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How was 2019 for you? Was it pleasant and full of joy? Or was it unpleasant and full of sadness? Either way, some good things happened this year that can warm your heart. Let's take a look.

A Thailand supermarket came up with a great way to cut down the plastic packaging. It wraps the things in banana leaves instead of plastic.

South Korea is having the daytime disco parties for people over 65. The goal is to help fight loneliness and dementia in the elderly people.

There are only two northern white rhinos left in the world. They live in Africa. This year, scientists successfully fertilized seven of their eggs. This might help to save the dying ones!

Students at a primary school in Maine, the US, are learning the sign language. They are doing this in order to help a deaf 6-year-old girl feel welcomed at their school. They hope that she'll be happy every day.

【1】The text is about _____.

A. dangerous animals around the world B. different cultures in different countries
C. exciting things that can warm our hearts D. something special that happened in 2018.

【2】What is the purpose of the daytime disc parties in South Korea?

A. to cut down the plastic packaging B. to help a deaf 6-year-old girl
C. to save the dying ones. D. to help the elderly people.

【3】According to the text, which of the following is TRUE?

A. A Chinese supermarket uses the leaves to wrap the things.
B. South Korea set up a disco club to help dementia people.
C. Scientists in Africa try to help save the white rhinos in danger.
D. Primary school students are learning the sign language to help a boy.

【4】The text above might from the _____ column in a magazine.

A. Language Corner B. Magic World
C. Food Square D. School Time

2.

Channel Islands

The two main islands, Jersey and Guernsey, are remarkable in that they present a combination of enjoyment peace and quiet. Neither island is very big (only ten miles long) and so all parts of these coasts are easily reached from the main centers — St. Helier and St. Peter Port. In both these towns and particularly in Jersey's St. Helier are concentrated (集中) the amusements of really big resorts (休养地). The nearness of France gives a continental atmosphere; the weather is far better than that in England. The other three islands, Jethou, Herm and Sark are small and quiet.

Isles of Scilly

The islands are really small and quiet; and the weather is warm but windy. The islands are excellent for those who enjoy exploring (探险) small inlets (水湾), creeks (小溪) and bays on foot, or even better in a boat.

Isle of Wight

The island is 24 miles across and therefore quite large. The scenery is good and varied. The resorts are neither overlarge nor showy. The crowds seem content with entertaining but quieter holidays. The island has the best sunshine record in Britain.

Isle of Man

An island with unique atmosphere — in some indefinable (难以描述的) way it is different from England, Scotland or Wales. Thirty miles long, with good roads and good public transport, the mountains, hills and glens (幽谷) are easily reached. Douglas is a major British resort and other resorts are lively.

【1】Which is the largest of the islands mentioned?

A. Herm B. The Isle of Man.
C. The Isle of Wight. D. Jersey.

【2】If you want to be fairly sure you would have a lot of sun on holiday, which island would you choose?

A. The Channel Islands. B. The Isle of Man.
C. The Isle of Wight. D. The Scilly Isle.

【3】If you are having a holiday on Jersey, where would you go for amusement?

A. Douglas. B. Sandown.
C. St. Helier. D. St. Peter Port.

【4】In which way are the Channel Islands different from all the other island holiday places

A. The coasts are easily reached from the main centers.
B. There are more islands there.
C. There is something French about them.
D. The weather is better.

3.

Yosemite is a national park in California. It is very beautiful and big. The park includes more than 760,000 acres in the California Mountains. Most of the park is wilderness.

The part of Yosemite that everyone likes is Yosemite Valley. It is a tiny valley that is 7 miles long and less than 1 mile wide. It has tall rock walls and streams that splash down in waterfalls. More than two million visitors come to the valley each year.

One ranger (守护人) says the number of visitors is more than the land can handle. The valley has 4,500 camping spots. It has a hotel that can hold 4,000 families. This is still not enough to handle all of the visitors. The valley has grown so big that it has a lot of traffic and crime.

A worker says the park is trying to keep the beauty of the park and let everyone visit. Some areas have been fenced off from people and planted with seeds to try to keep them beautiful.

A former worker thinks Yosemite should get more money to take better care of the park. He would also like to teach people what the park service is trying to do.