

1. 阅读理解

Smart Kids Festival Events

Smart Kids is a collection of one hundred events scheduled in October. This year, it is experimenting with Pay What You Decide (PWYD). That is, you can decide to pay what you want to or can afford, after you have attended an event. You can pre-book events without paying for a ticket in advance. Here are some of the director's picks.

Walk on the Wild Side

Not ticketed, Free

Join storyteller Sarah Law to hear science stories about animals. Along the way you'll meet all sorts of beautiful creatures and discover life cycles and food chains. Best suited to children aged 5-9. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Introduction to Waves

Pre-book, PWYD

Subjects range from sound waves to gravity waves, and from waves of light to crashing waves on the ocean. Mike Goldsmith explores the fundamental features shared by all waves in the natural world.

Science in the Field

Not ticketed, Free

This storytelling night features a scientist sharing his favourite memories of gathering first-hand data on various field trips. Come along for inspiring and informative stories straight from the scientist's mouth. Join Mark Samuels to find out more in this fun-filled workshop.

Festival Dinner

Pre-book, £25 per person

Whether you want to explore more about food, or just fancy a talk over a meal, join us to mark the first science festival in London. Which foods should you eat to trick your brain into thinking that you are full? Find out more from Tom Crawford.

【1】In which event can you decide the payment?

- A. Walk on the Wild Side
- B. Introduction to Waves
- C. Science in the Field
- D. Festival Dinner

【2】Who will talk about experiences of collecting direct data?

- A. Sarah Law.
- B. Mike Goldsmith.
- C. Mark Samuels.
- D. Tom Crawford.

【3】What do the four events have in common?

- A. Family-based.
- B. Science-themed.
- C. Picked by children.
- D. Filled with adventures.

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"Is this making us old or keeping us young?" my husband asked as he lifted the three heavy backpacks from the canoe.

"I don't know, I replied. The heat and mosquitoes were getting to me, and I was wondering whether we were crazy to have started a canoe trip during the hottest week of the summer. But even in fall, our canoe trips ---- while certainly cooler --- are no easier.

I've always loved getting away from civilization to enjoy the peace of nature, to be on a news blackout(中断)and to reflect on the past year and the year to come, which is why we've been doing this regularly for most of the 38 years we've been together.

Now as we're getting older, it's getting harder-aching knees, aching feet, aching backs. So, we're changing our habits. Instead of extreme whitewater trips in the far north, we're going on lake trips closer by. Instead of pulling on the heavy pack myself and rising from a sitting position, my husband lifts it up while I thread my arms through the belts. Along the way, I might stop to admire the green plants beside the path or feel the soft surfaces of the moss, and my husband is usually waiting at the other end, wondering why it's taken me so long. During the night, we no longer stay up late to see the stars. Instead, we now get into the tent by 9 p. m. ---exhausted after one day's hard work --- and drift to sleep listening to birds sorrowful call.

Over the years, my canoe-tripping experience has evolved to focus less on the physical and more on the abstract things. Like a solar battery, I store up the energy I absorb from the forest, rocks and waters to help me through the rest of the year. The rhythm of paddling becomes a process of deep thinking rather than an endurance test.

"How long can we continue doing this?" asked my husband at the end of the last trip.

"I don't know," I answered, but inside, I thought: "As long as our bodies and minds hold out. I hope forever."

【1】According to the passage, the author and her husband's canoe trips _____.

- A. were difficult to complete
- B. had made the couple crazy
- C. made the couple look younger than their age
- D. became dangerous because of the summer heat

【2】By writing "we no longer stay up late to see the stars", the author wishes to show that _____.

- A. the stars are not beautiful any more
- B. birds night call is more attractive now
- C. their habits have changed over the years
- D. they are too tired to do the same things

【3】What can be the best title for the text?

- A. An Unforgettable Trip
- B. My Trip with My Husband
- C. Life Is a Hard Trip
- D. Love for Canoe Trips

3. 阅读理解

Millions of Americans sit behind a computer screen, chained to their desk all day because the vast majority of stable, high-paying professions are "office jobs". However, having a successful career does not require you to sit behind a desk and plug away at a computer all day.

In fact, there are a large number of non-desk jobs in a variety of industries that are growing and offering workers a direct path to the middle class, according to a new