

1. 阅读理解

Since it first opened after four years of construction in 1937 at a cost of \$27 million, the Golden Gate Bridge has made its appearance in films and poetry. CNN Travel spent a day climbing into and around the bridge, learning these secrets from the people who know and love it best.

Why is it called the Golden Gate Bridge? It's not golden.

"The Golden Gate Bridge gets its name because it spans what is called the Golden Gate Strait," said Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, spokesman for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, which operates the bridge. It's a three-mile-long and one-mile-wide body of water that connects the Pacific Ocean to the San Francisco Bay.

What color is the bridge? It looks red.

"It's not red, although you're not crazy to think so. Visitors all call it red," said Russell. "Back in the day, the US Navy, then part of the War Department, oversaw the waterways and wanted to paint this bridge black and yellow for high visibility," said fellow painter Jarrod Bauer. "They ended up mixing paint to create the color International Orange, which is similar to the color of red lead," he said.

Does the bridge get entirely painted every year?

No, and it doesn't need to be. It's true that the top coat has been fully repainted over time with new and environmentally-improved International Orange top coats.

Who performs bridge rescues?

McVeigh and his fellow ironworkers, the so-called "Cowboys of the Sky", have that responsibility. McVeigh has lost count of how many troubled souls he's been called to rescue over the past 17 years.

In September in 2018, the bridge started constructing a suicide(自杀) prevention system, also known as the safety net, to keep people from jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. It's expected to be completed in 2021.

【1】What's the true color of the Golden Gate Bridge?

A.Red. B.Red lead.

C.Black and yellow. D.International Orange.

【2】Who can probably be called a hero on the Golden Gate Bridge?

A.McVeigh. B.Jarrod Bauer.

C.Russell. D.Paolo.

【3】What can we know about the Golden Gate Bridge?

A.It is safer now because of the safety net.

B.It got its name because of its color.

C.It took much time and money to be built.

D.It needs to be repainted once a year.

2.

If you were asked to imagine a scientist, what image would come to your mind? The idea that most of the kids have is a man wearing a white lab coat with messy hair, big glasses, and cups of colorful liquids giving off clouds of smoke. As for adults, the majority regard scientists as strange people who spend a lot of time working in a lonely lab. However, the reality is quite different.

Recently I've had a chance to take part in a scientific experience far from my lab and into Costa Rica. It has a large amount of wildlife due to its geographical placement between North and South America. It is home to more than 500,000 species (物种), which represents nearly 4% of the species worldwide!

First we worked to protect wildlife at a leatherback turtle (棱皮龟) protection center. We helped the volunteers to remove rubbish from the beach to create a safe environment for turtle eggs to come out. After that we stayed at Mount Arenal where we studied seismic (地壳的) activity relating to earthquakes. During our stay at Arenal, we rode over the mountainous areas and took a long walk through the rainforest. On the last day we got a professional introduction of rocket (火箭) science and learned about new rocket technology that will be used on the international space station.

During my Costa Rica experience, I know that being a scientist doesn't mean working in a lab all day and night. A scientist is the one who loves learning and getting a better understanding of the world from helping protect wildlife, learning about earthquakes or inventing rockets. I think that science is so much more than wearing a lab coat and mixing chemicals. Kids need to be aware of the excitement and adventures science can bring!

【1】According to Paragraph 1, scientists are often believed _____.

A.to do experiments in messy labs B.to spend too much time in labs

C.to wear clothes in a different way D.to work in dangerous conditions

【2】In Costa Rica, the author _____.

A.experienced an earthquake B.took part in rocket experiments

C.picked up rubbish on the beach D.helped the volunteers collect turtle eggs

【3】What does the author learn about science from his experience?

A.Science is full of boring experiments.

B.Science is related to chemical liquids.

C.Science is more than working in a lab.

D.Science is about wildlife and earthquakes.

【4】What is the best title for the passage?

A.What a Scientist Is Like B.Where a Scientist Works

C.How I Traveled in Costa Rica D.Why I Chose to Study Science

3. 阅读理解

Sam is a fourth-year student at Harvard Medical School, but poetry is still a big part of his life, now with a new teacher, Rafael Campo, who believes poetry can benefit every doctor's education and work. Rafael is a physician, professor and a highly respected poet.

"Poetry is in every encounter(邂逅) with my patients. I think healing is really in a very great way about poetry. And if we do anything when we're with our patients, we're really immersing(使沉浸于) ourselves in their stories, really hearing their voices. And, certainly, that's what a poem does," he said.

Rafael worries that something important has been lost in medicine and medical education today: humanity, which he finds in poetry. To end that, he leads a weekly reading and writing workshop for medical students and residents(住院医师).

He thinks medical training focuses too much on distancing the doctor from his or her patients, and poems can help close that gap.

Third-year resident Andrea Schwartz was one of the workshop regulars. She said, "I think there's no other profession other than medicine that produces as many writers as it does. And I think that is because there's just so much power in doctors and patients interacting when patients are at their saddest." Not everyone believes that's what