

### 1. 阅读理解

#### Monthly Talks at London Canal Museum

Our monthly talks start at 19:30 on the first Thursday of each month except August. Admission is at normal charges and you don't need to book. They end around 21:00.

November 7th

The Canal Pioneers, by Chris Lewis. James Brindley is recognized as one of the leading early canal engineers. He was also a major player in training others in the art of canal planning and building. Chris Lewis will explain how Brindley made such a positive contribution to the education of that group of early "civil engineers".

December 5th

Ice for the Metropolis, by Malcolm Tucker. Well before the arrival of freezers, there was a demand for ice for food preservation and catering. Malcolm will explain the history of importing natural ice and the technology of building ice wells, and how London's ice trade grew.

February 6th

An Update on the Cotswold Canals, by Liz Payne. The Stroudwater Canal is moving towards reopening. The Thames and Severn Canal will take a little longer. We will have a report on the present state of play.

March 6th

Eyots and Aits-Thames Islands, by Miranda Vickers. The Thames had many islands. Miranda has undertaken a review of all of them. She will tell us about those of greatest interest.

Online bookings: [www.canalmuseum.org.uk/book](http://www.canalmuseum.org.uk/book)

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【1】When is the talk on James Brindley?

A. February 6th. B. December 5th.

C. November 7th. D. March 6th.

【2】What is the topic of the talk in February?

A. The Canal Pioneers. B. An Update on the Cotswold Canals

C. Eyots and Aits-Thames Islands D. Ice for the Metropolis

【3】Who will give the talk on the islands in the Thames.

A. Miranda Vickers B. Malcolm Tucker

C. Chris Lewis D. Liz Payne

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"I honestly have no idea how that cat got up there. It's a hundred-foot metal pole (杆). There's no way he climbed that thing," Jim said to the worried woman. He wasn't even her cat, but she was passing by and saw him, immediately calling the fire station to come to save him. Jim saw a lot of strange things as a fireman, often sad or upsetting (令人不快的) things, but this was new.

"I suppose we could get a blanket and see if we can convince the poor cat to jump down. But he doesn't really look scared..." Jim said to the woman.

"Dave, get over here!" Jim called over his shoulder to the fire truck driver. Dave walked over and looked where Jim was pointing.

"How did he get up there?"

Jim shrugged (耸肩), similarly puzzled, "Do you suppose we could get a blanket and convince him to jump?"

Dave shrugged in response, "I don't see why not."

Jim looked up at the black mass on the top of the flagpole, the American flag waving proudly beneath him. It was a cat, and he regarded the people gathering below as if they were his subjects (臣民) and he their king, his yellow eyes scanning his surroundings with apparent disinterest.

When a blanket was spread out below the cat, Jim and Dave began striking the flagpole. The cat looked down, and then gazed into the sky as if he was looking for something. Jim and Dave followed his gaze. Suddenly, out of the clear sky, appeared a dark figure. The figure moved towards the flagpole. It was an eagle! As it got closer, the cat jumped down from the pole swiftly onto the ground, and then got lost in the bushes.

Jim, Dave, and the old woman were left with their mouths open. They all agreed it was the best way to get him down.

【1】Why did the woman call the fire station?

A. Because the pole was on fire. B. Because her cat was missing.

C. Because she felt it was strange. D. Because she wanted to save the cat.

【2】What did the firemen plan to do at first?

A. To strike the pole. B. To spread a blanket.

C. To shout at the cat. D. To shrug helplessly.

【3】What does the underlined word "him" in paragraph seven refer to?

A. The cat. B. Jim.

C. The king. D. Dave.

【4】Who made the cat get down from the pole?

A. An eagle. B. The firemen.

C. The king. D. The people around.

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#### Grandparents Answer a Call

As a third generation native of Brownsville, Texas, Mildred Garza never planned to move away. Even when her daughter and son asked her to move to San Antonio to help their children, she politely refused. Only after a year of friendly discussion did Ms Garza finally say yes. That was four years ago. Today all three generations regard the move as a success, giving them a closer relationship than they would have had in separate cities.

No statistics show the number of grandparents like Garza who are moving closer to the children and grandchildren. Yet there is evidence suggesting that the trend (趋势) is growing. Even President Obama's mother-in-law, Marian Robinson, has agreed to leave Chicago and into the White House to help care for her granddaughters. According to a study grandparents.com, 83 percent of the people said Mrs. Robinson's decision will influence the grandparents in the American family. Two-thirds believe more families will follow the example of Obama's family.