

## 内蒙古包头市网络考试试卷

1.

Now that it's spring, you can take your reading from cozy couches and day beds to balconies, gardens, and anywhere the glorious natural light is going to touch. Here are some books that are just as illuminating as that spring sunshine.

Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi

\$17.70 (34% off)

Gingerbread men, gingerbread houses—when you think about it, this sweet treat is more popular in fable and fiction than you might expect. The magic of fairy tales plays a part in this novel about the myth-building that takes place in families, from the author of *What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours*.

The New Me by Halle Butler

\$11.00 (31% off)

Wake up, look in the mirror, swear it will all be different today. Sound familiar? Here's that feeling in novel form: Meet Millie, a 30-year-old flailing around in dissatisfaction. A job offer seems promising? Reinvention—but, sadly, easy transformations are for caterpillars, not lonely, anxiety-ridden women.

The White Card by Claudia Rankine

\$11.00 (31% off)

MacArthur Fellow Claudia Rankine follows up her award-winning 2014 poetry book *Citizen* with a play. Charlotte Cummings, a black artist, has a conversation with the family of a white art dealer, and a collector. As they discuss works of art, the differences between how each values art become apparent, especially when the subject of it is black suffering.

Invisible Women by Caroline Perez

\$17.70 (34% off)

You know, chest and arm pain, faint and sweating abnormally. But guess what? Those are typically experienced by men—a woman having a heart attack is more likely to feel tired and an unexpected stomach pain. Feeling unbalanced from the built-in prejudices all around us is common, and a corrective like Perez's book is welcome.

【1】Which to choose if you are interested in magic?

- A. Gingerbread. B. The New Me.  
C. The White Card. D. Invisible Women.

【2】What writing style is *The White Card*?

- A. Novel. B. Poetry.  
C. Essay. D. Play.

【3】What is a symptoms of a female heart disease patient according to Perez's book?

- A. Having a pain in her chest.  
B. Having a sudden stomachache.  
C. Having heavy sweat suddenly.  
D. Falling unconscious abruptly.

2.

Influenced by many negative reports, some people usually regard teenagers as lacking a sense of responsibility, concern for others, and awareness of life. To break the stereotype (刻板印象), I'm going to talk about the story of Jordan Rice.

I suspect you've got no idea about who Jordan Rice is. Actually, Jordan Rice was a 13-year-old boy who lived with his mom, dad, and little brother Blake in Toowoomba, Australia. He went to buy school uniform this Monday with his mom and brother. It was around 2 pm, when they were in the car on the way back from the shops. Not an unusual day.

Unexpectedly, a huge flood poured into the area. The water rose high enough to shut off the engine. Unfortunately, they were trapped in floodwaters. Mom got into a panic, and Jordan was frightened because he couldn't swim. No one came to help them out until an old man grabbed a rope, tied it to his body, and jumped into the water. Hopes were growing for the survival of Jordan—the old man was swimming toward him. Instead of seizing the chance, Jordan pushed Blake forward, saying, "Save my brother first."

There was no time for arguing. The old man tied the rope around Blake and carried him ashore. Then he swam back to save the other two. But the strain of the flood and the weight of two people were too much for the rope. It broke and so did Jordan and his mothers' hope. They were carried away by the brown water. Though they managed to hold on to a tree for a little while, they finally loosened their grip and accepted their fate. Being the only survivor of the trip, Blake was reunited with his father to become a family of two.

Jordan Rice was a 13-year-old boy from Toowoomba, Australia. During the destructive floods of Queensland, Jordan Rice sacrificed his life for his little brother. He is a hero and deserves to be remembered.

【1】What does the author think of some people's opinion about teenagers?

- A. It's a reasonable belief. B. It's a fair evaluation.  
C. It's an out-of-date view. D. It's a prejudiced idea.

【2】Why did the old man save Blake first?

- A. He couldn't reach others.  
B. His rope was not long enough.  
C. There was no time for making other choices.  
D. He believed that Jordan Rice could swim out.

【3】In which section of a newspaper may this text appear?

- A. Your Voice. B. Star Stories. C. News Express. D. Magic World.

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

- A. Save my brother B. Meet the challenge  
C. Be brave, boy D. Accept your fate, teenager

3.

Whales are big, but why aren't they even bigger? A new study says the key factor is how many calories they can take in. Researchers came to this conclusion after using small boats to chase down 300 whales of various species around the world. They reached out with long poles to attach sensors (传感器) to the creatures, allowing them to record what whales were doing as they dived for food.

The study included 90 blue whales, the biggest animals ever to live. Size estimates vary, but they can grow to about 100 feet long and weigh more than 100 tons, according to the American Cetacean Society. The research also included sperm whales, the biggest whales with teeth; they can grow to about 60 feet in length.