

1. 阅读理解

Cosmetic surgery (整容手术) is not something to be entered into lightly. Unfortunately, in this modern world, we have become confused by very narrow standards of beauty. Images of stars who never seem to age are seen everywhere these days. We forget the fact that most of these images are the result of super photo manipulation (处理), driven by the extremely powerful beauty industry. We are all different — why should we all look the same? Isn't there more to life than having surgery in order to have the same boring face that everybody else wants to have?

—Dr Elisabeth McKenna, Psychologist

Yes, it's not real! That's what I told my friends when they started asking me about my nose job. I'd always been sensitive to my nose, but it took me a long time before I decided to go for cosmetic surgery. I took advice from several doctors and after careful consideration I finally decided to have it done. I had been saving money from my part-time job and my parents helped me out with the rest. It was quite expensive but I don't regret a penny of it. In fact I wish I'd had it done a few years ago. I'm sure I wouldn't have been laughed at so much at school.

—Debbie Caron, Student

It makes me really angry to think of the millions of people who spend much money on cosmetic surgery. Surgery should be carried out for medical purposes, not vanity (虚荣心). I would rather all the money spent on cosmetic surgery was used to treat people around the world who are in need but can't get proper medical treatment. Furthermore, there are thousands of under-qualified doctors out there who only care about getting as rich as possible as quickly as possible. They don't care about the psychological and physical damage they do. The whole industry makes me sick. We should do something to stop it.

—Danny Glass, Student

【1】What does Dr Elisabeth McKenna suggest?

- A. Don't be fooled by "perfection". B. Cosmetic surgery often goes wrong.
C. The beauty industry needs improving. D. It's unnecessary to set new standards of beauty.

【2】What did Debbie Caron's cosmetic surgery bring to her?

- A. More friends. B. More worries.
C. More self-confidence. D. More job opportunities.

【3】How does Danny Glass feel about those who have cosmetic surgery?

- A. They should be treated as patients. B. They hurt themselves psychologically and physically.
C. They can have a new start. D. They waste money and medical resources.

2. 阅读理解

I was raised in a house where my sisters and I weren't trusted by our mother to manage our own appearance. As a result, there were rules, and trends were largely ignored. A few years ago, I was home for a visit when my mom, now in her early 70s, called me into her bedroom. We were about ready to leave for dinner. "I don't know what to wear" she complained "You girls always look so good."

I paused in the doorway and looked at her, wondering if I'd misheard. "What do you mean?" I asked her. "You know what to wear?" "No," she answered. "I don't. Can you pick something?" I was so surprised.

This was the same woman who, in 1989, told my younger sister she wasn't allowed to leave the house wearing a pair of ripped (有破洞的) jeans; the same woman who, in high school, called me while I was out at a party to ask if my hair was up. "You look better with it down," she told me, before I could answer I realized, suddenly, that my mother—always so strong—not only wanted my opinion, but needed it. I pulled a pair of blue jeans from the closet and a light blue sweater from her drawer "Wear this with your black shoes," I told her. She did. My mother certainly doesn't need anyone to take care of her. In fact, she still cares for my grandmother who lives with her. But with that one question, my mother and I started the role reversal (转变) that happens with all parents and all children, from caregiver to receiver.

Now, if I'm visiting or we're together, it's rare for her to wear anything without checking with me first. But every so often, it seems like she asks me just to be able to disagree with my answer and pick out something on her own. And when she does, I just tell her what I think of the way she looks. Sometimes it's "great". And sometimes it's "awful".

【1】When the author was young, she ____.

- A. could never know what to wear
B. always wore trendy clothes and hairstyles
C. was not allowed to go to parties at night
D. had to pick her clothes according to her mother's rules

【2】The first time the author's mother asked her for advice on clothes, she ____.

- A. was happy to do something for her mother
B. came to realize that her mother needed her care
C. was worried that her mother was too old to live alone
D. had no idea what was suitable for her mother

【3】When the author gives her opinion about clothes, her mother ____.

- A. always accepts her suggestions happily
B. sometimes chooses to follow her own ideas
C. is often surprised by what the author says
D. still shows uncertainty about what to wear

【4】The author wrote this article mainly to ____.

- A. show what it is like to have a strict mother
B. remind readers to visit their parents often
C. stress her mother's great influence on her
D. show how the role of parents and their children can change

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Moments before I could lift my case to put it in the plane's overhead locker ahead of our recent holiday to Europe, my father gently urged me to stop. He held the thick handles of the case and lifted it with his thin arms, pushing it into place with a sigh. "You should relax and be the lady, and let me do the heavy tasks," he said seriously. "In the future, someone special will come into your life and take over such tasks from me, but that will never happen if you do everything yourself."

I was stunned into silence. This was not the father I remembered from childhood, who trained me to study hard at school, asked me to earn my own pocket money as a teenager at a local coffee shop, and even taught me household chores so that my life alone in London wouldn't turn into a mess. But then, eight years after I left home and