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There are many oceans and lakes in the United States where you can gain unexpected experiences. Here are some of most stunning ones found throughout the United States.

Ocracoke Beach, North Carolina

Ocracoke Island has 16 miles of undeveloped sandy shoreline. It is a barrier island of the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and it is a part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Ocracoke is fairly remote and can only be reached by public ferry, private boat or private plane. The beach is perfect for swimming, fishing, surfing, sunbathing, fishing and even camping. Certain portions of the beautiful sandy beach can be enjoyed by off-road vehicles.

Sand Beach, Maine

Located on Mt. Desert Island, Sand Beach offers visitors to Maine an amazing beach destination. Visitors to Acadia National Park have the opportunity to enjoy all of the beauty and excitement of this park. This beach is wonderfully sandy and is even a safe place to enjoy swimming. Bordered on both sides by rocky headlands, visitors can also appreciate the tide pools as well as some unique wildlife living in the headlines.

Poipu Beach, Kauai, Hawaii

Widely considered to be one of the most beautiful beaches in the United States if not the world, Poipu Beach is located on the south shore of Kauai and is part of Poipu Beach Park. The beach is composed of a string of golden sandy crescent shaped beaches. Visitors to Poipu can have hours of fun snorkeling, boogie-boarding, swimming, and surfing. The best surfing spots are located slightly offshore, the reef establishes wavebreaks which make good surfing for surfers of all experience levels.

South Ocean Beach, Maryland

Located on the fascinating Assateague Island, South Ocean Beach is a beautiful Atlantic coast beach. This shoreline is drivable, giving visitors the opportunities to enjoy all the miles of the beach and all of the activities of the beach, South Ocean Beach even offers some fantastic surfing conditions in the region as well.

【1】What can visitors do when they're in Sand Beach, Maine?

- A. Enjoy rare species. B. Go camping.  
C. Take a walk. D. Watch a game.

【2】What kind of transportation is favored when you visit South Ocean Beach, Maryland?

- A. On foot. B. Hiring a ferry.  
C. By car. D. Riding a bike.

【3】Who will be enthusiastic about the text?

- A. Bird watchers. B. Beach lovers.  
C. Fashion designers. D. Landscape architects.

2.

My father and several volunteers from the church gathered every day in the park to feed the hungry. I really didn't understand why my father bothered to do it.

One Saturday I couldn't wait for him to leave. However, it didn't take long for my plans to change and my happiness to dissolve.

"I'm going to need your help today. Some of the others that usually help me won't be able to make it."

"Dad, I can't today," I complained. "I have plans, television, friends, shopping, and I was maybe going to go to the pool."

I murmured, "It's not like I have a life." My voice was so low that he didn't hear what I said.

This was going to be the worst day ever. My dad always drove the church van, which also contained clothes and small bags filled with personal items such as combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

When we arrived at the park, people were already gathered under a tree waiting for us. I couldn't believe how many people were there, and all of them were homeless. I was surprised to learn my dad knew most of them by name. He also seemed to know what each one needed and what they had suffered to land them on the street. One old man called Adonis told me if it hadn't been for my father he didn't think he would have found Jesus.

When everyone was gone, we loaded things back into the van. Now I understood why my father did so much to help the homeless. I could tell he loved seeing their smiles of happiness. I did too.

That day with my dad taught me that there will always be someone smarter, prettier, or richer than me, and there will also always be someone less fortunate. The difference is in the individual willing to take the opportunity to help others, even if it means sacrificing something of their own.

【1】What did the author expect of his initial Saturday?

- A. It was occupied with his homework.  
B. It was a whole Saturday by himself.  
C. It was a great day to do volunteer work.  
D. It was a good chance to help his father.

【2】What does the underlined word "murmured" in Paragraph 5 mean?

- A. Regretted. B. Screamed. C. Whispered. D. Maddened.

【3】What was Adonis' attitude towards the author's father?

- A. Sympathetic. B. Appreciative.  
C. Ashamed. D. Pitiful.

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

- A. Finding My Light B. Following My Heart  
C. Showing Sympathy D. Feeding the Soul

3.

Do you remember your very first day at school? For most of us, it was so exciting to meet a teacher for the first time. It was great fun to have new classmates and a real desk to sit at.

For children this year, it'll still feel thrilling for the students to be in a new environment. However, the students should wear a special uniform. It might also be a little scary to be sitting at a desk surrounded by strange plastic screens as a six-year-old.

There are two Florida teachers who have figured out a way to make those plastic dividers — installed on desks to keep a safe distance during the age of COVID-19 — less nerve-racking, and more totally, joyfully brilliant.

First-grade teachers Patricia Dovi and Kim Martin, of St. Barnabas Episcopal School in DeLand, Florida have turned coronavirus dividers into the windshields and windows of, yes, Jeeps.

"Anything that we can do to add some silliness and some creativity to get them excited is going to be really important in the longevity of this school year," Dovi told Insider.