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I was feeling splendid (精彩的) this morning! When approaching the bakery I saw a man asking for coins. I've often seen him and usually don't react well to his whiney (嘀咕不停的) tone of his voice. This time I decided I'd give him something. After I'd paid for my tea-to-go, I got a 5 Euro bill ready. Leaving the store really slowly so he'd have a good chance to approach me, I nearly ran into him.

"Would you maybe have some coins for me?" He asked.

I said, "No, sorry, I don't," and watched his face fall already at what he thought was a refusal, one of many thousands he probably gets each day.

"I only have this for you", I said and held the bill in front of his eyes. The way his jaw nearly fell and his eyes widened were priceless.

"Err ... wow!" he said, doing a double-take. "That's really ... Thanks."

"No problem," I said. "I'm doing well at the moment, and I wanted to share it — have a good day!"

And I walked away. Actually, I walked away leisurely (悠闲地), and I did giggle and laugh out loud for the next 200 meters. Really, you should have seen his face. He totally had not seen that coming! The joy, I think, did not just come from the fact that I love being generous. It also came from breaking up his expectations of what would happen, to allow for that tiny moment of amazement.

21. How did the beggar feel when the writer said "No"?

- A. Worried. B. Surprised. C. Disappointed. D. Grateful.

22. The underlined phrase "doing a double-take" indicates that the beggar _____.

- A. wasn't used to being refused B. hesitated before reaction
C. accepted my offer immediately D. understood me without difficulty

23. The author's delight doubled because _____.

- A. the beggar didn't expect so much money
B. he was attracted by the beggar's face
C. he found the beggar was blind
D. the beggar wished him a good day

24. What kind of person is the author?

- A. He's always generous to people in need.
B. He enjoys making fun of poor people.
C. He lacks sympathy for the poor.
D. He can find happiness from little things.

2.

It's Thanksgiving, which means a lot of family time. Here are some movies that will be fun for the whole family.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2 – Since the book series is so popular, and so is **Jennifer Lawrence**, you're likely to have someone in the family who wants to go to the theaters to finish the games. This one tests the limits of PG-13 in its intensity, though, so be careful of that if you're taking some little ones.

Rating: PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and for some thematic material

Availability: In theaters everywhere

The Good Dinosaur (恐龙) – Another great choice for adults and kids alike, Pixar's latest offering goes back millions of years when dinosaurs weren't destroyed by a small planet that hit Earth. We follow a little dinosaur named Arlo who must learn to face his fears when he gets separated from his family. It's a touching story for the whole family, so make sure you bring some tissues for the tears that will eventually come out of your face.

Rating: PG for peril (危险), action and thematic elements

Availability: In theaters everywhere

Love the Coopers – **Olivia Wilde** stars in what is this year's family Christmas comedy that deals with the trials and sufferings of not being able to choose your relatives. This one doesn't have a great Rotten Tomatoes score at 21%, but I've heard that it's pretty charming nonetheless thanks to Wilde.

Rating: PG -13 for thematic elements, language and some sexuality

Availability: In theaters everywhere

Inside Out – Pixar's summer release is a funny, beautiful tale of growing up and dealing with the complicated emotions inside your head. After seeing this one a couple of times, it quickly rose up to be my second favorite Pixar movie of all-time (behind *The Incredibles*). Honestly, it's better than *The Good Dinosaur*. If you don't feel like heading to the theaters, just pick this one up to watch at home.

Rating: PG for mild thematic elements and some action

Availability: Blu-Ray, DVD and VOD