

## 1. 阅读理解

An 80-year-old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45-year-old son. Suddenly a crow landed on their window. The father asked his son, "What is that?" The son replied, "That's a crow."

After a few minutes, the father asked his son for the second time. The son said, "Father, I told you just now. It is a crow." After a little while, the father asked his son the same question for the third time, "What is that?" This time, the son said to his father in a low and cold tone, "It's a crow, a crow."

After a moment, the father yet again asked his son for the fourth time, "What is that?" This time his son shouted at the father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again? I have told you already, 'IT IS A CROW.' Are you not able to understand this?"

A minute later the father went to his room and came back with a diary, which he had kept since his son was born. On opening a page, he asked his son to read that page. "Today my little son aged 3 was sitting with me on the sofa when a crow suddenly landed on the window edge. My son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied him 23 times that it was a crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question. I did not at all feel angry, but instead felt affection for my son."

If your parents reach old age, do not look at them as a burden, but speak to them gently, and be kind to them. From today say this aloud, "I want to see my parents happy forever. They have cared for me ever since I was a little child. They have always showered me with love. I will take care of my old parents in the BEST way no matter how they behave."

【1】The writer mainly intends to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. call on us to love our parents
- B. tell us the function of a diary
- C. teach us what a crow is
- D. introduce a pair of son and father

【2】We can know that the father wrote this diary at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. eighty B. thirty-eight
- C. forty-five D. thirty-five

【3】The underlined word "affection" probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. puzzle B. hatred
- C. worry D. love

【4】Why did the father ask his son questions about the crow?

- A. He wanted to test his son's patience.
- B. He had trouble in hearing.
- C. He tried to remind his son of what he did in the past.
- D. He didn't want to be treated as a burden.

## 2. 阅读理解

I had been in the city for some time and was coming home. I missed my boat and decided to travel on an old ship. I knew that it would not be a comfortable journey but I had no time to wait for another boat.

Hardly had we left the port when I saw the dog Gulliver, the captain's favourite dog, for the first time. What a big dog it was! I had never seen one that could frighten me so much!

On the third day the ship caught fire. Nobody tried to put it out. The ship began sinking and all the men rushed to the life-boats. I saw no chance of getting away in a boat. Suddenly I remembered there was a life-raft on the ship. I had no time to lose, so I immediately rushed towards the raft and pushed it overboard.

In jumping down onto the raft I hurt myself badly and was unconscious for some time. When I came to, I found there was no sign of a life-boat. Every man who had been on board the ship must have gone down with her. I was the only one who was saved.

Then I saw Gulliver was coming fast towards the raft. He struggled a long time before he managed to get onto it. I wanted to push him back into the water but did not dare to move. The dog shook himself, went to the other end of the raft and lay down. I didn't dare to sleep that night. I must watch him. In the moonlight I could see his eyes were open. He was watching, too.

【1】In what situation did the author first meet the dog?

- A. While waiting for the boat. B. While travelling in the city.
- C. Upon leaving the port. D. Upon getting onto the ship.

【2】What did the author manage to do when the ship was going down?

- A. Get away with a raft. B. Board a life boat.
- C. Jump into the water. D. Put out the fire.

【3】What is implied about the dog in the last Paragraph?

- A. It was unfriendly. B. It had a good sleep.
- C. It enjoyed the moon. D. It feared the author.

【4】What can be a suitable title for the text?

- A. Rescuing a Dog B. A Narrow Escape
- C. A Sleepless Night D. Caught in a Fire

## 3. 阅读理解

To foreigners Chinese food isn't a meal. It's an experience. Failing to order the right food and struggling with chopsticks are only parts of the adventure every time I sit down in a restaurant.

In one of our favorite Sichuan restaurants, it took 3 waiters and 15 minutes for us to order only our drinks. I simply wanted water, but my dad wanted to try the fresh juice they had listed on the menu. There were two problems, however. There were neither pictures nor English on the menu. After several hand gestures, he ended up ordering just a coca cola to simplify things.

One of our most embarrassing moments was at Xiabuxiabu, a very famous hotpot chain. As soon as we walked in, the entire restaurant seemed to stare at us.

Uncomfortable already, we had the most difficulty ordering our meal, since there were so many steps to the whole process. Fortunately, the waitress was very patient and successfully gave us our food. Although it was not the best food I had in Beijing, it was certainly entertaining dropping things into the boiling pot of soup. Once, I tried picking up a dumpling to show my father and dropped it onto his pants. I looked behind me, and people were laughing secretly at my chopstick skills.

No matter how many difficulties we have regarding food, our experiences give the best stories to tell. The servers are always understanding of our situation and their friendliness is exceptional. They always greet us with a big smile even when they realize they have to clean up the noodles slipped through our clumsy chopsticks.

【1】The author and his father find it difficult to order food, because \_\_\_\_\_.