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The first summer job is often a signal that you're on your way to adulthood, and it's also a method for earning money to pay for what you dream of. It's never too early to start considering the future. Now, here are some good choices for you!

Retail (零售) Sales

Retail offers plenty of opportunity for teens who are looking for a job. This type of work can pay from \$10 to \$15 an hour depending upon the duty you are expected to take on. It can also be great for teens who are friendly and enjoy talking to other people. For more information, call us at 111-222-3333.

Food Service

A job in the food service industry is a natural fit for sociable teens who enjoy communicating with the public. It allows employees to work as part of a team while learning about following instructions. It also comes with the opportunity to earn between \$8 and \$10 per hour. Just call 111-222-3533 for more information.

Babysitter

This job requires someone who is highly responsible. Though it pays generally between \$6 and \$8 hourly, it also requires a lot of patience. This is a great choice for teens who wish to make a career in teaching, child care, social work or any other field that makes use of social skills or requires interaction with kids. Got a question? Just call 111-222-3336.

Housekeeping

This type of work can bring in about \$5 an hour and it will allow teens to learn responsibility and develop their organizational skills. The summer sees an upswing in the tourism industry, so hotels are often looking for more housekeeping staff, and parks often need more people to assist with keeping public areas clean and organized as well. Telephone: 111-222-3330.

1. How much can you earn at least in two hours as a retailer?

A. \$10. B. \$12. C. \$16. D. \$20.

2. Which of the following jobs may attract teens who want to be a teacher?

A. Retail Sales. B. Food Service.

C. Babysitter. D. Housekeeping.

3. The underlined part "an upswing" in the last paragraph can best be replaced by "_____".

A. an increase B. a limit C. a sign D. a trick

2.

We just love giving cards in Britain. If there's a special occasion coming up, there's no doubt that we'll be there, card in hand, to celebrate it. And this isn't just for birthdays; we also give cards when people are ill or when they have got a new job. And even if you forgot somebody's birthday, there are even "sorry it's late" cards. So you can pretty much find a card for any occasion.

Before coming to Italy I had never even considered that our love for card giving might not be shared by other countries. In fact, my workmates told me that hardly anyone sends Christmas cards in Italy and that they actually don't really give birthday cards either! Unbelievable! In the UK, if a close friend or family member didn't get me a card I'd feel upset! However, the only place you can buy cards in Italy is in a shop which sells school things. In comparison, we have whole shops that sell them in the UK and we even have different types of card shops.

Although cards can take up your time, from choosing the perfect one, to thinking up the personal message inside, I think it's a really nice gesture. And especially with Christmas cards, it adds to that festive feeling. When I sit down to write countless cards to friends and family, I get that little bit happier that it will be Christmas soon! Especially when I see my own Christmas cards, proudly sitting on my desk wishing me a very merry Christmas.

Of course, the problem comes when they're no longer needed, when Christmas is over. It makes me sad just to throw them all away, so I try and keep my favorite ones.

4. According to Paragraph 1, in the UK card giving _____.

A. is very popular

B. is changing people's lives

C. is mainly carried out on birthdays

D. is more common between family members

5. After arriving in Italy, the author found that _____.

A. Italians seldom send cards

B. cards are sold in card shops

C. the relationship between people is bad

D. card giving is losing its attraction slowly