

1. 阅读理解

Special Morning Tours

Our volunteer-led morning tours are limited to a maximum of 20 places per tour to provide a unique visiting experience. The price includes a British Museum souvenir guidebook.

The tours begin at 09:00 and will last for 60 minutes including time at the end to take photographs. Please come to the Main entrance on Great Russell Street (WC1B 3DG) at 08:50 with your email confirmation.

Please note that wheeled cases and large items of luggage are not allowed on British Museum premises. Cloakroom facilities are not available on these tours.

An introduction to the British Museum

£30 per person

In Room 1 (Enlightenment) and Room 2 (Collecting the world) you will learn how Europeans understood the world in the 18th century, tracing the beginning of the British Museum and the development of the extraordinary collection.

An introduction to Ancient Egypt

£30 per person

In the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery (Room 3) you will see impressive statues of kings and gods, monumental tomb architecture and ancient tomb reliefs (浮雕) spanning three thousand years. These include the world-famous Rosetta Stone – key to deciphering hieroglyphs (象形文字). You will learn the importance of large-scale sculpture in ancient Egyptian temples and tombs, and get the perfect introduction to this unmissable collection.

An introduction to China and South Asia

£30 per person

In the Gallery of China and South Asia (Room 4), you will gain an insight into the development of Chinese civilizations, from 5000 BC to the present day. In this beautifully decorated space, you will see from blue and white porcelain (陶瓷) of the Ming dynasty to superb Buddhist and Hindu sculptures.

【1】Which of the following descriptions about the special morning tours is NOT true?

- A. Every visitor will be given a British Museum souvenir guidebook for free.
- B. Volunteers will show the visitors around.
- C. The 60-minute tour needs to be reserved online in advance.
- D. Visitors are banned from taking wheeled cases into British Museum.

【2】What is the key to deciphering hieroglyphs?

- A. Statues of kings and gods B. Monumental tomb architecture
- C. World-famous Rosetta Stone D. Ancient tomb reliefs

【3】What will you learn about in Room 4?

- A. The beginning of the British Museum.
- B. The development of Chinese civilization.
- C. The spread of Buddhism.
- D. The decoration of Hindu sculptures

2. 阅读理解

American writer and former president of Marvel Comics, Stan Lee, has died at the age of 95. The legendary comic book author died at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to a family lawyer.

Lee was born in 1922 to working-class Jewish immigrants from Romania. He began working at the comics section of Timely Publications – a company that would eventually transform into Marvel Comics – and became comic editor there at age 18. At age 40, Lee decided to give up on comics. But his wife Joan urged him to create the characters he always wanted to write as his comic swansong. And in 1961, Lee and artist Jack Kirby created ‘The Fantastic Four’ – fascinating characters with individual personalities and the golden age of comic books began. Many Marvel characters were groundbreaking at the time. For example, Black Panther was the first black superhero featured in a mainstream US comic. Other characters he created include the Ant Man, the X-Men, Iron Man, Captain America and Doctor Strange. In its heyday (鼎盛时期), Marvel sold 50 million copies a year. Lee was also known for appearing as a cameo (配角) in every Marvel film. Fans are very happy to look for Stan Lee in the films and, after watching, they will definitely have a discussion online.

Celebrities and fans have been sharing across social media how Lee and his work affected them. The CEO of Lee’s Pow! Entertainment, Shane Duffy, called him “a true iconic pioneer with no comparable second”. Hugh Jackman, who played Wolverine in the X-Men films, called Lee a “pioneering force in the superhero universe”.

Evangeline Lilly, who portrayed Ant Man’s superhero partner, the Wasp, also shared his respect on Twitter. Chris Evans, the star of Captain America, wrote on Twitter:

“For decades he provided both young and old with adventure, escape, comfort, confidence, inspiration, strength, friendship and joy. He expressed love and kindness and will leave an unforgettable mark on so, so, so many lives.”

【1】The underlined word “groundbreaking” in Paragraph 2 is similar to _____.

- A. outstanding B. pioneering
- C. approving D. misleading

【2】What can be inferred about Stan Lee in Paragraph 2?

- A. He wanted more people to know him through films.
- B. He became popular at a very young age.
- C. Fans of Marvel loved him and the roles he acted.
- D. His wife urged him to give up comics and begin film creation.

【3】Which of the following has played a role in Marvel films?

- A. Evangeline Lilly B. Iron Man
- C. Shane Duffy D. Jack Kirby

【4】What is the best title for the passage?

- A. The history of Marvel comics B. The anecdotes of Stan Lee
- C. The Father of Marvel characters D. The birth of Marvel characters

3. 阅读理解

It’s said that you don’t know a man until you walk a mile in his shoes. And you also don’t know what it’s like for older people to travel until you accompany one on a trip.

After flying with my elderly father from Washington, D.C. to L.A. in July, I began to realize that a companion has important tasks that can make a journey easier for older