

1. 阅读理解

Li Hua is currently studying at Cambridge, UK. She has bought a bicycle and is worried about security. Her friend, Kate, found this article and sent it to her.

Introduction

A lot of crime is against bicycles. About 150, 000 bicycles are stolen every year and most are never found. You can prevent this happening by following a few careful steps.

Basic Security

Do not leave your bicycle in out-of-the-way places. Always lock your bicycle when you leave. Secure it to lampposts or trees. Take off smaller parts and take them with you, for example lights and saddles (车座).

Locks

Get a good lock. There are many different types in the shops. Buy one that has been tested against attack. Ask for a recommendation from a bike shop.

Marking

Security marking your bike can act as a deterrent to a thief. It can also help the police find your bicycle. It should be clearly written and include your postcode and your house or flat number. This will provide a simple way to identify your bicycle.

Registration (登记)

There are a number of security companies who will help mark your bicycle for you. They will then put your registration number and personal details on their computer database. Then if your bicycle is found it will be easy to contact you.

Finally

Keep a record of the bicycle yourself: its maker, model and registration number. You can even take a photograph of it. This will prove the bicycle belongs to you.

【1】 Which part of the text gives you information on how to lock up your bicycle when you leave it?

- A. Registration. B. Marking.
C. Basic Security. D. Locks.

【2】 The underlined phrase “act as a deterrent to a thief” means .

- A. help you recognize your bike B. help the police find your bicycle
C. stop you worrying about your bike D. stop someone stealing your bicycle

【3】 The article advises you to keep a record of your bicycle ____.

- A. by yourself and in a security company
B. in a security company and your university
C. in the bike shop and your computer
D. in the police station and a security company

2. 阅读理解

Who decided that blue jeans and T-shirts are “cool” for kids to wear today? Who designs the clothes you see for sale in stores? All of these questions concern the world of fashion.

Fashion refers to the styles of dress that are currently popular. Fashion goes beyond just clothes, though. It’s important for some people to wear only the latest fashions and styles. For others, though, keeping up with trends isn’t that important. The one thing that stays the same with fashion is this: it always changes!

In the 1960s and 1970s, hippies made bell-bottomed blue jeans popular. In the 1980s, Michael Jackson made parachute pants (降落伞裤) all the fashion. Now try to find these items in today’s clothing stores!

Why do fashions change? The answer is probably as simple as the fact that people change. Over time, the new replaces the old. People are influenced greatly by popular culture, including athletes, musicians, movie stars, as well as popular films, television shows, books and music. We are also influenced by the fashion industry’s advertising.

The stars of popular culture are always searching for a new angle to maintain (保持) their popularity. Often these new angles come in the form of new clothing or hairstyles. When people see these new styles, they often want to imitate their favorite stars. To do so, they seek out the latest fashions to make themselves look like the people they want to imitate. In this way, fashions evolve and change over time.

For years, clothes have been used to separate people into groups. Even today, brand-name clothing that is more expensive than other types of clothing can be used by some people to distinguish themselves from others.

Unfortunately, this can often have the effect of distancing certain groups from others. Don’t forget that it’s always OK to develop your own sense of style that is unique and separate from what the fashion world determines! Stay true to yourself and let your personality — not your clothes — speak for who you are!

【1】 The examples of bell-bottomed blue jeans and parachute pants in Paragraph 3 suggest that ____.

- A. fashion always changes
B. stars are always influential
C. people have different dressing styles
D. hippies and Michael Jackson are good designers

【2】 Fashions change mainly because ____.

- A. advertisements change rapidly
B. popular culture influences people
C. movie stars are changing over time
D. new films and shows replace the old

【3】 In the last paragraph, the author mainly wants to stress ____.

- A. the advantages of staying unique
B. the bad effects of following fashion
C. the good influences of popular styles
D. the importance of having one’s own personality

【4】 We can learn from the text that ____.

- A. fashion is all about clothes
B. the author has gone out of fashion
C. clothes may separate and distance people
D. people like imitating others’ dressing style