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Honesty comes in many forms. First there's self-honesty. Is what people see the real article or do you appear through smoke and mirrors? I find that if I try to be something I'm not, I feel unsure of myself and take out a part from my PBA(personal bank account). I love how singer Judy Garland put it, "Always be a first-class version of yourself, instead of a second-class version of somebody else."

Then there's honesty in our actions. Are you honest at school, with your parents, and with your boss? If you've ever been dishonest, I think we all have, try being honest, and notice how whole it makes you feel. Remember, you can't to wrong and feel right. This story by Jeff is a good example of that:

In my second year of study, there were three kids in my math class who didn't do well.

I was really good at it. I would charge them three dollars for each test that I helped them pass. I'd write on a little piece of paper all the right answers, and hand them off.

At first I felt like I was making money, kind of a nice job. I wasn't thinking about how it could hurt all of us. After a while I realized I shouldn't do that anymore, because I wasn't really helping them. They weren't learning anything, and it would only get harder down the road. Cheating certainly wasn't helping me.

It takes courage to be honest when people all around you are getting away with cheating on tests, lying to their parents, and stealing at work. But, remember, every act of honesty is a deposit(储蓄) into your PBA and will build strength.

21. The underlined part "appear through smoke and mirrors" in the first paragraph means "\_\_\_\_\_".

- A. to be honest      B. to be unreal  
C. to become clear      D. to come from an imagined world

22. Which of the following can best explain Judy Garland's words?

- A. Be your true self rather than follow others.  
B. Don't copy others or you can't be the first class.  
C. Make efforts to be the first instead of the second.  
D. Don't learn from others unless they're excellent.

23. What does the author expect to show by Jeff's story?

- A. Honesty can be of great help.  
B. A bad thing can be turned into a good one.  
C. Helping others cheat can do good to nobody.  
D. One should realize the wrong in his bad deeds.

24. In the last paragraph the author mainly wants to express \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. one must be brave to be honest  
B. it's difficult to be honest when others are not  
C. one should be honest when making a deposit  
D. honesty in one's actions can help him in the future

2.

Robinson Crusoe is a famous novel written by Daniel Defoe. The book tells the story of a man who is shipwrecked (遭遇海难的). He spends 28 years on an island near Venezuela. The book tells the story of everything that happens to Robinson Crusoe. He hopes someone will rescue him, but he has been there for so long on his own that he also begins to fear being rescued.

Robinson Crusoe was published in 1719. Most experts believe the story is based on the life of Alexander Selkirk, who was a Scottish sailor. On an expedition in 1704, Selkirk had an argument with his ship's captain. Selkirk thought the ship was not safe and was about to fall apart.

When the ship stopped at a remote island to get fresh water, Selkirk got off. He tried to get the other crew members to leave with him, but nobody would. The ship then sailed away without him. Selkirk spent four years and four months on his own on the island, known as Aguas Buenas.

Selkirk was finally rescued by a ship that visited the island in 1709. The ship's captain was grateful to Selkirk because he provided food for the crew when they arrived.

Now archaeologists think they have found the remains of Selkirk's camp on Aguas Buenas. They found two deep holes that would have held wooden posts. The archaeologists say this is evidence that Selkirk built a shelter there. The post holes are near a fresh water stream. They are located quite high up, which would have meant that Selkirk was able to watch out for the ships coming close to the island.

The most interesting evidence, the archaeologists say, is part of a piece of equipment used by sailors to navigate (导航). Historians believe Selkirk was a navigator, so the instrument could have belonged to him.

Robinson Crusoe was published ten years after Selkirk was rescued. Most experts think Daniel Defoe heard and read stories about Selkirk, which inspired him to write the book.