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Here are the responses from parents to the posts(帖子)about toys.

●Michele Manhire

My son Aaron is 8. It's been 8 birthdays and 9 Christmases of "What can we get, Aaron?" without proper toys along the way. He is just simply particular about toys. I can honestly tell you, I am printing this list, and heading to a couple of stores (some online) that I can get some of these items! Maybe this won't be such a depressing Christmas.

●Vera

Do you have any yam balls (纱球)? I bought a giant one for my classroom but ended up keeping it for my own kids. They're strong enough to throw but soft enough to use as a doll bed.

●Natalie

Excellent post! Thank you so much for putting this together. I have been looking through special needs toy lists to find one that I thought would be most helpful to my followers. This post agrees to our personal experience most closely. I have shared it with many other groups and the feedback has been wonderful.

●Meagan

This is a great list. My son loved his egg chair and empty bottles are always a win. He also loves to turn a globe and look at wonder tubes. Wonder tubes are about \$ 6 on Amazon. This year one of his gifts is a gel (凝胶) filled medicine ball.

21. What are the four posts responding to?

A. A game list B. A party list C. A toy list D. A food list

22. What is Michele's problem?

A. She has no money for toys. B. She can't find good toys for herself.
C. Her son has a special taste for gifts. D. Her son missed too many birthdays.

23. Who suggests a good toy which can be used as a bed for dolls?

A. Michele Manhire. B. Natalie. C. Meagan. D. Vera.

2.

Owning a smart phone may not be as smart as you think. They may let you surf the Internet, listen to music and snap photos wherever you are...but they also turn you into a workaholic (工作狂), it seems.

A study suggests that, by giving you access to emails at all times, the smart phone adds as much as two hours to your working day. Researchers found that Britons work an additional 460 hours a year on average as they are able to respond to emails on their mobiles. The study shows the average UK working day is between 9 and 10 hours, but a further 2 hours is spent responding to or sending work emails, or making work calls.

Almost one in ten admits spending up to three hours outside their normal working day checking work emails. Some workers confess they are on call almost 24 hours a day. Nearly two-thirds say they often check work emails just before they go to bed and as soon as they wake up, while over a third have replied to one in the middle of the night. The average time for first checking emails is between 6 a.m and 7 a.m, with more than a third checking their first email in the period, and a quarter checking them between 11 p.m. and midnight.

Ghadi Hobeika, marketing director of Pixmania, said: "The ability to access millions of Apps has made smart phone invaluable for many people. However, there are disadvantages. Many companies expect their employees to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and smart phones mean that people cannot get away from work. The more constantly in contact we become, the more is expected of us in a work capacity."

24. With a smart phone the average UK working day is ____.

A. 11 to 12 hours B. 9 to 10 hours C. 8 hours D. 2 hours

25. It could be inferred from the text that the British people ____.

A. prefer to check emails in the morning B. are crazy about different smart phone
C. work extra hours with smart phones D. shorten their normal working hours

26. What does Ghadi Hobeika feel about smart phones?

A. They are unimportant for most of people. B. They have disadvantages for some companies.
C. They are useful to improve a work ability. D. They make it impossible for people to rest.

27. What can we conclude from the text?

A. Every coin has two sides. B. All that glitters is not gold.
C. It never rains but pours. D. It's no good crying over spilt milk.