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Many years ago, my dad was facing a serious heart condition. He was unable to do a steady job. He fell suddenly ill and had to be admitted to the hospital.

He wanted to do something to keep himself busy, so he decided to volunteer at the local children's hospital. My dad loved kids. It was the perfect job for him. He ended up working with the seriously ill children. He would talk, play, and do arts with them.

One of his kids was a girl with a rare disease that paralyzed (瘫痪) her from the neck down. She couldn't do anything, and she was very depressed. My dad decided to try to help her. He started visiting her in her room, bringing paints, brushes and paper. He stood the paper up, put the paintbrush in his mouth and began to paint. He didn't use his hands at all. All the while he would tell her, "See, you can do anything you set your mind to."

At the end of the day, she began to paint using her mouth, and she and my dad became friends. Soon after, the little girl was sent home because the doctors felt there was nothing else they could do for her. My dad also left the children's hospital for a little while because he became ill. Some time later after my dad had recovered and returned to work, in came the little girl who had been paralyzed and only this time she was walking. She ran straight over to my dad and hugged him really tight. She gave him a picture she had done using her hands. At the bottom it read: "Thank you for helping me walk."

My dad would cry every time he told us this story and so would we. He would say sometimes love is more powerful than doctor, and my dad — who died just a few months after the little girl gave the picture — loved every single child in that hospital.

21. The author's father worked at the local hospital to _____.

- A. realize his childhood dream B. ease his serious heart condition
C. earn money to pay for treatment D. keep himself occupied and happy

22. How did the author's father help the paralyzed little girl?

- A. He helped her practice walking. B. He visited her and made a toy for her.
C. He showed her she could still do things. D. He painted special pictures for her.

23. According to paragraph 4, the paralyzed girl _____.

- A. gradually recovered and walked B. eventually became a unique painter
C. was sent home and never seen again D. sent him a picture painted with her mouth

24. What message does the passage mainly convey(传达)?

- A. It's better to give than to receive. B. Love can sometimes bring great results.
C. Volunteering is a worthwhile thing to do. D. A sick person should not focus on his disease.

2.

Have you got any wonderful plans for your coming winter vacation? Here are some wonderful

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Away We Go

Verona De Tessant (Maya Rudolph) and Burt Farlander (John Krasinski) are in their early thirties and struggling to meet daily needs and build fulfilling lives as an artist and a salesman.

When they learn they will soon become parents, they are faced with the challenge of how and where to raise a child and build a happy family. With a baby on his way, the young couple, look at their lives and are puzzled about what they really want. So they hit the road and seek a place to call home. On their journey, they visit a handful of characters and learn a lot.

It's about taking the scenic route in life, preparing for the hope and excitement and fear of new beginnings, while never forgetting to look out of the window.