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Darno Setiadi is one of the top ten thousand richest men in Indonesia. Mr. Setiadi runs his own business, importing machinery from Europe and selling it all over the country. He employs over three hundred people and lives in a very large house in Jakarta, the capital city. However, as he will tell you, he had to travel down a long, hard road to get to where he is today.

"I built this business up from nothing through my own hard work," said Darno. "I come from a poor family and have thirteen brothers and sisters. My dad died when I was fourteen and I had to go out to work to try to support the rest of my family. To begin with, I sold ice cream in the street; then I got a job selling cloth door-to-door. After that, I started traveling all over the island selling things to people and slowly I started getting ideas about what kind of products the different markets wanted.

"When I was twenty-one, I left my wife and two children at home and moved to Jakarta to set up my own business, selling all kinds of machines, but, particularly propellers (螺旋桨) for boats. There are over thirteen thousand islands in Indonesia, so there's a huge market for that kind of thing. Luckily for me, some friends helped me get import licenses. Business was increasing and I could finally afford to bring my family over to join me.

"The only real problem I have now is who's going to take control of the business when I retire. I'd like my son to run it, but he's not really strong enough to do it! I think perhaps his childhood was too easy, and that has made him a bit too soft to do work like this!"

21. What does Darno sell now?

- A. Cloth.                      B. Boats.                      C. Machines.                      D. Ice cream.

22. When Darno was in his early teens, he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. helped with his family business                      B. struggled to raise a big family  
C. left his family to do business                      D. traveled all over the world

23. What does Darno worry about now?

- A. His health problems.  
B. How to spend his retired life.  
C. How to keep controlling the market.  
D. His son's ability to take over his business.

24. Which of the following words can best describe Darno?

- A. Kind-hearted and easy-going.                      B. Sharp-eyed and hard-working.  
C. Open-minded and world-famous.                      D. Well-educated and self-confident.

2.

On a typical school night, Jilly Dos Santos was lucky if she got six hours of sleep. Even when she finished her homework early, she often didn't feel tired enough to fall asleep. So when her school board planned to change her high school's start time from 7:50 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. — a full half hour earlier — she was outraged. "I thought it was the worst idea I'd ever heard," she says.

Fired up, Jilly used social media to encourage other students to join her in speaking up at the next school board meeting, and she started an online petition (请愿), which got 200-plus signatures. Then, with the help of another student, she put up more than 100 posters on school walls and emailed teachers to spread the word. The fight was on!

The good news is that Jilly wasn't alone — once she started her fight, she became part of a growing movement demanding to start school later. Now, about 43 percent of public high schools in the U.S. start school before 8 a.m., which is earlier than at most workplaces. One big reason schools have historically preferred early start times: They allow outdoor athletic teams to practice after school while the sun is still out.

As she prepared for the school board meeting, Jilly learned all of the ways that more sleep makes for better students. At the school board meeting, Jilly shared what she had learned. "My heart beat so fast," she admits. But her schoolmates gave her confidence. "About 30 students came to support me."

Armed with facts, Jilly explained her case convincingly. "The school board liked how I didn't get emotional and just provided evidence. When I presented, I kept thinking, 'If this were a class, what would get me an A?' instead of 'How loud can I yell?' "

All of that hard work paid off. The school board decided that instead of making Jilly's high school's start time earlier, they would change the bus schedule and make the start time even later, at 8:55 a.m.

25. What does the underlined word "outraged" in Paragraph 1 mean?

- A. Angry.                      B. Excited.                      C. Surprised.                      D. Interested.

26. Jilly used social media to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. win other students' support                      B. show the importance of sleep  
C. make her school's plan known                      D. ask her school to help some students

27. According to Paragraph 3, why do many schools start school early?