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Music, nature and picnics in the sun: here are the best operas to catch this summer.

Opera Holland Park, London

For a mixture of urban and country operas, this open-air theatre is built each summer right in the heart of one of the most quiet parks of London.

Book early as tickets sell out fast, and remember to bring a wrap or blanket to keep yourself warm on chillier summer evenings!

July 4 to August 3, operahollandpark.com

Glyndebourne Festival Opera, East Sussex

Glyndebourne is one of the oldest opera festivals in the world. It attracts some of the world's greatest artists. Besides, the festival's the perfect occasion to put on your black tie or evening dress, enjoy a long picnic during the 90-minute interval (间隔). Summer festivals don't get better than this.

July 8 to August 25, glyndebourne.com

The Grange Festival, Hampshire

Surrounded by lots of green plants and overseeing a picturesque lake, The Grange Festival in Hampshire is certain to be one of the most impressive visual feasts (视觉盛宴) you'll ever see.

Arrive a bit early to take in the countryside views. During the lengthy interval, you'll enjoy a romantic dinner—an essential part of the festival.

July 6 to August 6, thegrangefestival.co.uk

Grange Park Opera, Surrey

Though it's relatively new, the festival attracts some of the world's top talent and this year's edition is no different, featuring performances by one of the world's most charming mezzo-sopranos, Joyce DiDonato, and the charismatic baritone Simon Keenlyside.

July 6 to August 13, grangeparkopera.co.uk

【1】What should you do if you go to Opera Holland Park?

- A.Put on your best dress. B.Book tickets early.
C.Enjoy a romantic dinner. D.Perform on the stage.

【2】Which of the following may have the most beautiful natural environment?

- A.Opera Holland Park. B.Grang Park Opera.
C.The Grange Festival. D.Glyndebourne Festival Opera.

【3】What is the purpose of author in writing the text?

- A.To attract more visitors to Britain. B.To inform you of traveling destinations.
C.To advertise some places of interest. D.To introduce British opera festivals.

2. 阅读理解

Sometimes while sitting doing nothing, our minds recall events from the past that make us all tingly inside. I had one of those moments yesterday. I believe this was triggered (引起) by the oldie The Impossible Dream that was playing on the radio yesterday afternoon!

In 1971, returning from our regular Friday night pregame meeting, I had no sooner walked in the door of our three-room apartment hack than the phone rang. It was the township police. They inquired if I was the football coach. I answered yes and asked if there was a problem. He said our football team had climbed the fence of the township football field and were sitting somewhere around the 50-yard line quietly. It was really not a problem. However, he thought I would like to know. I called my assistants, and made our way to the field.

We met the police at the locked gate. The field was dark and silent. Then, suddenly, we heard voices singing—together and on key—the team theme song, The Impossible Dream. Silently, we listened and became overwhelmed (压倒) with emotion. Even the policemen had tears rolling down their cheeks. When the team had finished, they walked slowly to the now-opened gate of the field and were shocked to see us waiting there. Of course, our first words were, "What is going on?" Mike Bernert, the team captain, replied, "Well, coach, you told us to visualize our performance in our mind just before the night of the game. So we came and visualized the upcoming game while sitting on the 50-yard line. Afterward, we would sing The Impossible Dream."

The coaches and I were overwhelmed. And of course, the team, which was undefeated at this point, never lost a game that season.

【1】What does the underlined word "tingly" in Paragraph 1 mean?

- A.Frightened. B.Excited.
C.Worried. D.Puzzled.

【2】Why did the police call?

- A.The team did something unusual.
B.The team had conflicts with fans.
C.The team locked themselves in the football field.
D.The team damaged the fences of the playground.

【3】How did the team feel when they saw the author and the policeman?

- A.Happy. B.Sad.
C.Ashamed. D.Surprised.

【4】What is the purpose for the team to sing the song?

- A.To enjoy themselves. B.To inspire themselves.
C.To celebrate their success. D.To rest themselves.

3. 阅读理解

Can you think of a day without music? We can hear music everywhere: in the streets and at home, over the radio and on TV, in the shops and in the parks. People all over the world are fond of music. They listen to music, they dance to music, and they learn to play musical instruments.

Music isn't only combination of pleasant sounds. It is an art which reflects life. There are lot of different kinds of music. Some of them appeared long ago, and some are modern. Folk music appeared long ago, but it is still alive. Folk songs are very pleasant to listen to. Classical music is often associated with the music of the past. Rap is a modern musical style where the singer speaks or shouts the words in time to music with a steady beat.

Great Britain has produced more popular music stars than any other country. British groups often set new trends in music. New styles, groups and singers continue to appear. Many of the new bands have been able to use changes in technology to develop their music such as computerised drum machines, synthesisers and other electronic instruments.

Tastes differ. So people's musical interests range from pop and rock music to classical music and opera. My favourite style of music is pop music, because it is full of energy. When I listen to pop music it makes me remember happy times and forget the problems of everyday life. I also enjoy listening to classical music. The music I hate