

1. 阅读理解

eBay is a popular shopping website where people can sell their things to others around the world. Most people sell new and used books, music, or clothes. But there are some strange items(物品) for sale on eBay, too. For example, one man sold some dirt from the streets of New York City. Another person is selling her teeth. A man from England is also trying to sell something unusual: his mother-in-law (岳母).

Steve Owen is married. His mother-in-law, Caroline, lived in the United States for 27 years. Six months ago, she moved to England. Now his mother-in-law lives on the same street as Steve and his wife.

"My mother-in-law comes to my house every day," says Owen. "And she always complains (抱怨)! She says my house is dirty and that I don't make enough money." So now Owen is trying to sell Caroline on eBay. He put her photo under "Weird Stuff (稀奇东西)" on the site and he wants only £1 for her.

Everyone thinks Owen is kidding. "Oh, I'm not joking," Owen says "I want my mother-in-law to leave". In fact, Owen will only sell Caroline to someone from the US. "I want her out of England." he says.

And what does Caroline think? "I'm angry" she explains. "He's selling me for only £1? That's too cheap!"

【1】Steve Owen lives _____.

- A.in the United States
- B.with Caroline
- C.on the same street as his mother-in-law
- D.with his parents

【2】How does Steve feel about Caroline?

- A.He loves her very much.
- B.He doesn't like her.
- C.He feels good about her.
- D.He never hates her.

【3】Why are Caroline and Steve having problems?

- A.Caroline says bad things about Steve.
- B.Caroline's daughter is unhappy.
- C.Steve is a bad man.
- D.Steve is not an honest person.

【4】Steve Owen will sell Caroline to someone from _____ only.

- A.the UK B.Canada C.Australia D.the US

2. 阅读理解

Games and Hobbies

There are websites for nearly every game and hobby out there.

Teen Reads

Young book lovers will enjoy Teen Reads. The website includes reviews of new and popular books for teenagers, along with service, competitions and places to discuss favorite books. Teens can also work their way through the "final" reading list on the site.

Teen Nick

Fans of entertainment(娱乐) channel Teen Nick will find information on the latest shows, as well as games, videos and quizzes. While the site offers the latest news on Teen Nick shows, it also includes stories just for teens, offering suggestions on how to survive high school or giving back to school ideas.

The Insite

The Insite is set up for teens who have an interest in improving the world. Teens can learn about social fairness, how to build a positive self-image (自我形象) and how to help the Planet. They can also share artwork and writing or discuss how to make the world a better place.

Challenge You

Challenge You is a computer game design website. Teens can design games on the site, or play games designed by other kids and teens. They can share their games with friends or take part in weekly game-building competitions. There is also a chat room where site users can discuss game building or decide when to play together.

【1】Where might you find information on the latest Teenager books?

- A.On Teen Reads. B.On Teen Nick. C.On the Insite. D.On Challenge You.

【2】Which of the following statements is true according to the text?

- A.You can put your own writing on teen reads.
- B.Teen Nick is mainly a place to discuss school problems.
- C.The Insite helps to make a better you and a better world.
- D.You can find information about games on all these websites.

【3】If you have designed a computer game and want to share it with your friends, you should go to _____.

- A.Teen reads. B.Teen Nick. C.The Insite. D.Challenge You

【4】The text is most probably written for _____.

- A.Librarians. B.Teenagers. C.Game lovers. D.School teachers.

3. 阅读理解

It was the first time that my wife and I had flown first class. As we boarded the plane, we felt as if we were part of a wealthy group. Sitting with those important people filled us with a sense of pride.

We noticed that the stewardess (空姐) was working non-stop to make sure of the comfort of the first class passengers. She could not walk by a seat without being given an order. I thought she must love her job very much, since she gave each person such a big smile.

As the stewardess passed our seats near the end of the flight, I looked up at her and said, "Thank you and I hope you have a great night." She stopped with a look of disbelief on her face, and said: "Excuse me?" I repeated my words and she smiled in a rather funny way. It seemed as if I had asked a question that she did not know how to answer.

A little later, as we were getting off the plane, the stewardess said to me: "Thank you very much, sir." Then she said quietly: "You are the only passenger who has thanked me or said anything nice to me all night. I really appreciate your kindness."

The sense of belonging to an elite (精英) group in first class disappeared as soon as I heard those words. We were reminded that without kindness, there would be no first-class flying.