

### 1. 阅读理解

How to become a conservation officer: Jade's story

Part 1: Jade's story

Hi, I'm Jade. I'm 20 years old and I'm an apprentice conservation officer.

Conservation is protecting the natural environment and trying to make it thrive and flourish as much as possible. My job really is to try and get as many people engaged in nature as possible and doing an apprenticeship like this, which is so diverse, really means that I can try every different area of this job out and see which fits me the best. And it means that I also get paid at the same time. I've always been a massive animal lover. I love being so close to them and observing the behaviours and I love the enthusiasm.

This job has helped me vastly from day-to-day stress and anxiety, to just general happiness, I'm in such a better place because of it. I'm working with so many amazing supportive people and I really couldn't be happier right now!

Part 2: What to expect if you want to be a conservation officer

When Jade finishes her apprenticeship, she will be a conservation officer. A role similar to Jade's is a countryside officer.

Countryside officer salary: £18,000 to £50,000 per year

Countryside officer working hours: 39 to 41 hours per week

Typical entry requirements: To do an advanced apprenticeship in environmental conservation like Jade's, you'll usually need 5 General Certificates of Secondary Education or equivalent at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), including English and Maths. Paid or unpaid work experience can be very useful when applying for jobs. Organisations like the Conservation Volunteers, the National Trust and the Wildlife Trusts offer training for volunteers.

【1】In what ways does the job help Jade?

- A. By providing her with one-on-one training.
- B. By improving her confidence in protecting nature.
- C. By helping her relieve the pressure and stress.
- D. By training her in finding different types of jobs.

【2】Why does the text mention the countryside officer salary?

- A. Because it can attach importance to the job.
- B. Because it can call on people to apply for the job.
- C. Because it can show the popularity of the job.
- D. Because it can remind people to protect nature.

【3】How can you become a conservation officer?

- A. Grade 9 to 4 (A\* to C) in English or Maths.
- B. Have paid or unpaid work experience.
- C. Get 5 General Certificates of Secondary Education.
- D. Volunteer in organisations like the Wildlife Trusts.

### 2. 阅读理解

It's 1944, in occupied Paris. Four friends spend their days in an arrow room atop a Left Bank apartment building. The neighbors think they're painters — a cover story to explain the chemical smell. In fact, the friends are members of a Jewish resistance cell. They're operating a secret laboratory to make false passports for children and families about to be deported to concentration camps (集中营). The youngest member of the group, the lab's technical director, is practically a child himself. Adolfo Kaminsky, age 18.

In the summer of 1943, he and his family were arrested and sent to Drancy, the internment camp for Jews near Paris that was the last stop before the death camps. This time, their passports saved them. Argentina's government protested the family's detention, so they stayed at Drancy for three months, while thousands of others were swiftly sent on to die. The Kaminskys were eventually freed, but they weren't safe in Paris, where Jews were under constant threat of arrest.

To survive they would have to go underground. Kaminsky's father arranged to get false papers from a Jewish resistance group, and sent Kaminsky to pick them up.

When the agent told Kaminsky that they were struggling to erase a certain blue ink from the documents, he advised using lactic acid, a trick he'd learned at the dairy. It worked, and he was invited to join the resistance. Kaminsky's cell was one of many. Historians estimated that France's Jewish resistance networks together saved 7,000 to 10,000 children.

Kaminsky never took a penny from forging. He thought the money would ruin his belief. He made a living by taking some commercial photos. To this day, 94-year-old Kaminsky feels guilty he survived the Holocaust, in despite of the fact that his remarkable work as a forger during World War II saved the lives of thousands of Jews. "I saved lives because I can't deal with unnecessary deaths — I just can't. All humans are equal, whatever their origins, their beliefs, their skin color."

【1】What is the main duty of the Jewish resistance cell?

- A. To provide an apartment building for painters.
- B. To protect Jewish people from being killed.
- C. To make fake identities for all families.
- D. To train students to operate laboratories.

【2】What happened to Kaminsky in 1943?

- A. He was sent to a concentration camp.
- B. He moved to live in Argentina.
- C. He was swiftly sent on to die.
- D. He protested his family's detention.

【3】Which of the following words can best describe Kaminsky?

- A. Enthusiastic and gentle.
- B. Expressive and humble.
- C. Disciplined and modest.
- D. Courageous and helpful.

【4】What does the story intend to tell us?

- A. Don't raise the white flag quite yet.
- B. You want to get rough, we can get rough.
- C. There is always a bit of light even in the darkness.
- D. No-one hits the bull's-eye with the first arrow.

### 3. 阅读理解

On January 27th, in order to win the new pneumonia Resistance War (抗击新型肺炎战), the Ministry of Education issued a notice on putting off the start time of school in spring 2020. It was said that school should not start before February 17th. The exact start time of school will depend on situations and further notices.