

## 成都市网上考试练习

### 1. 阅读理解

Books to Read in Your 20s

The Kite Runner

By Khaled Hosseini

As a Middle Eastern and North African Studies student, I have a great interest in books about what takes place in this area. I first read this book in high school and really enjoyed it because of its accurate language. If any of you is interested in reading this book and hasn't yet, I highly recommend (推荐) it.

Firefly Lane

By Kristin Hannah

This is my favorite book. It is a story about friendship, love and life lessons. The story covers the lives of two best friends, Tully and Kate, from childhood to adulthood. I learned so much about friendship and life. So, read Firefly Lane! You'll laugh, you'll cry, and then you'll share this book to your best friend.

Half the Sky

By Nicholas Kristof

For any person of any age, Half the Sky is a must-read. It describes the struggle of women and the most pressing human rights problems of our time: the common oppression of women and girls.

The Little Prince

By Antoine de Saint

This children's book is simple. It might seem like a wrong book to recommend to someone in their twenties but perhaps that's what makes it a good choice. It sings praises to exploration and shows the importance of making friends.

【1】Who is the writer of the book The Kite Runner?

- A.Khaled Hosseini. B.Kristin Hannah.  
C.Nicholas Kristof. D.Antoine de Saint.

【2】What can you learn from Firefly Lane?

- A.It's written by Tully and Kate. B.It's about friendship, love and life lessons.  
C.It's a simple book for children. D.It's a book written for any person of any age.

【3】Which book will you read if you want to know about human rights problems?

- A.The Kite Runner. B.Firefly Lane.  
C.Half the Sky. D.The Little Prince.

### 2. 阅读理解

In many ways, Alma Deutscher is like other 11-year-olds. She loves to climb trees, dance, read, and draw. But Alma, who lives in Dorking, England, has made one very special achievement. She has composed a full opera and brought it to the stage. Her opera, a retelling of Cinderella (灰姑娘), premiered (首次演出) in December 2016, in Vienna, Austria.

"I've loved Cinderella since I was 3," Alma said. But she felt the story needed an improvement. "I didn't like the thing about the shoe," she says. "Why should the prince find her because of her feet?"

In Alma's version (版本), Cinderella is a composer. She creates a melody (旋律) that she sings to the prince before fleeing the ball. "He remembers the beginning but not how it went on," Alma says. The prince realizes that only Cinderella would know how the melody continues. He uses that knowledge to find her.

Alma began writing the opera when she was 8. It premiered on December 29, 2016, and the audience stood up and cheered. Alma played the piano and violin and performed in the show. "It was something that was completely inside my head, in my imagination, and then it came to life," Alma says.

Alma says she is sure that music will remain a major part of her life. "I have lots of things that I want to compose," she says. "The first one is a piano concerto (协奏曲). Then I'm writing a novel, and I want to write a movie based on it, and the music for that."

She also has advice for kids who want to achieve their big dreams. "It's a lot of work to reach a high level," Alma says. "But if you love what you are doing, it doesn't feel like hard work. Don't let anyone stop you from doing it."

【1】What does the author mostly want to tell us about Alma Deutscher in Paragraph 1?

- A.She is a cute girl. B.She lives in Vienna Austria.  
C.She has a special music talent. D.She is always ready to help others.

【2】What can we learn from Alma's version of Cinderella?

- A.The prince knows how the melody continues.  
B.The prince finds Cinderella because of a melody.  
C.The prince finds Cinderella because of her shoes.  
D.The prince sings a melody to Cinderella before her fleeing the ball.

【3】How was the performance of Alma's Opera Cinderella?

- A.It was a great success. B.It disappointed the audience.  
C.It set a good example for other kids. D.It was something in Alma's imagination.

【4】What can we learn from Alma's advice to other kids in the last paragraph?

- A.Knowledge is power. B.A good beginning is half done.  
C.Failure is the mother of success. D.Nothing is difficult if you're enthusiastic.

### 3. 阅读理解

I was telling my boy Sonny the story of the hare and the tortoise. In the end, I said, "Son, remember: Be slow and steady, and that will win the race. Don't you think there's something to learn from the tortoise?"

Sonny opened his eyes wide, "Do you mean next time when I'm entering for the 60-metre race I should wish that Billy, Tony and Sandy would all fall asleep halfway?"

I was shocked, "But the tortoise didn't wish that the hare would fall asleep!"

"He must have wished that," Sonny said, "Otherwise how could he be so foolish as to race with the hare? He knew very well the hare ran a hundred times faster than he himself did."

"He didn't have such a wish," I insisted. "He won the race by perseverance (坚忍不拔的), by pushing on steadily."

Sonny thought a while. "That's a lie," he said. "He won it because he was lucky. If the hare hadn't happened to fall asleep, the tortoise would never have won the race. He could be as steady as you like, or a hundred times steadier, but he'd never have won the race. That's for sure."

I gave up. Today's children are not like what we used to be. They're just hopeless.