

浙江省名校协作体2021-2022年高二前半期开学考试英语在线测验完整版

1.

Isabel Allende was born on August 2, 1942, in Lima, Peru. Her parents were both from Chile, where their families had held a great deal of political influence. Not only was Isabel's godfather once the president of Chile, but her father and her stepfather were both important diplomats. Despite her connection to political power, Isabel's childhood was not easy. At the age of two, Isabel's biological father abandoned her family, which forced them to live with her grandparents in Chile. During this time, she was exposed to her grandmothers love for astrology (占星术) and storytelling, which influenced her writing in the future. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Isabel Allende worked as a journalist, writing for both magazines and television. After her godfather, President Salvador Allende, lost power and was murdered in 1973, Isabel and her family left Chile because they felt it was too dangerous to remain under the rule of Augusto Pinochet, the new, cruel leader of Chile. For thirteen years, Isabel and her family lived in Venezuela, where she began to write fiction.

She used personal experiences to inspire her writing throughout her career. In fact, many of her novels are based on personal life events. In 1985, Isabel Allende published her first novel called *The House of the Spirits*. This bestselling novel was inspired by a letter Isabel wrote in 1981 to her ill grandfather. The novel turned out to be a story about two Chilean families whose lives are changed because of a military coup. One of her later novels, *Paula* (1994), is about her daughter, who passed away from a rare disease at a young age.

Isabel Allende has won many awards for her bold and creative writing. Not only has she won the Chilean National Prize for Literature in 2010, but she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2014.

【1】Who should be responsible for Isabel's hard childhood life?

- A. Her stepfather. B. Her father.
C. Her grandfather. D. Her godfather.

【2】According to the text, all the followings influenced Isabel's writing except .

- A. her own personality B. her family background
C. her grandmothers passion D. her personal life experiences

【3】Where is the text probably from?

- A. A news report. B. A guidebook. C. A biography. D. A book review.

2.

I like being 100% stimulant free—no coffee, caffeinated tea, chocolate, caffeinated soda, etc. I base this on lots of personal experimentation. I've gone some years of my life with no stimulants, and I've also gone for a long time consuming coffee daily. The two modes of living are totally different.

Caffeine tends to make me obsess more over minor tasks and lose focus on big picture goals. When I consume coffee daily, I'll check email more often. I'll spend more time on social media. I'll web surf more. I'll spend more time organizing and reorganizing instead of moving the needle forward on big projects. I'll feel extra busy but have less to show for it.

Stimulants always exhaust me eventually, especially after months of daily use. I can't seem to make good progress on bigger projects, and I can tell that my mind is becoming too chaotic. I might spend 8 hours at my desk and get 90 minutes of important work done. I know I am at the point when I need to take at least several weeks off.

I love the taste of coffee, and it's delightful to drink a cup of it, but I've learned that I can't really have any