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Shakespeare once wrote that all the world is a stage, but these days it's more like a movie set. Get to know some films to find fantastic film locations(地点) you should check out on your travels.

The Sound of Music

Austria's hills are certainly alive with the sound of music and tourists. Mozart may have been born in Salzburg, but The Sound of Music really put it on the map and now about 70 percent of people visit it because of the movie. Cross Residenzplatz Square and visit the Palace of Leopoldskron where the children in the film fell into the lake. Troy

Although the Palace of Troy was filmed on sets built at Shepperton Studios in the UK, most of the 2004 movie was shot in Malta and Baja California, Mexico. Malta with historic sites and beautiful blue waters was a good choice to replace Greece. Troy was shot at a host of locations, including Golden Bay, Hal Far as well as Fort Ricasoli (where the city of Troy was constructed). The Trojan horse from the film is now lying on the waterfront in Canakkale, Turkey.

Bridget Jones's Diary

Bridget Jones is brought to life as we watch the work and romance in London. Her special corner flat is above the Globe Tavern by Borough Market, one of the city's oldest and biggest food markets. According to The Telegraph, it would be highly unlikely that she could afford to buy a place like that today since it has risen in value by more than 240 percent.

Harry Potter

J. K. Rowling started writing the Harry Potter books while she was living in Edinburgh, Scotland, so it's no surprise that she set most of the story there. The Hogwarts Express travels through the Scottish Highlands and along the 31 meters high Glenfinnan Viaduct. The second highest waterfall in the UK, Steil Falls can be seen during Quidditch matches.

【1】 What does the author mean by saying "Shakespeare once wrote that all the world is a stage, but these days it's more like a movie set"?

- A. More movies will need more sets.
- B. More and more films are being made.
- C. All the world has become a huge stage for arts.
- D. Many places have become famous because they were used as movie sets.

【2】 Which of the following films have background in more than one country?

- A. The Sound of Music. B. Troy.
- C. Bridget Jones's Diary. D. Harry Potter.

【3】 What do the last two films have in common?

- A. Both of them are mainly about romance.
- B. Both authors lived in the same house.
- C. Most of their stories were set in the UK.
- D. They cause the prices of houses to rise.

2.

Here are two interesting questions. Are you very happy with your life now? Are people happier as they get older? A study found that people generally become happier and experience less worry after age 50. In fact, it found that by the age of 85, people are happier with their life than they were at 18.

The finding came from a Gallup survey of more than 340,000 adults between the age of 18 and 85 in the United States.

Arthur Stone in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Stony Brook University in New York led the study. His team found that levels of stress were highest among adults between the ages of 22 and 25. Stress levels dropped sharply after people reached their fifties.

Happiness was highest among the youngest adults and those in their early seventies. But the people least likely to report feeling negative emotions were those in their seventies and eighties. The survey also found that men and women had similar emotional patterns as they grow older. However, women at all ages reported more sadness, stress and worry than men did.

The researchers also considered possible influences like having young children, being unemployed or being single. But they found that influences like these did not affect the levels of happiness and well-being related to age.

So why would happiness increase with age? One theory is that, as people get older, they become more thankful for what they have and have better control of their emotions. They also spend less time thinking about bad experiences.

The original goal of the study was to confirm the popular belief that aging is connected with increased sleep problems. The survey did find an increase during middle age, especially in women. But except for that, people reported that they felt their sleep quality improved as they got older.

【1】 Which age group of adults feel most stressful according to the study?

- A. The adults in their twenties. B. The adults in their fifties.
- C. The adults in their seventies. D. The adults in their eighties.

【2】 What can we conclude from the passage?

- A. People in their seventies enjoy the highest level of happiness.
- B. Stress levels will drop sharply when people are becoming older.
- C. Young adults have low level of stress because they are healthier.
- D. Women of all ages are more likely to be in negative emotion than men.

【3】 Which of the following may be the possible reason why elder people are happier?

- A. Because elder people have enough money to spend.
- B. Because elder people are more thankful with their life.
- C. Because elder people don't have to work hard every day.
- D. Because elder spend more time considering bad experiences.

【4】 Which is TRUE according to the finding of the study?

- A. There is connection of sleep and happiness.
- B. Aging is connected with increased sleep problems.
- C. The older people are becoming, the worse sleep quality they have.
- D. Sleep quality will drop during middle age but then will improve as they get older.

3.

If you don't use it, you lose it. At least, that's how the old saying goes. It refers to the idea that something which does not get used regularly quickly falls into a state of