

1. 阅读理解

Bright Side did some research on many places throughout the world where you can buy a house for \$1 or for free!

Roubaix, France

If you like France, Roubaix located in the north of France is just for you. The local authorities want it to be populated and attractive. You can buy a small house in the industrial district for just \$1. The buyer is supposed to live in this house for 3 years.

Buffalo, USA

Buffalo offers whoever qualifies to buy a house for \$1. All you need is to be a lawful citizen of the city and invest amount of money into its decoration. Doing this, the authorities are hoping to make the city beautiful again without spending money.

Liverpool, Great Britain

In Liverpool, most of houses were abandoned by the working class during the years of unemployment. The government is trying to sell the houses for just \$1. If you want to buy such a house, it has to be your first deal on buying one.

Candela, Italy

If you still have any doubts about spending \$1 on a house, you should know: the government will pay you some money, if you move to Candela. In order to be paid, you need to become a permanent citizen and have an income of \$7500 per year. If moving alone, you will get \$800, and if you are going with your family, the pay can be four times as much as only one person.

【1】Why do the authorities of Buffalo provide a house for people with \$1?

- A. To improve the lives of poor people.
- B. To make the city attractive at no cost.
- C. To solve the problems of employment.
- D. To attract people to the industrial areas.

【2】What is required to buy a house for \$1 in Liverpool?

- A. You need to be an unemployed citizen.
- B. You should live in the house for 3 years.
- C. You must make the first house purchase.
- D. You have to repair and decorate the house.

【3】How much money can you get if moving to Candela with a whole family?

- A. \$3200. B. \$1.
- C. \$800. D. \$7500.

2. 阅读理解

Raised in a motherless home, my father was extremely tightfisted towards us children. His attitude didn't soften as I grew into adulthood and went to college. I had to ride the bus whenever I came home. Though the bus stopped about two miles from home, Dad never met me, even in severe weather. If I grumbled, he'd say in his loudest father-voice, "That's what your legs are for!"

The walk didn't bother me as much as the fear of walking alone along the highway and country roads. I also felt less than valued that my father didn't seem concerned about my safety. But that feeling was canceled one spring evening.

It had been a particularly difficult week at college after long hours in labs. I longed for home. When the bus reached the stop, I stepped off and dragged my suitcase to begin the long journey home.

A row of hedge(树篱) edged the driveway that climbed the hill to our house. Once I had turned off the highway to start the last lap of my journey, I always had a sense of relief to see the hedge because it meant that I was almost home. On that particular evening, the hedge had just come into view when I saw something gray moving along the top of the hedge, moving toward the house. Upon closer observation, I realized it was the top of my father's head. Then I knew, each time I'd come home, he had stood behind the hedge, watching, until he knew I had arrived safely. I swallowed hard against the tears. He did care, after all.

On later visits, that spot of gray became my watchtower. I could hardly wait until I was close enough to watch for its secret movement above the greenery. Upon reaching home, I would find my father sitting innocently in his chair. "So! My son, it's you!" he'd say, his face lengthening into pretended surprise.

I replied, "Yes, Dad, it's me. I'm home."

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

- A. Agreed willingly. B. Explained clearly.
- C. Spoke unhappily. D. Accepted happily.

【2】What made the author feel upset was .

- A. the tiredness after long hours in labs
- B. the feeling of being less than valued
- C. the fear of seeing something moving
- D. the loneliness of riding the bus home

【3】The author's father watched behind the hedge because ____

- A. he was concerned about his son's safety
- B. he wanted to help his son build up courage
- C. he didn't want to meet his son at the doorway
- D. he didn't think his son was old enough to walk alone

【4】Which of the following can be the best title for the text?

- A. Riding Bus Alone. B. My College Life.
- C. Terrible Journey Home. D. My Father's Secret.

3. 阅读理解

World Book Day falls on April 23rd every year, but do you know that it is also Shakespeare Day? Everybody may have heard of Shakespeare, but do you know how many plays he wrote?

Shakespeare's plays have three kinds: tragedies, comedies and histories. His most famous play is the tragic story of Romeo and Juliet, which deals with two young lovers who are not allowed to marry by their parents. Other tragedies include Hamlet, Othello, and Macbeth.

Shakespeare's comedies include Much Ado About Nothing, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Twelfth Night. Twelfth Night is a play about unclear identities. Two twins are shipwrecked (遭海难) and the sister, Viola, dresses up as her brother, Sebastian, who she thinks is dead. It's funny, because the brother reappears and there's a