 years
- C. 35 years
- D. 36 years

When did the wife try to hint to her husband?

- A. in the morning
- B. at noon
- C. in the afternoon
- D. in the evening

What was the husband doing when his wife hinted to him?

- A. He was reading the newspaper.
- B. He was sweeping the floor. ,
- C. He was cooking.
- D. He was repairing the chairs.

The husband thought that his wife wanted to_____ .

- A. change the old chairs to new ones
- B. abandon the old chairs
- C. exchange each other's seat
- D. read his newspaper

The wife hinted to her husband that_____ .

- A. they should celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary
- B. they should change their old chairs to new ones
- C. they should exchange their seats
- D. they should buy another table

婚后已久，我丈夫往往在一个特别事情上需要委婉的提醒。在我们结婚 35 周年纪念的早上，我们正坐在早餐桌旁，我暗示道：“亲爱的，你意识到我们在这两个相同的座位上已坐了整整 35 年了吗？”

他放下报纸，眼睛直直地望着我：“因此，你想交换座位吗？”

102. I Understand Him

While eating in a restaurant, I reprimanded my four-year-old son for speaking with his mouth full. "Mump umn Kmpfhm," was all I heard.

"Drew," I scolded, "no one can understand a word you're saying.

"He says he wants some ketchup," my husband said calmly

A woman sitting nearby leaned over and asked, "How in the world did you understand him?"

"I'm a dentist," my husband explained.

Notes:

(1) reprimand v. 申斥

(2) scold v. 责备

(3) ketchup n. 番茄酱

(4) How in the world did you understand him? 你究竟如何明白他的话的呢? 句中“in the world”用来表示强调, 加强语气。

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题:

Where did the story take place?

How old was the son?

Why did the mother scold her son?

What did the father say the boy want?

Why could the father understand the son?

102. 我懂他的话

在饭店吃饭的时候, 我申斥我4岁的儿子, 因为他满嘴食物在说话。“喔、呢”, 我听到的就是这些。

“祖,” 我责备道, “没人明白你在说什么。”

“他说他要一些番茄酱,” 我丈夫平静地说。

坐在旁边的一位妇女靠过来问道: “你究竟如何明白他的话的呢?”

“我是牙医。” 我丈夫解释道。

103. An Exact Number

A tourist was visiting New Mexico and was amazed at the dinosaur bones lying about.

"How old are these bones?" the tourist asked an elderly Native American, who served as a guide.

"Exactly one hundred million and three years old.

"How can you be so sure?" inquired the tourist.

"Well," replied the guide, " a geologist came by here and told me these bones were one hundred million years old, and that was exactly three years ago.

Notes:

(1) New Mexico 新墨西哥 (美国州名)

(2) be amazed at 对...感到惊诧

(3) dinosaur n. 恐龙 (已绝迹的巨大爬行动物)

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正 (T)、(F) :

The tourist was frightened by the dinosaur bones lying about.

The elderly native American served as a guide.

The guide knew exactly how old the bones were.

The guide told the tourist the history of the bones.

The guide believed what the geologist had said.

103. 准确数字

一位游客在新墨西哥游览。他对随处可见的恐龙化石甚感惊奇。

“这些化石有多长的历史？”游客问一个上了年纪的当地美国人。他是作向导的。

“整整十亿零三年了。”

“你怎么这么肯定？”游客问道。

“哦，”向导回答道，“一个地质学家来过这儿，他告诉我说这些化石有十亿年了，再加上那是整整三年前的事了。”

104. Violin Lessons

"Daddy, can I learn to play the violin?" young Sarah asked her father. She was always asking for things and her father was not very pleased.

"You cost me a lot of money, Sarah," he said. "First you wanted to learn horse riding, then dancing, then swimming. Now it's the violin."

"I'll play every day, Daddy," Sarah said. "I'll try very hard."

"All right," her father said. "This is what I'll do. I'll pay for you to have lessons for six weeks. At the end of six weeks you must play something for me. If you play well, you can have more lessons. If you play badly, I will stop the lessons."

"O. K. Daddy," Sarah said. "That is fair."

He soon found a good violin teacher and Sarah began her lessons. The teacher was very expensive, but her father kept his promise.

The six weeks passed quickly. The time came for Sarah to play for her father.

She went to the living room and said, "I'm ready to play for you, Daddy."

"Fine, Sarah," her father said. "Begin."

She began to play. She played very badly. She made a terrible noise.

Her father had one of his friends with him, and the friend put his hands over his ears.

When Sarah finished, her father said, "Well done, Sarah. You can have more lessons."

Sarah ran happily out of the room. Her father's friend turned to him. "You've spent a lot of money, but she still plays very badly," he said.

"Well, that's true," her father said. "But since she started learning the violin I've been able to buy five apartments in this build very cheaply. In another six weeks I'll own the whole building!"

Notes:

(1) fair adj.公平的 (2) keep one's promise 信守诺言

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Sarah's father was not pleased with her because_____ .

- A. she wanted to team the violin
- B. she was rude
- C. she was always asking for things
- D. she was noisy

Sarah's father said he would pay for violin lessons for _____.

- A. two weeks
- B. six weeks
- C. a month
- D. six months

Sarah played the violin_____ .

- A. very well
- B. very badly indeed
- C. badly
- D. well

Her father gave her more lessons because_____ .

- A. she played well enough
- B. she was so interested in playing the violin
- C. he could buy more apartments cheaply because of Sarah's noise
- D. he liked the violin

(5) From this passage we can see that _____.

- A. Sarah had a talent for music
- B. Sarah's father was very generous with money
- C. Sarah's father was a selfish man
- D. Sarah's father told her the truth

104. 小提琴课

“爸爸，我能学拉小提琴吗？”小莎拉问她的父亲。她总是要东西，因此她爸爸很不高兴。

“你花了我很多钱，莎拉，”他说，“开始你想学骑马，然后想学跳舞，然后是游泳。现在又想学拉小提琴。”

“我会每天都拉的，爸爸，”莎拉说，“我会认真练的。”

“好吧，”她爸爸说。“下面是我要做的：我会为你付六个星期的小提琴课的钱，六个星期后你必须拉首曲子给我听。如果你拉得很好，你可以继续上小提琴课，要是你拉得很差，你就不要再学了。”

“行。爸爸，”莎拉说，“这很公平。”

他很快就找到了一个好的小提琴老师，莎拉就开始学拉提琴了。尽管学费很高，但她爸爸遵守了诺言。

六个星期很快就过去了。该莎拉拉提琴给爸爸听了。

她走进起居室说：“我准备好拉提琴给你听了。”

“好哇，莎拉，”她爸爸说。“开始吧。”

她开始拉了。她拉得很差，发出了可怕的噪音。她爸爸身旁有位朋友，朋友用手捂着耳朵。

莎拉拉完一曲，她父亲说：“拉得好，莎拉。你可以继续学琴了。”

莎拉高兴地跑出门去。她父亲的朋友对他说：“你已经花了不少钱了，但她还是拉得很差。”

“噢，的确如此，”她爸爸说，“但自从她开始学小提琴，我就可以很便宜地买下这幢楼的五个公寓。再过六周，我就可以拥有整幢楼啦！”

105. Which Month Did He Go Away

When Jack bowed to someone, he always did it at lightning speed. You shouldn't wait any longer after he has had his head nod. So he was blamed for no manners. Then some warmhearted men taught him, "When you bow to somebody next time, you can count 'January, February, March, until December. Then you can lift your body up. Thus, the ceremony will be perfect.

The next day, he met his uncle, he did as the men told him. The bow was so long that it made his uncle feel surprised and escaped away soon. When Jack looked up, he found his uncle gone. So he asked the passer, "Which month did he go away?"

Notes:

(1) he has had his head nod 他点头

(2) blame sb. for sth. 为某事责点头备某人

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

When Jack bowed to someone, he always did it _____ tightening speed.

You shouldn't wait any longer after he has _____ his head nod.

So he was blamed _____ no manners.

Then you can lift your body _____. Thus the ceremony will be perfect.

When Jack looked up, he found his uncle _____.

105. 几月走的

杰克给人鞠躬，飞快地一点头，就算完了。大家都怪他不懂礼貌。于是便有好心的人教他说，“下次鞠躬的时候，你就在心里数：正月、二月、……一直数到十二月为止，然后再直起身来。这样，礼节就周全了。”

第二天，杰克见到他的叔叔，他便如法炮制。这躬鞠得太久，叔叔吃了一惊，赶紧逃开了。杰克抬头一看，其叔早已不知去向，他便问过路人：“我叔叔几月走的？”

106. I'm the Only Driver

A short young man was running behind a bus which was full of passengers. But the bus still ran at a great speed.

"Stop, stop," a passenger looked out of the window, and shouted at the young man, "you can't catch it!"

"I must," the young fellow said, out of breath, "because I'm only driver of the bus."

Notes:

out of breath 上气不接下气

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F):

The young man who was running behind the bus was tall.

The bus was half full of passengers.

The bus was running very fast.

The passenger had pity on the young man.

The young man was the driver.

106. 唯有我是司机

在一辆满载乘客的公共汽车后面，一位小个子青年在奔跑着。汽车仍在高速前进。

“停下吧，”一位乘客把头伸出窗子，对小个子喊道，“你追不上的！”

“我必须追上，”小个子气喘吁吁地说，“我是司机！”

107. Such a Long Dog

Once there was a blind. One day when he was walking, he stepped the head of the dog who was sleeping. The dog barked for a while. The blind man went on for miles, this time he stepped the other dog's tail, so this dog barked. The blind man had thought that it was the first dog, so he said in surprise, " It's a wonder that the dog is so long.

Notes:

(1) bark v. 犬吠

(2) in surprise 惊奇地

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

He stepped the head of the dog _____ was sleeping.

The dog barked _____ a while.

The blind man went _____ for miles .

The blind man had thought that it was the _____ dog.

He said _____ surprise, "It's a wonder that the dog is so long. "

107. 如此长的狗

从前有个瞎子。一天，他正在走路时踩着了一只正在睡觉的狗的脑袋。狗“汪汪汪”地叫了一阵。这人又往前走，这回踩着的是另外一只狗的尾巴。狗又“汪汪汪”地叫起来。瞎子以为还是那条狗，惊诧地说：“奇怪，这只狗可真够长的。”

108. Where It Should Be Plugged

A mother is very good at using every chance to educate his son, who was only three years old. One day, she took a plug and said to her son, " Look, there are two pieces of copper, so it must be plugged in a place where there are two holes. Where do you think it should be plugged?" She waited for an answer expectfully .

"Plug in nose." is the answer.

Notes:

- (1) be good at 擅长于
- (2) copper n. 铜
- (3) expectfully adv. 期待地

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What is the mother good at?

- A. seizing every chance to educate her son.
- B. learning new things.
- C. doing electric work.
- D. doing house work.

How old is her son?

- A. two years old
- B. three years old
- C. four years old
- D. five years old

What did she show to her son one day?

- A. a plug
- B. copper
- C. two holes
- D. her nose

What did the woman want her son to know?

- A. to know about electricity
- B. to know about copper
- C. to know how to use a plug
- D. to know about nose

Where did the son think the plug should be plugged?

- A. in nose
- B. in anything with two holes
- C. in water
- D. in a car

108. 插在何处

一位母亲十分善于利用每一个机会对孩子进行教育。她的儿子只有

三岁。一天，她拿着一个插头对儿子说：“看，这里有两个铜片，那它一定要插在有两个孔的地方。你说它应该插在哪儿呢？”母亲期待着儿子的回答。

“插在鼻子里！”儿子回答说。

109.A Wild Guess

Our physics professor was struggling to draw the class into discussion of Archimede's principle of water desplavement. He told us' that Archimede noticed that when he got into a pool at the public bathhouse, the water rose spilling over the edge. Excited at his discovery, he ran down the street yelling, "Eureka, eureka!" The instructor asked if anyone knew what that meant.

One student stood up and answered, "I'm naked ! I'm naked!"

Notes:

- (1) draw the class into discussion 引导全班讨论
- (2) principle n. 原理
- (3) displacement n. 排水量
- (4) spill v. (指液体或粉末) 溢出 ; 洒出
- (5) yell v. 叫 ; 喊

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题 :

What subject did the prefer teach?

Z How was he trying to draw the class into discussion?

Where was Archimede having a bath?

What did he notice when Archimede was having a bath?

What does "eureka" mean?

109. 奇猜异想

我们的物理教授千方百计引导我们讨论阿基米德的排水原理。他告诉我们阿基米德去公共浴池洗澡，他进入池子，发现水涨高了，溢出池沿。他对这一发现十分激动，跑到街上高叫：“Eureka, Eureka!” 教授问我们谁知道他喊的是什么意思。

一个学生站起来答道：“我光屁股啦，我光屁股啦！”

110. Until They're Free

Deciding to do some back-yard landscaping, my father-in-law went to the brickyard to buy quantity of brick. When he asked the salesclerk about the cost, the man replied. "The more you buy, the cheaper they are."

"'is that so?" said my father-in-law." Then just keep loading them on my truck until they're free.

Notes:

(1) landscaping n. 庭院布置

(2) brick-yard n. 砖场

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

My father-in-law wanted to do some front-yard landscaping.

He went to the brickyard to buy quantity of brick.

The salesclerk meant that the bricks could be free of charge if a customer bought in large quantities.

Hearing the salesclerk' words, my father-in-law was very glad.

My father-in-law used a truck to carry the bricks.

110. 直到免费为止

我岳父打算买些砖来修整一下后院。他到砖厂拉砖，当问到砖价时，售货员回答说：“买得越多，价格越低。”

“真的吗？”我岳父说，“那么往我的卡车上猛装吧，一直装到免费为止。”

111.To Borrow an Ox

Once upon a time, there lived a rich man, but he didn't know any words.

One day, one of his friends wanted to borrow an ox from him, so he wrote a note and asked his servant to take it to this rich man.

After the servant gave the note to the rich man, he pretended to be reading it and after a while, he said, "OK, I know. Go and tell your master, I'll go myself shortly."

Notes:

(1) he pretended to be reading it 他假装读着字条。

(2) pretend to do 假装做

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

When did the story take place?

What problem did the rich man have?

What did his friend want to borrow from him?

Who took the note to the rich man?

The rich man made a fool of himself, didn't he?

111.借公牛一用

从前，有个人很富有，但他不识字。一天，他的一位朋友想向他借一头公牛，便写了个条，让仆人送到富人那里。

仆人把条子给了富人。富人便假装看了一会儿，然后说道：“好啦，我知道了。回去告诉你的主人，我马上自己过去。”

112. Only One Eye to Settle On

The girl found the go-between and said, "You cheated me ! One of his eyes is not true. Why didn't you tell me this before ?"

"I have told you. " said the go-between with justice on his side, When you met first, I told you that he settled on you with one eye.

Notes:

(1) go-between n. 媒人

(2) settle on 选定 ; 决定

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正 (T)、(F) :

The girl was angry with the go-between for having cheated her.

The girl married the one-eyed man.

The go-between hadn't told the girl the fact.

The go-between thought that justice was on his side.

The girl hadn't fully understood the go-between's words.

112. 一眼就看中

姑娘找到媒人，说：“你欺骗了我。他的一只眼是假眼，你以前为什么不告诉我？”

“怎么没告诉你？”媒人也不甘示弱，“你们第一回见面后，我就说，他一眼就看中你了。”

113.A Short Holiday

Alan worked in an office in the city. He worked very hard and really looked forward to his holidays.

He usually went to the seaside, but one year he saw an ad in a newspaper "Enjoy country life. Spend a few weeks at Willow Farm. Good food, fresh air, horse riding, walking, fishing. Reasonable prices ."

" This sounds like a good idea." he thought, " I' ll spend a month at Willow Farm. I' ll enjoy horse riding, walking and fishing. They' ll make a change from sitting by the seaside.

Four days later he returned home.

"What' s wrong with Willow Farm ?" his friend asked him. " Didn' t you enjoy country life ?"

"Country life was fine," Alan said." But there was another problem.

"Oh, what?"

Well, the first day I was there a sheep died, and we had roast lamb for dinner.

Fresh meat is the best.

"I know, but on the second day a cow died, and we had roast beef for dinner. "

"Lucky you!"

"You don' t understand," Alan said." On the third day a pig died and we had roast pork for dinner. "

" A different roast every day." Jack exclaimed.

"Let me finish," Alan said." On the fourth day the farmer died and I didn' t dare stay for dinner!"

Notes:

- (1) look forward to 期待
- (2) reasonable adj.合理的

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where did Alan work?

- A. on a farm
- B. in a government
- C. in a restaurant
- D. in an office in the city

Where did Alan usually go to spend his holiday?

- A. the seaside
- B. the countryside
- C. the mountains
- D. an island

- Why did Alan decide to spend his holiday at Willow farm?
- A. Because he was there.
 - B. Because he had a good friend there.
 - C. Because he thought it would make a change from sitting by the seaside.
 - D. Because he wanted to enjoy the fresh air in the countryside.
- How many days later did he return?
- A. a few weeks
 - B. a week
 - C. three days
 - D. four days
- What made Alan return so soon?
- A. He felt sick.
 - B. The air there was not fresh.
 - C. The prices were too high.
 - D. They always had the thing that had just died for dinner

113. 短期假日

亚伦在一个城市的公司工作。他十分努力地工作，期望着休假。

以前休假，他经常去海边。但有一年，他看到报纸上有一则广告：“领略乡村生活。在唯利屋农场度假数周，可享受：美味佳肴、新鲜空气、骑马、散步、垂钓。价格合理。”

“这到是个好主意，”他想，“我要在唯利屋过上一个月，去享受骑马的乐趣，还要去散步、钓鱼。这肯定与坐在海边不同。”

四天后，他回来了。

“唯利屋发生什么事了？”他的朋友问他，“你不喜欢那里的乡村生活吗？”

“乡村生活是很好，”亚伦说，“但是有一个问题。”

“什么？”

“第一天，一只羊死了。我们的饭是烤羊肉。”

“新鲜肉最好。”

“我知道，但是第二天，一只牛死了。于是我们吃的是烤牛肉。”

“你真是幸运。”

“你不知道，”亚伦说，“第三天，一头猪死了。我们就吃烤猪肉。”

“每天吃不同的烧烤。”

“让我说完，”亚伦说，“第四天，农场主死了。我不敢呆在那里吃饭了。”

114. A Woman's answer

A husband said to his wife, " Why did God create women to be beautiful but foolish?"

"Well," his wife answered at once. " The reason is very simple. God made us beautiful so men would love us; God made us foolish so we would marry them."

Notes:

(1) create v. 创造

(2) foolish adj. 愚蠢的

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

Who were talking to each other?

What question did the husband raise?

The wife thought for a while before she answered, didn't she?

How did the wife think of the reason?

How did she answer the question?

114. 妇女的回答

一位丈夫对他的妻子说：“为什么上帝把妇女创造得如此美丽却又愚蠢呢？”

“噢，”他的妻子立刻回答道，“原因很简单。上帝使我们如此美丽，男人才会爱我们。上帝使我们如此愚蠢，我们才会嫁给他们。”

115.The Beat Salesman in the World

Harry saw an ad in a window. It said: "Wanted. The Best Salesman in the World. Top Pay."

"I'm a great salesman." Harry told himself. "I can sell anything. I'll go in and ask for that job."

He went into the building and spoke to the manager.

"I'm the best salesman in the world," he said. "Give me the job."

"You must prove you're the best," the manager said.

"I'll pass every test you give me." Harry told him.

"Good."

The manager took a box of candy out of his desk.

"Last week, I bought a thousand boxes of this candy. If you can sell them all before the end of the week, you can have the job."

"That's easy," Harry said.

He took the box of candy and left the office.

Every day and all day, he went from shop to shop, trying to sell boxes of the candy.

He couldn't sell one.

The candy was so bad he couldn't even give it away.

At the end of the week he went back to the manager.

"I'm sorry, sir," he said, "I was wrong about myself. I'm not the best salesman in the world, but I know who is."

"Oh," said the manager. "Who?"

"The person who sold you a thousand boxes of this candy," Harry said.

Notes:

(1) candy n. 糖果

(2) give away 赠送

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

The manager told Harry_____ .

- A. he was the best salesman in the world
- B. he wasn't a good salesman
- C. he had to show how good he was
- D. he could start work immediately

Harry could have the job if_____ .

- A. he sold a thousand boxes of candy
- B. he sold a hundred boxes of candy
- C. he gave away two hundred boxes of candy
- D. he gave away a thousand boxes of candy

Harry could not sell the candy because_____ .

- A. he was a very bad salesman

- B. the candy was very bad
- C. he didn't try to sell it
- D. nobody liked candy

Who was the best salesman in the world?

- A. Harry
- B. the manager
- C. nobody
- D. the man who sold the candy to the manager

So we can infer from the story that_____ .

- A. Harry got the job
- B. Harry wasn't accepted by the manager
- C. Harry was very stupid
- D. the manager was very clever

115. 世界上最好的售货员

哈里在橱窗上看到一则广告。上面写着：“招聘世界上最好的售货员，报酬优厚。”

“我是一名了不起的售货员，”哈里自言自语，“任何东西我都能卖出去，我要进去应聘这份工作。”

他走进大楼去和经理说这件事。

“我是世界上最好的售货员，”他说，“把这件工作给我吧。”

“你必须证明你是最好的，”经理说。

“我会通过你给我的每一次考验的。”哈里告诉他。

“好。”

经理从桌子里取出一箱糖果。

“我上星期买了一千箱这种糖果。如果你能在周末之前把这些全卖出去，你就能得到这份工作。”

“这很简单。”哈里说。

他拿着这箱糖果离开了办公室。

每天从早到晚，他从这家店走到那家店，竭力想卖出一千箱糖果。

结果他一箱也没卖出去。

糖果质量太差，以至于送人都没人要。

周末他回去见经理。

“很抱歉，先生，”他说，“我搞错了。我不是世界上最好的售货员，但我知道谁是最好的。”

“哦，”经理问，“是谁？”

“是把这一千箱糖果卖给你的人，”哈里说。

116. A Boy with a Big Head

A boy cried to his mother, "All the children make fun of me. They say I have a big head."

"Don't listen to them," his mother said, "You have a beautiful head. Now stop crying and go to the store to buy twenty pounds of potatoes."

"Where is the shopping bag?"

"I haven't got one-use your hat"

Notes:

(1) make fun of 取笑；嘲弄

(2) shopping bag 购物袋

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The boy was complaining to his mother.

Children made fun of him because he had a beautiful head.

The mother was angry when she heard what her son had told her.

The mother couldn't find their shopping bag.

The boy did have a big head .

116. 大头娃娃

一个小男孩向他母亲哭诉道：“他们都取笑我，说我脑袋大。”“别听他们的，”他母亲安慰道，“你有一个很漂亮的脑袋。好啦，别哭了，去商店买十斤土豆来。”

“购物袋在哪儿？”

“没购物袋了——就用你的帽子吧。”

117.The Choice of Word

One day, John was back home after work. He found that his wife was shaking their daughter who was only half a year old. She said "Da-Dy" to the baby many times. John felt very happy because he thought his wife chosed the word "Dady" to teach their baby.

Duing one night several weeks later, John and his wife were waken up by the cry "Dady". His wife said to him, "Darling, she is calling you." Then she turned to sleep.

Notes:

(1) shake v.摇晃

(2) wake up 唤醒；吵醒

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

John was back home _____work.

He found his wife was _____their daughter who was only half a ear old.

She said "Da-Dy" _____ the baby many times.

During on night several weeks later, John and his wife were waken _____ by the cry "Dady".

Then she turned _____sleep.

117. 选词

一天下班回家，约翰发现妻子在摇半岁的女儿，嘴里反复念道：“爸-爸。”约翰心里感到美滋滋的，他的妻子选择了“爸爸”这个词首先教孩子。

几周后的一天夜里，约翰和妻子被一阵哭声惊醒了，“爸-爸！”“她在叫你，亲爱的。”妻子说，然后翻身竟自睡了。

118. I, You and she

Peter was a clever boy. On his first day at school, he learned three words: I, You and She. The teacher taught him how to make sentences with those words. The teacher said, "I, I am your teacher; (then pointing to a girl) She, She is your classmate; You, You are my student."

When Peter went home, his father asked him what he had learned at school. Peter said at once, "I, I am your teacher; (then pointing to his mother) She, She is your classmate; You, You are my student. His father got angry and said, "I, I am your father; (then pointing to his wife) She, She is your mother; You, You are my son."

The next morning at school, the teacher asked Peter if he had learned the three words by heart. "Yes," he said proudly, "I, I am your father; (then pointing to a girl) She, She is your mother; You, You are my son."

Notes:

(1) learn sth. by heart 谳记；能背出

(2) proudly adv.自豪地

Exercises:

根据短文回答下列问题：

What did Peter learn on his first day at school?

How many sentences did the teacher teach him?

Who asked him a question when Peter went home?

How did his father feel when he heard Peter's sentences?

What sentences did his father teach him?

118. 我，你，她

彼得是个聪明的孩子。在学校的第一天，他学了三个词：我，你，她。老师教他如何用这三个词造句子。老师说：“我，我是你的老师；（然后指着一个女孩）她，她是你的同学；你，你是我的学生。”

彼得回到家里，爸爸问他学了什么。彼得马上说：“我，我是你的老师；（然后指着他的妈妈）她，她是你的同学；你，你是我的学生。”他的爸爸听了非常生气，说：“我，我是你的爸爸；（然后指着他的妻子）她，她是你的妈妈；你，你是我的儿子。”

第二天，老师问彼得是否用心学那三个词了。“是的，”彼得自豪地说，“我，我是你的爸爸；（然后指着一个女孩）她，她是你的妈妈；你，你是我的儿子。”

119. You May Select

The husband complained that his wife always cooked the same dish.

One day, the husband got home and asked his wife, "My dear, what will we eat today?"

The wife said, "You may select the dish today."

The husband was very glad and asked, "Which dishes are there today?"

"Cabbage."

"The others?"

"None."

"Then how to select?"

"Eat or not eat!" the wife said.

Notes:

(1) complain v.抱怨

(2) cabbage n.白菜

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

What did the husband complain about?

- A. His wife sometimes cooked the same dish.
- B. His wife seldom cooked the same dish.
- C. His wife always cooked the same dish.
- D. His wife didn't cook any dish.

What question did the husband ask one day?

- A. He asked what they would eat.
- B. He asked if there was anything to eat.
- C. He asked if there was any meat.
- D. He asked if there was any cabbage.

The wife told him that_____ .

- A. there was no meat
- B. there was a lot of cabbage
- C. he could select the dish
- D. he could cook some other dishes

The husband was at first_____ .

- A. very disappointed
- B. very angry
- C. very sad
- D. very glad

We can be sure that_____ .

- A. the family had nothing to eat on that day
- B. the family had only one dish on that day
- C. the family had several dishes on that day

D. the family went out to a restaurant on that day

119. 可以选择

丈夫抱怨妻子总是做同样的一种菜。

一天，丈夫回到家，问妻子：“亲爱的，今天我们吃啥菜？”

妻子回答：“今天你可以选择。”

丈夫感到非常高兴，又问：“都有哪些菜呢？”

“炒白菜。”

“还有呢？”

“没了。”

“那你要我怎么选呢？”

“吃还是不吃！”妻子一本正经地说道。

120.Three Men in a Boat

Three men were sitting on a park bench. The one in the middle was reading a newspaper; the others were pretending to fish. They baited imaginary hooks, cast lines and reeled in their catch.

A passing policeman stopped to watch the spectacle and asked the man in the middle if he knew the other two.

"Oh yes, " he said. "They are my friends.

"In that case, " warned the officer, "you'd better get them out of here!"

"Yes, sir, " the man replied, and he began rowing furiously.

Notes:

- (1) bait v. 置饵于 (钩等上以捕鱼等)
- (2) imaginary adj. 想象的
- (3) reel v. 卷或缠 (钓丝等)
- (4) spectacle n. 景象; 光景
- (5) furiously adv. 疯狂般地

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Where were the three men?

- A. on a street
- B. in a shopping centre
- C. in a park
- D. by a lake

Who was reading a newspaper?

- A. the one in the middle
- B. the one on the left
- C. the one on the right
- D. the policeman was reading a newspaper

What were the others doing?

- A. They were reading newspapers.
- B. They were eating fish.
- C. They were pretending to fish.
- D. They were boating.

What's the interrelationship among the three men?

- A. They were friends.
- B. They were relatives.
- C. They were strangers to each other.
- D. They were members of one family.

Where did the man in the middle imagine he was?

- A. on a train
- B. on a bus
- C. in a plane

D. in a boat

120. 三人同舟

三位男子在公园的长椅上坐着。中间的一个在读报纸，另外两个在假装钓鱼。他们给想象的鱼钩上鱼饵，放线，并卷线把鱼抓上来。

一位过路警察驻足观察了这个景象，他问中间的那个男子是否认识其他两位。

“喔，认识，”他说，“他们是我的朋友。”

“那样的话，”警察告诫说，“你最好把他们从这里弄走。”

“好的，警官。”那男子回答说，接着就开始疯狂般地做起划桨的动作来。

121. A Speeding Motorist

A highway patrol officer stopped a speeding motorist. "Don't you know what the blinking lights and siren mean?" he demanded.

"Yes, sir," replied the driver.

"Then why didn't you pull over immediately?"

"I would have, officer," the man said. "But last month my wife ran off with a policeman, and I was afraid you were bringing her back."

Notes:

(1) patrol n. 巡逻

(2) blinking adj. 闪烁的

(3) siren n. 警笛

(4) pull over (将车、船等) 开向一边让其他车、船超越

(5) run off with (sb.) 与...私奔

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The motorist speeded on the highway.

The motorist didn't know what blinking lights and siren meant.

The driver didn't pull over.

The motorist's wife ran off with the policeman last month.

The motorist didn't expect his wife to come back to him.

121. 超速的司机

一位公路巡警截住了一个超速司机。“难道你不知道闪烁灯和警笛的意思吗？”他责问道。

“知道，长官，”司机回答说。

“那你为什么不立即靠边停车？”

“我本来想这样做的，长官。”那男子回答说，“但上个月我妻子和一位警察私奔了，我是害怕你把她带回来。”

122.What Color

An impoverished graduate student at Clemson University in South Carolina, I was excited when my father informed me that he had bought me a car. Hardly able to contain my enthusiasm, I asked Dad the typical questions: "What kind is it? Does it have a stick shift? Does it have a tape deck?"

"It's a 1982 Toyota," he replied. "It's a four speed, and, yes, it has a tape deck . " Pleased, I asked what color it was.

"Well, " he said uncomfortably, " which part?"

Notes:

- (1) impoverished adj. 穷困的
- (2) South Carolina 南卡罗莱那 (美国州名)
- (3) inform v. 告知
- (4) contain v. 控制 (情绪等)
- (5) enthusiasm n. 热情
- (6) typical adj. 典型的
- (7) stick shift 手排挡
- (8) tape deck 磁带舱

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正 (T)、(F) :

The graduate student couldn't afford a a car himself.

When his father told him that a car had been bought for him he was excited.

He controlled his excitement and didn't ask any questions.

He wanted a car with a stick shift.

He got a second-hand colored car.

122. 什么颜色

作为南卡罗莱那州克莱姆森大学的一个本科生，我囊中羞涩，当我父亲告诉我他为我买了辆车时，我甚是激动。我几乎控制不住我的热情，问了爸爸几个关键问题：“什么车？有没有手排挡？有没有磁带舱？”

“是1982年产丰田车，”他回答说，“四速，还有，是的，有磁带舱。”我甚是高兴，又问是什么颜色的。

“哦，”他很不舒服地说，“你指哪一部分？”

123. It's Kind of Fitting

As a freshman at the University of Dayton in Ohio, I was eager to make a good impression on my new roommate. When I arrived at our dorm room, I found her putting on perfume. "That's a great scent," I said, making conversation.

"Thanks-it was from my boyfriend. Here, try some," she said, holding the bottle out for me.

Unfortunately she let go before I had a firm grip, and the glass shattered on the tile floor. Embarrassed, I tried to apologize, but she cut me off - "Actually, it's kind of fitting," she explained, surveying the damage. "That's exactly how the relationship went.

Notes:

- (1) make a good impression on: 给...留下好印象
- (2) perfume n. 香水
- (3) unfortunately adv. 不幸地
- (4) let go 放手; 松手常用于下面的结构中: let sb \ sth go ;
let go of sb \ sth
- (5) shatter v. (突然而剧烈地) 破成碎片
- (6) tile n. 瓷砖
- (7) embarrass v. 使困窘
- (8) cut sb off 打断
- (9) fitting adj. 适当的
- (10) survey v. 检查; 查看

Exercises:

根据短文填空:

As a freshman at the University of Dayton in Ohio, I was eager to make a good impression _____ my new roommate.

When I arrived at our dorm room, I found her putting _____ perfume.

"That's a great scent," I said, _____ conversation.

Unfortunately she let _____ before I had a firm grip.

Embarrassed, I tried to apologize, but she cut me _____ .

123. 理应如此

作为俄亥俄州代顿大学的一名新生,我急于给我的新宿舍同伴留个好印象。我到了寝室,看到她正在往身上洒香水。“香味真浓哇。”我说,想和她搭起话来。

“谢了——是男朋友送的,来,洒些试试。”她说着把瓶子递给我。

不幸的是,我还没抓牢,她就松手了,玻璃瓶在瓷砖地板上摔碎了。我感到很窘,我刚想道歉,她就打断了我。“事实上,应该如此。”

她解释道,查看着破碎的瓶子,“我和他的关系正是这样的。”

124. Excellent Skills

After friends of mine landed at busy Newark Airport, they were unable to attract the attention of any porters to help with their luggage. In desperation, the husband took out a five-dollar bill and waved it above the crowd.

In an instant, a skycap was at his side. "Sir," observed the porter, "you certainly have excellent communication skills."

Notes:

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| (1) land v. 着陆 | (3) skycap n. 戴宽边帽子的人 |
| (2) desperation n. 无奈 | (4) observe v. 说 |

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

How was Newark Airport?

- A. unoccupied
- B. crowded
- C. dirty
- D. shabby

What problem occurred when they arrived at the airport?

- A. They couldn't find the exit.
- B. They couldn't find their luggage.
- C. They couldn't find a porter to help them with the luggage.
- D. They couldn't attract the attention of other people.

What did the husband feel about the situation?

- A. He felt excited.
- B. He felt desperated.
- C. He felt worried.
- D. He felt lucky.

What did the husband do with the five-dollar bill?

- A. He threw it into the air.
- B. He gave it to a nearby porter.
- C. He put it into his pocket.
- D. He waved it above the crowd.

From the passage we can see that the man was_____ .

- A. slow-minded
- B. quick-minded
- C. foolish
- D. childish

124. 绝妙的技巧

我的朋友们在繁忙的纽瓦克机场着陆后，他们却不能招呼到脚夫来帮他们搬行李。无奈，丈夫拿出一张五美元的钞票在人群上面摇晃。

一个带宽边帽的人马上来到他身边。“先生，”脚夫说道，“很明显你有绝妙的交际技巧。”

125. Maternal Instinct

As a new father, I quickly learned the true meaning of maternal instinct. Late one night, I was summoned to the hospital to attend to one of my patients. I quietly got up in the dark but tripped over a toy and crashed to the floor. As I lay there rubbing my sore leg, my wife slept on.

Then there was a faint cough from the nursery. Debra leaped out of bed, running past me down the hall to our baby's room. When she returned, she looked at me and said, "What on earth are you doing on the floor?"

Notes:

- (1) maternal adj. 母性的
- (2) instinct n. 本能
- (3) summon v. 召唤；召集
- (4) attend (to) 照顾；用心
- (5) trip over 绊在某物上而摔跤；失足
- (6) crash v. 猛跌或猛撞并带破碎声
- (7) nursery n. 保育室
- (8) leap v. 跳；跃

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正 (T)、(F)：

Late one night, the husband was called to take care of one patient.

The husband knocked something over on to the floor.

The husband hurt his own leg.

The wife didn't response although her husband made a loud noise.

The husband learned the true meaning of maternal instinct.

125. 母性的本能

刚刚作了父亲，我就很快体会到母性本能的涵义了。一个深夜，医院召我去照应一位病人。我悄悄地在黑暗中起了床，但一只脚绊在一个玩具上，扑通一声摔在地板上。我倒在那里，揉着疼痛的腿，妻子毫无反应地继续睡着。

突然，保育宣传来轻微的咳嗽声。戴博拉跃下床来，从我身边跑过，下了客厅到我们婴儿的房间。她返回来时，看了看我说：“你究竟在地板上干什么？”

126. An Excellent Scheme

After 20 years as a pilot, I became an airport manager and soon found the stress was getting to me. I needed a release and wanted to buy a motorcycle, but my family thought it was too dangerous. My wife said, "Why don't you start flying again?"

The next day, as I showed a businessman around the airport, he looked longingly at the planes. "I used to take flying lessons, but my wife made quit," he lamented. "She said it was dangerous.

"Tell her you want to get a motorcycle," I advised. My newfound friend has now earned his pilot's license.

Notes:

(1) stress n. 压力；压迫

(2) Why don't you start flying again? 何不再度开始飞行呢？
Why don't you...? 用来提出建议等。

(3) longingly adv. 渴望地

(4) lament v. 惋惜

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

After 20 years_____ a pilot, I became an airport manager.

Soon I found the stress was getting _____ me .

I needed a_____ and wanted to buy a motorcycle.

The next day, as I showed a businessman _____the airport, he looked longingly at the planes.

I used _____take flying lessons, but my wife made quit.

126. 妙计

做了二十年的飞行员后，我成为一名机场管理人员。不久，我就发现压力向我袭来。我需要放松，于是想买一辆摩托，但我的家人认为那玩艺儿太危险了。我妻子说：“何不再度开始飞行呢？”

第二天，我带领一个商人参观机场时，他渴望地望着那些飞机。

“我过去经常参加飞行方面的学习，但我太太硬是让我放弃掉，”他惋惜道，“她说那有危险。”

“告诉她你想买一辆摩托，”我建议道。我这位新朋友现在已经拿到飞行执照。

127. Easy or Not

Pulling alongside our drive-up bank window, a woman was not happy with her position. So she backed up and pulled closer. Still not satisfied, she backed away and tried again. After five attempts, she finally parked the car and rolled down her window. I greeted her with a simple "Good morning".

"Good morning," she replied cheerfully. "I'm going to have to use this drive-up all the time. It's so easy!"

Notes:

- (1) alongside adv. 沿着；靠着
- (2) drive-up n. 驱车直达处
- (3) back up 退后

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

The woman was_____ .

- A. at a railway station
- B. at a supermarket
- C at a bank
- D. at a hotel

What did the woman want to do?

- A. to practice driving a car.
- B. to pull the car closer to the bank window.
- C. to see what was happening in the bank.
- D. to park free.

How many times did she try?

- A. three times
- B. four times
- C. five times
- D. six times

When did the story happen?

- A. at night
- B. in the morning
- C. during lunch time
- D. in the afternoon

What did the woman think of the drive up?

- A. She thought it was very easy.
- B. She thought it was really difficult.
- C. She thought it would make people lazy.
- D. She thought it would cause people to become fat.

一位妇女把车沿着我们银行的驱车直达窗口开过来，可她并不满意于她停的位置。因此她倒车，靠得更近点。还是不满意，倒车，再来。五次努力后，终于她把车停下来，摇下车窗。我简单地问候她一声“早上好”。

“早上好，”她愉快地回答说，“以后我都要使用这种驱车直达窗口。真是如此的方便。”

128. I Want Her to go Nuts

Mrs. Flinders decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets and a ruby pendant."

"But you're not wearing any of those things."

"I know," said Mrs. Flinders. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he'd remarry right away, and I want her to go nuts olking for the jewelry."

Notes:

- (1) to have her portrait painted 让人给她画像 to have sth done.
要(让)别人做某事
- (2) portrait n. 肖像
- (3) earring n. 耳环
- (4) emerald n. 祖母绿
- (5) bracelets n. 手镯
- (6) ruby n. 红宝石
- (7) pendant n. 垂环
- (8) go nuts = go mad 发疯

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

Mrs. Flinders decide to paint a portrait for herself.

She wanted to look wealthy in portrait.

She was wearing a diamond necklace.

She was sure that she would die before her husband.

Mr. Flinders remarried right away.

128. 我要让她发疯

福林德斯夫人决定让人给她画肖像。她告诉那位肖像画家说：“画我带着钻石耳环、钻石项链、祖母绿手镯，还有红宝石垂饰。”

“但你现在没带这其中的任何一样饰品。”

“我知道。”福林德斯夫人说，“万一我先我丈夫死去，我肯定他会立刻再婚。我要让那个女人为寻找这些珠宝而发疯。”

129. An Ad

After a beautiful purebred puppy wandered onto our back porch and made himself at home, my husband composed an ad for the "Lost and found" column of the local newspaper. It read: "A puppy, male, approximately nine months old, no collar, very friendly, found on Rockbridge Road. "

I feared all the detail might encourage an unscrupulous person to claim the dog. As I methodically explained why each clue revealed too much, my husband dutifully crossed out the words. Finally, in frustration, he rewrote the ad, reducing it to a single sentence that I couldn't refute.

It read: "Guess what I found?"

Notes:

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| (1) purebred adj. 纯种的 | (8) methodically adj. 有条不紊地 |
| (2) puppy adj. 小狗; 幼犬 | (9) clue n. 线索 |
| (3) porch n. 门廊 | (10) reveal v. 透露 |
| (4) compose v. 构思; 作 | (11) dutifully adv. 尽职地 |
| (5) approximately adv. 将近 | (12) cross out 画横线以删除 |
| (6) collar n. 项圈 | (13) frustration n. 挫折 |
| (7) unscrupulous adj. 无耻的; | (14) refute v. 反驳 |

Exercises:

根据短文填空:

A beautiful puppy wandered _____ our back porch.

He _____ himself at home.

My husband _____ an ad for the "Lost and found" column of the local newspaper.

I feared all the detail might encourage an unscrupulous person to _____ the dog.

My husband dutifully crossed _____ the words.

129. 广告

一只漂亮的纯种狗来到我们的后门廊并已此为家了。我丈夫为当地的“失物招领”栏目构思了一则广告。它是这样写的：“小狗，雄性，近九个月年龄，无项圈，很友善，发现于石桥路。”

我害怕这样的细节会给那些昧着良心要狗的人以可乘之机。我有条不紊地解释为什么每个线索都透露得太多，我丈夫就尽职地划去一些词。终于，出于为难，他重新写了广告，把它缩为一个我无法反驳的句子。

它是这样写的：“猜猜我发现了什么？”

130. Wedding or Not

Uncle Frank, at 79, was a healthy and wealthy man, a lifelong bachelor. He courted a lot, he said, but "never boiled over-just simmered." On a whim, he decided to take a trip around the country to look up nearly a dozen old girlfriends.

Upon his return he exclaimed, "Whew! Thank goodness I never married any of those women - They're all widows now!"

Notes:

- (1) bachelor n. 单身汉
- (2) court v. 向求爱；追求
- (3) boil over 沸腾而溢出（本文指全身心地投入付出）
- (4) simmer v.（做菜时）煨（本文指见好就收）
- (5) whim n. 一时的兴致；奇想
- (6) look up 探访

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正（T）、（F）：

Uncle Frank was very wealthy but poor in health.

Uncle Frank never married in his life.

He had chased many girls, but had not married any of them.

He suddenly had an idea of visiting his old girlfriends.

He thought if he had married any of those girls, he wouldn't have lived so long.

130. 要否结婚

弗兰克叔叔七十八岁了，富有而健康。他是个终生单身汉。他曾追求过很多女孩，但“从不过热——见好就收”。一天他突发奇想，决定四处走走，去看看他那些接近一打的旧时女友。

他回来即叹道：“嘘！谢天谢地幸亏我没娶那些女人中的任何一个。如今她们都成寡妇了！”

131.Ways to Report Death

Two brothers, Herbert and James, lived with their mother and a cat named Edgar. James was particularly attached to the cat, and when he had to leave town for several days, he left Herbert meticulous instructions about the pet's care. At the end of this first day away, James telephoned his brother. "How is Edgar?"

"Edgar is dead." Herbert answered. There was a pause. Then James said, "Herbert, you're insensitive, you know how close I was to Edgar -you should have broken the news to me slowly. When I asked about Edgar tonight, you should have said, 'Edgar's on the roof', but I have called the fire department to get him down - ' And tomorrow when I called, you could have said the firemen were having trouble getting Edgar down, but you were hopeful they would succeed. Then when I called the third time, you could have told me that the fire-men have done their best, but unfortunately Edgar had fallen off the roof and was at the veterinarian's. Then when I called the last time, you could have said that although everything possible had been done for Edgar, he had died. That's the way a sensitive man would have told me about Edgar. And, oh, before I forget," James added, "how is mother?"

"Oh," Herbert said, pausing for a moment, "She's on the roof."

Notes:

- (1) particularly adv.特别地
- (2) be attached to 为爱或感情所束缚；爱慕；依恋
- (3) meticulous adj.仔细的
- (4) insensitive adj.感觉迟钝的
- (5) fire department 消防部
- (6) have trouble doing 做某事有困难
- (7) unfortunately adj.不幸地
- (8) veterinarian n.兽医（常可写为vet）

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

How many people were there in the family?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. five

Who was greatly attached to the cat?

- A. Herbert
- B. James
- C. the mother
- D. Edgar

What did James ask Herbert to do when he had to leave town for several days?

- A. to take good care of Edgar
- B. to take good care of his mother
- C. to take good care of himself.
- D. to take good care of the house

What happened to Edgar?

- A. He was on the roof.
- B. He fell off the roof.
- C. He was at the veterinarian's.
- D. He was dead.

From the passage we can see that_____ .

- A. James didn't care about his mother as much as he cared about the cat
- B. the mother was dead
- C. something was wrong with the roof of the house
- D. Herbert was very angry with James

131. 报丧方式

郝伯特和詹姆斯兄弟二人一起生活，家中有一老母并养了一只猫叫埃德格。詹姆斯特别喜欢这只猫。有一次他要外出几天，临行前不厌其烦地嘱咐郝伯特照顾好这只宠物。出门后的头一天晚上，他打来电话询问：“埃德格好吗？”

“它死了，”郝伯格回答。一阵沉默之后，詹姆斯说：“郝伯特，你真没心没肺，你知道我多么喜欢埃德格——你应该把这个消息慢慢地告诉我。当我问起埃德格今晚怎样时，你应该说，‘埃德格爬上了屋顶，我已给消防队打了电话，让他们把它救下来。’我明天又给你打电话时，你应该说消防队营救埃德格遇到了困难，但你相信他们会成功。在我第三天给你打电话时，你可以说消防队员已尽了最大努力，但很不幸，埃德格从屋顶上掉了下来，被送到兽医那里。在我最后一次给你打电话询问，你可以说尽管对埃德格做了一切所能做的努力，它还是死了。这是一个富有感情的人告诉我埃德格的消息时所用的方式。哦，趁我没忘记还有件事顺便问一下，”詹姆斯补充道，“母亲好吗？”

“哦……”一阵沉默后郝伯特答道，“她上了屋顶。”

132.The Use of a Handsaw

At the mall, my wife and I picked up some hardware items, including a handsaw. We were heading back to the car when we passed a steakhouse.

Let's try it. " my wife suggested. Although I felt a little foolish carrying the saw, I followed her inside.

Scanning the menu, my wife told the waitress, " I' ll have chopped sirloin, please.

The waitress turned to me, eyed my saw and commented, "And I see that. you, sir, have come for our T-bone special.

Notes:

- (1) mall n.集市
- (2) pick up 得到；获得
- (3) handsaw n.手锯
- (4) scan v.匆匆地略看；扫视
- (5) chop v.砍；劈；剁
- (6) sirloin n.最好的牛腰肉
- (7) comment v.评论；说话

Exercises:

根据短文填空：

At the mall, my wife and I picked _____some hardware items, including a handsaw.

We were _____back to the car when we passed a steak house.

Although I felt a little foolish carrying the saw, I followed her _____.

_____the menu, my wife told the waitress. " I' ll have chopped sirloin please.

The waitress turned to me, _____my saw and commented, "And I see you, sir, have come for our T-bone special. "

132.手锯的用处

在集市上，我和妻子买了一些五金用品，包括一个手锯。我们返回汽车时刚好路过一家牛排店。

“我们尝尝吧，”我妻子建议说。尽管我觉得拿着锯有点傻乎乎的，但还是随她走了进去。

我妻子扫视了一下菜单对女招待说：“请给我来一份炒牛腰片。”

女招待转向我，看了看我的锯，说道：“我能看出，先生，你是来吃我们的T形骨特色菜的。”

133.A Thank-you Note

Once I received a thank-you note from a friend whom I had helped. In the envelope were five lottery tickets that had been scratched, revealing the numbers. "Thank you very much for your help," the note read. "As a gift, I bought you some lottery tickets- sorry you didn't win. "

Notes:

- (1) lottery n.彩票
- (2) scratch v.刮
- (3) reveal v.显出

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The author received a thank-you note from one of his relatives.

The author had helped one of his friends.

In the envelope were six lottery tickets.

The lottery tickets were given to the author as a gift.

The lottery tickets had not been scratched.

133.一封感谢信

有一次，我收到一封感谢信，是一个我曾帮助过的朋友寄来的。信封内有五张彩票，都被刮过了，露出了数字。“非常感谢您的帮助，”信上写道，“作为礼物，我给您买了些彩票——真遗憾，您没中奖。”

134. The Nice Wedding Gift

We attended the wedding of an acquaintance's son. Because we did not know the young man or his bride, we decided to send them a practical household gift, a fire extinguisher. Apparently, the couple mass-produced their thank-you notes because we received a card saying: "Thank you very much for the nice wedding gift. We look forward to using it soon."

Notes:

- (1) acquaintance n. 熟人
- (2) practical adj. 实用的
- (3) household n. 全家的人
- (4) extinguisher n. 灭火器
- (5) apparently adj. 明显地
- (6) mass-produce 大批量生产

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Whose wedding did the couple attend?

- A. their friend's
- B. the man's brother's
- C. of an acquaintance's son
- D. of the woman's sister

Why did they decide to send them a fire extinguisher?

- A. Because they did not know the young man or his bride.
- B. Because they knew that soon there would be a fire.
- C. Because it was practical.
- D. A & C.

How were the thank-you notes produced?

- A. They were written by hand
- B. They were mass-produced.
- C. They were copied on a machine.
- D. They were painted in varied colors.

What does the last sentence mean?

- A. We look forward to using it to put out a fire in our house soon.
- B. We'll put out the fire on our neighbour's house by using it.
- C. We'll send it to someone else.
- D. We'll carry it wherever we go.

134. 漂亮的结婚礼物

我们参加了一个熟人的儿子的婚礼。由于我们都不认识那个年轻人

和他的新娘，所以我们决定送给他们一个实用的全家礼——一个灭火器。很明显，这对新人大批量制作了他们的感谢信，因为我们收到了一张卡片，上面写着：“非常感谢您的漂亮的结婚礼物，我们期待着不久就用到它。”

135. Hunting Skills

Two Russian hunters meet. "I shot a gigantic bear yesterday," says Ivan. "Look at the hide!"

"How do you find such huge bears?" Sergei asks.

"Easy," says Ivan. "You stand in front of a cave and whistle. When the bear comes out, you shoot."

Weeks later the two meet again. Sergei is covered in bandages. "Didn't you follow my advice?" Ivan asks.

"Sure I did. I stood, in front of a cave and whistled," Sergei replies.

"And what came out?"

"To me," says Sergei, "it looked like the Trans-Siberian Express."

Notes:

(1) hide n. 兽皮

(2) bandage n. 绷带

(3) whistle v. 吹哨子；鸣笛

(4) Trans-Siberian Express 穿越西伯利亚的快车

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

Ivan shot a gigantic bear yesterday.

Ivan showed Sergei the hide of the bear.

Ivan taught Sergei how to hunt huge bears.

Sergei didn't follow Ivan's advice.

Sergei was hit by a train.

135 打猎的技巧

两个俄国猎人相遇。“我昨天打了一只巨熊，”伊凡说，“看看这兽皮！”

“你是如何发现这么大的熊的？”谢尔盖问道。

“简单，”伊凡说，“你站在一个洞前并吹哨子。熊出来时你就开枪。”

几周后，两人见面了。谢尔盖浑身缠满了绷带。“难道你没有听我的建议？”伊凡问

“我当然是按你的建议做的。我站在一个洞前并吹哨子，”谢尔盖回答说。

“出来了什么？”

“向着我来的，”谢尔盖说，“像是穿越西伯利亚的快车。”

136. Bring Me a Glass of Milk

At 2 a. m, Mrs. Culkin was convinced that she had heard a prowler in the living, room. "Tiptoe down-stairs," she told her husband. "Don' t turn on the lights. Sneak up him before he knows what's happening

Dutifully Mr. Culkin put on his robe. Just as he reached the bed room door, his wife added, "And when you come back, bring me a glass of milk."

Notes:

- (1) convince v.使信服
- (2) prowler n.偷窃者
- (3) tiptoe v.踮着脚走
- (4) sneak v.潜行；偷偷走
- (5) dutifully adv.尽职地

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

When did the story happen?

What was Mrs. Culkin convinced of?

How should Mr. Culkin catch the prowler, according to Mrs. Culkin?

What did Mrs. Culkin tell her husband to do for her?

Do you think there was a prowler in the Culkins' house?

136. 捎杯牛奶

半夜两点，科尔肯太太确信听到客厅有贼，便对丈夫说：“别开灯，蹑手蹑脚下楼，别让贼发觉，悄悄靠近他。”

科尔肯先生披上外套，责无旁贷地去捉贼。刚走到卧室门口，他妻子又补充说：“回来时给我捎杯牛奶。”

137. A Branch Office

A man was standing at a corner, with a hat in each hand, waiting for handouts. A passer-by stopped and dropped a coin in one hat, then asked, "What's the other hat for?"

"Business has been so tremendous lately." the man replied.
" that I decided to open a branch office . "

Notes:

(1) handout n. 施舍

(2) tremendous adj.极好的

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正(T)、(F)：

The man was sitting at a comer.

Before the man, there were two hats on the ground

The man was waiting for a certain person.

The passer-by put a coin in each of the two hats

The man would really open a branch office.

137. 分店

一个人站在墙角处，两手各托一顶帽子，乞求施舍。有个路过的行人停下来，往一顶帽子里扔了一枚硬币，然后问道：“另一顶帽子是干什么用的？”

“近来生意兴隆，我决定开一个分店，”那人答道。

138.A Holiday from School

Tommy hated school and was always bring for excuses not to go.
If he sneezed, he asked his mother to write a note saying he had a cold.

If he had a headache, he asked his mother to take him to the doctor during school hours.

He spent more time at home than he did at school.

On the days that he did go to school, he looked for excuses to come home early.

One morning he came hum when the lessons were only halt finished.

His father was surprised.

"You've come home early," he said. "Is. the school closed today?"

"No, Dad, " Tommy said - "It's open. I came home early.

"How did you do that?" his father asked him. "What did you say to the teacher?"

"I told her that I had a new baby brother and that I had to come home and help you . "

"But your mother has had twins," his father said, "a boy and a girl. You've got a baby brother and a baby sister."

"Yes, I know, Dad, " Tommy said. "I'm saving up my baby sister for next week "

Notes:

(1) sneeze v.打喷嚏

(2) twins n.双胞胎

(3) save up 留着

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Tommy tried to find excuses for not going to school because

- _____.
- A. it made him sneeze
 - B. it gave him a headache
 - C. he was too busy
 - D. he didn't like it

Tommy spent most of his time_____ .

- A. at school
- B. at home
- C. at the doctor
- D. in bed

When he did go to school, he_____ .

- A. was always late

- B. tried to leave early
- C. was often in trouble
- D. was always sick

He did not tell his teacher about the twins because_____ .

- A. they were very young
- B. he didn't know about them
- C. he wanted to keep one of them for another excuse
- D. they were too new

We can tell for sure that it is _____that is looking after the twins.

- A. the mother
- B. Tommy
- C. the father
- D. the teacher

138. 休假

汤姆讨厌上学，总是找借口不去上学。

如果他打喷嚏，他就叫他妈妈写个纸条说他感冒了。

如果他头痛，他就叫他妈妈在上课时间带他去看病。

他呆在家里的时间比在学校的时间要多。

在他的确去上学的日子里，他就找借口早点回家。

一天早上他上了一半课就从学校回来了。

他爸爸很惊讶。

“你回来很早，”他爸爸问，“今天学校放学了吗？”

“没有，爸爸，”汤姆说，“还没放学。我提前回来了。”

“你怎么会提前回来了？”爸爸问，“你对老师说什么了？”

“我告诉她我有了一个小弟弟，我得回家帮你。”

“但是你妈妈生了一对双胞胎，”爸爸说，“一个男孩，一个女孩。你有一个小弟弟和一个小妹妹。”

“是的，我知道，爸爸，”汤姆说，“我要等下个星期再说我有个小妹妹了。”

139. Quick Service

A man took a pair of shoes to a shoe repair shop and said to the shoemaker, "I'd like you to repair these shoes for me, please."

"Certainly, sir," the shoemaker said.

"When will they be ready?" the man asked.

"I'm a bit busy, but they'll be ready for you on Thursday." he said.

That's fine," the man said, and left the shop.

The next morning he received a letter, offering him a job in another country. Within 24 hours he was on an airplane to his new job.

Twenty years passed and he returned to his hometown.

He remembered his shoes.

"They were a good pair of shoes," he thought. "I wonder if the shoemaker is still there and still has them. I'll go and

He was pleased to see that the shoemaker was still in the same shop, although he was an old man by now.

"Good morning," he said to him. "Twenty years ago, I brought in a pair of shoes to be repaired. Do you think you've still got them?"

"Name?" the old shoemaker asked.

"Smith," the man said.

"I'll go and see. They may be out back.

The shoemaker went out to the back of his shop -and a few minutes later returned, carrying the pair of shoes.

"Here we are," he said. "One pair of brown shoes to be repaired. I'm a bit busy now, but they'll probably be ready on Thursday."

Notes:

(1) pleased adj.愉快的；高兴的

(2) bring in 带来

Exercises:

根据短文选择正确答案：

Why did the man go to a shoemaker?_____ .

- A. They were old friends
- B. He wanted him to make him a new pair of shoes
- C. He wanted him to repair a pair of shoes
- D. He had a very old pair of boots to repair

Why didn't the man return to the shoe repair shop on Thursday?

- A. He forgot.
- B. He went overseas.
- C. He was too busy.

D. He knew the shoes would not be ready.

The man stayed away from his hometown_____ .

A. until Thursday

B. until the next morning

C. for about twenty years

D. for a few days

What did the man do when he returned to his hometown?

A. He looked for a new job.

B. he bought a new pair of shoes.

C. He visited all his friends.

D. He returned to the shoemaker to get his shoes.

The man finally found that_____ .

A. his shoes had been repaired

B. the shoemaker had lost his shoes

C. the shoemaker had already repaired the shoes

D. the shoes hadn't been repaired yet

139. 快速服务

一个人把一双鞋子拿到一家鞋店，并对修鞋匠说，“请帮我修这双鞋子。”

“当然可以，先生，”鞋匠说。

“什么时候能修好？”那个人问。

“我有点忙，但到星期四我会修好鞋子的。”他说。

“很好，”那人说，并离开了那家店。

第二天早上，他收到一封信，提供他一份在国外的工作。24小时内，他登上飞机去接受那份新工作。

二十年过去了，他回到了故乡。

他记起了那双鞋。

“那是一双好鞋，”他想，“我想知道鞋匠是否还在那儿，是否还有那双鞋。我要去看看。”

他很高兴看到鞋匠还在那家店里，虽然他已很老了。

“早上好，”他对鞋匠说，“二十年前，我拿了一双鞋子来修。你记得还有那双鞋吗？”

“名字？”老鞋匠问。

“史密斯，”那人回答。

“我去瞧瞧，或许在后面呢。”

鞋匠回到店的后面去，几分钟后又回来了，手里提着那双鞋子，“在这呢，”他说，“一双棕色的鞋子要修。我有点忙，但可以到星期四把鞋子修好。”

140. Whose Son Is the Greatest

The mothers of four priests got together and were discussing their sons. "My son is a monsignor," said the first proud woman. "When he enters a room, people say, 'Hello, Monsignor'."

The second mother went on, "My son is a bishop. When he enters a room, people say, 'Hello, Your Excellency'."

"My son is a cardinal." continued the next one. "When he enters a room, people say, 'Hello, Your Eminence'."

"The fourth mother thought for a moment. "My son is six-foot-ten and weighs 300 pounds," she said. "When he enters a room, people say, 'Oh, my God!'"

Notes:

- (1) priest n. 基督教的教士 ; 牧师
- (2) monsignor n. 阁下 (对某些天主教教士的尊称)
- (3) bishop n. 主教 (主管一城市或一教区之教务)
- (4) Your Excellency 阁下 (对主教的尊称)
- (5) cardinal n. (天主教的) 红衣主教 (有权选举教皇)
- (6) Your Eminence 对红衣主教的尊称

Exercises:

根据短文判断下列句子正 (T)、(F) :

The four mothers were all proud of their own sons.

The second mother's son was a great lawyer.

The third mother said that her son was a high official in the

The fourth mother was ashamed of her son.

We can see from the passage that the fourth mother was the cleverest.

140. 谁的儿子最伟大

四位牧师的母亲聚到一起谈论她们的儿子。“我的儿子是个教士，”第一位母亲自豪地说道，“他进入房间，人们都说，‘您好，阁下’。”

第二为母亲说：“我的儿子是住主教。他进入房间，人们都称，‘您好，大人’。”

“我的儿子是位红衣主教，”第三位母亲接着说，“他走进房间，人们都说，‘您好，尊敬的主教大人’。”

第四位母亲略思片刻。“我的儿子身高六英尺十，体重三百磅，”她说，“他要是走入房间，人们都说‘哦，我的上帝’！”

1. Two Tickets Please

两张电影票

He invited his girlfriend to the cinema.

TWO.

No, the tickets had sold out

No, he wasn't.

He decided to buy two sur-tickets which could allow them to stand together.

2. I'll Keep It on My Floor

放在地板上

F T F F T

3. The Attraction of the Map

地图的引力

English report local audience nervous

4. What Grade

哪一级

Seventeen years old.

She has just gotten her driving license.

She offered to take her mother's car to the gas station.

He wanted her to select the proper kind of gas for the car.

She thought that the attendant was asking which grade she was in at school.

5. An Adult Decision

成年人的抉择

F F T F F

6. We're on That Mountain Over There

我们在那座山上

D B C D C

7. I'm Going to Let My Chauffeur Answer It

让我的司机来回答

Because he had heard the scientist's lecture many times.

He thought it was great.

In the back row.

A highly technical question.

No, he didn't.

8. Where Do You Want These Blinds

窗帘挂于何处

T T F T T

9. Whose Dog Was the Smartest

谁的狗最聪明

They were arguing about whose dog was the smartest.

He drew a perfect triangle.

Four.

Eight ounces.

The fourth man's dog was the smartest.

10. What Will Be The Headline

标题是什么

F F T T T

11. A Challenging Hunt

富有挑战性的搜寻

D D C D A

12. You're Not Going to Make It

你活不成了

Gravely motioned stress-free to love

13. A Pleasant Surprise

惊喜

T F F T F

14. A Clever Dog

聪明狗

C A D B C

15. It seemed like Hours

犹如几个时辰

F F T F T

16. Mother's Feet

母亲的脚

She is a dog that likes to pester visitors.

She massaged her.

A contractor came for home-improvement project.

About a half-hour.

Because she was massaging not the dog but the contractor's foot.

17. I Want to Get Out

我要出去

up inebriated slammed same ; same sense

18. Nest and Hair

鸟窝与头发

F F F T T

19. I Never Work after Supper

我晚饭后从不工作

A D C C D

20. Coffee Problem

咖啡问题

At the doctor's office.

He had a stabbing pain in the eye.

The right eye.

The doctor told him to take the spoon out of the cup every time he had a cup of coffee.

No.

21. I've Just Bitten My Tongue

我刚咬破自己的舌头

F T F F T

22. Job Technique

工作技巧

stragglers approached ; about handle toward
would-be; retreating

23. A Bad Doctor

庸医

C B A D D

24. Saving Grace

保全面子

In Hawaii One of the finest restaurants After the meal
Delicious Yes

25. A Woman Who Fell

摔倒的女人

B C D C B

26. My Wife Thinks So

我老婆这样认为

In an unfamiliar part of town.
He was reading water meters.
He came upon a house with no number.
He was gardening.
No, he didn't.

27. A Plumber

管道修理工

T F F F T

28. A Tough Teacher

强悍的教师

injured; around assigned Stepping breeze with

29. I'm a Police Officer

我是警察

C D B D B

30. A Business Trip

出差旅行

India
He took a taxi.
The equivalent of eight dollars U. S.
He thought it was too much.
Fine except that the luggage was still in the trunk of the
taxi.

31. Get a Job

找个工作

T F F F T

32. 12 Postcards

十二张卡片

C A A C C

33. A Stubborn Horse

倔强的马

gone recovery at; pounding completed thumbed
through

34. Looking for a Companion

找个伴侣

A mate

small and cute; loved water-sports and enjoyed group
activities.

Yes.

It advised him to marry a penguin.

A penguin is a seabird of the Antarctic with wings used for
swimming.

35. My Roommate

我的室友

C D C B D

36. I Can't Stop Now

我无法停下

At a department of motor vehicles.

She was reading a romance novel.

Very slowly.

She stepped aside.

Because she couldn't stop reading the novel.

37. The Big Baby

大婴儿

B A C D C

38. Pears and Plums

梨子与李子

C B A A A

39. She Is Left-handed

她是左撇子

They were both keen on playing golf

They were discussing their future.

He would remarry.

He would let his new wife live in the house and use the car .

The husband had a mistress already.

40. Ways and Means

花招

F T T F T

41. You Let Me Search Quite

叫工好找

upon ride a hearing on
42. The Long and Short of It
长短之说

C V A A A

43. The Shepherd and the Bureaucrat
牧羊人与官僚

C B D A C

44. The Judge's Pistol
法官的手枪

He stopped by the chambers of a judge
Because he had a lunch appointment with the judge.
Because of recent threats.
No, he hadn't. He didn't even know how to load the gun.
The gun was a toy, not a real one.

45. A Call from a Frog
青蛙的电话

F F T T T

46. Wouldn't You Know
你不要知道吗

F T F F T

47. The Very Last Birthday
最后的生日

F F F T T

48. Good Thing He Has You
有你教他真好

C D D B A

49. Do Me a Favor
请帮个忙

in; for settled; along in ; out flip in as; if
50. Point of No Return
有去无回

A C D A C

51. The Story of a Snail
蜗牛的故事

He crossed the road.
He was run over by a turtle.
In the emergency room.
No, he couldn't.

52. Not Here
不在这里

D C A B D

53. A Midshipman
海军军官候补生

F T F T T

54. That's What They All Say

他们都是这么说的

sitting; overheard saying innocently At
innocent

55. The Mistaken Father

糊涂父亲

A C C B D

56. This Hole in the Ground

地坑

A C A C C

57. A Prospective Horse Buyer

欲买马之人

F T T F T

58. Bad Business

生意不好

T F T F F

59. The Cheater

作弊者

C C B D C

60. Which One to Call Back

给哪一个回电话

C A C D C

61. Boy, Oh Boy

让人无奈的孩子

Five.

They tend to cause mayhem.

it means "to make up one's mind to stop sth from happening".

No, he didn't

They began to get dirty.

62. I Can't Let Him Get Away

不能让他跑了

T F T T T

63. A Hasty Interruption

匆忙的打断

B C C C A

64. It's a Puzzlement

难解的问题

F F F T F

65. A Small Surprise

小小的意外

F F F T T

66. The Cat and the Saucer

猫与托盘

passing licking into; uninterested for in

67. Long Life
长生不老

A C B C D

68. Diet Tribe
节食族

B D C A A

69. Stunning Reply
出色的回答

Five years old.

She was preparing dinner.

Because he didn't feel like it.

She was exasperated.

Because he thought that if his mother were not preparing dinner and they would have to eat, the only place to go to was a restaurant.

70. Senior Class
年长者阶层

T F F F T

71. The Young Man at the Wheel
驾车的小伙子

crying to for blew at

72. What Went Wrong
问题出在哪里

F F F F T

73. You Never Called
从未来访

B C A B C

74. A Vacation Cruise
假日巡航游

F F F T T

75. Ibis Way to Request
如是请求

dislocated nearly explain; on on telling

76. The Problem of Two Flounders
两个比目鱼问题

He was an inveterate fisherman.

He was well known for exaggerating the size of "the one that got away

He immediately invited some friends over to dine.

Yes. It was how to serve the two enormous fish.

He deliberately let one crash to the floor and bring in the other.

77. At the Supermarket
在超级市场

C B D D C

78. A Preacher's Topic
传教士的讲题

T T F T T

79. In the Air
在空中

C B B A D

80. Way of Inducing
招客有方

He was at the cleaner's.

He noticed a sign.

It said: "In by 10 a. m. , out by 5 P. M.

He told the owner that he wanted to collect his clothing
at five.

The sign had the power of inducing.

81. An Urgent Standby Passenger
紧急待机乘客

A B C C C

82. A Man Who Said No
说不的男子

about dangling Asked brave object

83. The Target
靶子

F F T F T

84. Day after Day
日复一日

involved on out of row when

85. Post Haste
邮政快递

C A B C B

86. Response
回应

Because her job was as a medical technologist.

Because she often washed her hands and the weather was very
Petroleum jelly.

Because he saw that she was wearing a pair of white gloves.

He selected a tie and began putting it on.

87. A Coach and His Players
教练与他的队员

Because he was the new coach.

He called each boy by the number on his uniform.

Jeff Smith.

Because no one responded to his call, and the umpire looked
on.

The best team.

88. He Lowered Her Chair Six Inches

她把她的椅子降低了6寸

on recommended located rigidly closed

89. The Ability of the Kangaroo

袋鼠的能力

The zoo had newly acquired a kangaroo.

Because the kangaroo kept getting out of the fence.

The director felt exasperated.

Because the door of the fence was not locked.

The passage implies that the zoo was in bad management.

90. Dream

梦想

F T T T F

91. Bull Wrestler

斗牛士

in at Not charged by went down quite

hadn't

92. Dis -concerting

C C D D C

93. A Talk on the Phone

电话交谈

She teaches computer courses.

Questions.

A repairman.

Yes, it was.

Because the repairman didn't understand computer language.

94. A Bad Impression

坏印象

F T F T T

95. Lose One Pound

减掉一磅

B C B A B

96. Older Goats in America

美国老羊

F T F T T

97. The Stories Are Still in Them

故事还在里面

wander; over faded; frayed through over down

98. Back Up Two Miles

后退两英里

C B A A C

99. Who Was That Man

那男子是谁

They were gazing at the travel poster.

He would give them an all-expenses-paid vacation in exchange for their appearing in ads endorsing his travel agency.

Three weeks.

Wonderful.

The woman wanted to know who the man was.

100 The Advangage of Noise

噪音的优点

over with; over right drop about

101. A Gentle Reminder

委婉提醒

C A A C A

102.I Understand Him

我懂他的话

In a restaurant.

He was four years old

Because he had spoken with his mouth full.

Some ketchup.

Because he was a dentist.

103.An Exact Number

准确数字

F T F F T

104. Violin Lessons

小提琴课

C B B C C

105.Which Month Did He Go Away

儿月走的

at had for up gone

106.I'm the Only Driver

唯有我是司机

F F T T T

107.Such a Long Mg

如此长的狗

who for on first in

108.Where It Should Be Plugged

插在何处

A B A C A

109.A Wild Guess

奇猜异想

Physics.

He told a story about Achimede.

At the public bathhouse.

He noticed that when he got into the pool, the water rose

spilling over the edge.

It means "I have found it"

110. Until They're Free

直到免费为止

F T F T T

111. To Borrow an Ox

借公牛一用

A long time ago.

He didn't know any words.

An ox.

The servant.

Yes, he did.

112. Only One Eye to Settle On

一眼就看中

T T F T T

113. A Short Holiday

短期假日

D A C D D

114. A Woman's Answer

妇女的回答

A husband and his wife.

He asked why God created women to be beautiful but foolish.

No. She answered at once.

Very simple.

She said that God made women beautiful so men would love them; God made women foolish so they would men.

115. The Best Salesman in the World

世界上最好的售货员

C A B D B

116. A Boy with a Big Head

大头娃娃

T F F T T

117. The Choice of Word

选词

after shaking to up to

118. I, You and She

我，你，她

He learnt three words: I, You and She.

Three sentences.

His father.

He got angry.

I, I am your father; She, She is your mother; You, You my son.

119. You May Select

可以选择

C A C D B

120.Three Men in a Boat

三人同舟

C A C A D

121.A Speeding Motorist

超速的司机

T F F F T

122.What Color

什么颜色

T T F T T

123.It's Kind of Fitting

理应如此

on on making go off

124.Excellent Skills

绝妙的技巧

B C B D B

125.Maternal Instinct

母性的本能

T F T T T

126.An Excellent Scheme

妙计

as to release around to

127.Easy or Not

方便与否

C B C B A

128.I Want Her to Go Nuts

我要让她发疯

F T F F F

129.An Ad

广告

onto made composed claim out

130.Wedding or Not

要否结婚

F T T T T

131. Ways to Report Death

B B A D A

132. The Use of a Handsaw

手锯的用处

up heading inside Scanning eyed

133.A Thank-you Note

一封感谢信

F T F T F

134. The Nice Wedding Gift

漂亮的结婚礼物

C D B A

135.Hunting Skills

打猎的技巧

T F T F T

136.Bring Me a Glass of Milk

捎杯牛奶

At 2 a. m.

She was convinced of a prowler in the house.

He should tiptoed downstairs, not turn on the lights and
sneak the prowler.

To bring a cup of milk for her.

No, it was only Mrs. Culkin's clever trick.

137.A Branch Office

分店

F F F F F

138.A Holiday from School

休假

D B B C C

139.Quick Service

快速服务

C B C D D

140.Whose Son Is the Greatest

谁的儿子最伟大

T F F F T

