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There are many superstitions(迷信) in Britain, but one of the most widelyheld is that it is unlucky to walk under a ladder—even if it means stepping off the pavement into a busy street!

①Walking under a ladder

If you must walk under a ladder you can avoid bad luck by crossing your fingers and keeping them crossed until you've seen a dog. Alternatively, you must lick your finger and make a cross on the toe of your shoe, and not look again at the shoe until the mark has dried.

②Umbrella

Another common superstition is that it is unlucky to open an umbrella in the house—it will either bring misfortune to the person that opened it or to the household. The superstition could date from the old time when its purpose was to act as a sunshade. If opened indoors, it might be considered to be an attack on the sun. Anyone opening an umbrella indoors in fine weather is unpopular, as it inevitably brings rain!

③Number 13

The number 13 is said to be unlucky for some, and when the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month falls on a Friday, anyone wishing to avoid an inauspicious event had better stay indoors.

④Seven years bad luck

The worst misfortune that can befall you is caused by breaking a mirror, as it brings seven years of bad luck! The superstition is supposed to have originated in ancient times, when mirrors were considered to be tools of the gods.

⑤Black cat

In the UK, black cats are generally considered lucky in the UK, even though they are connected with witchcraft(巫术): You are said to be lucky if a black cat crosses your path.

1. Which experience is considered to be lucky according to the passage?

- A. walking under a ladder
- B. opening an umbrella in the house
- C. breaking a mirror
- D. a black cat crossing your path

2. Which of the followings is RIGHT in UK according to the passage?

- A. Opening an umbrella in the rain is not acceptable or unpopular.
- B. Black cats are generally considered unlucky because they have something with witchcraft.
- C. Bad luck brought by walking under a ladder cannot be avoided using certain ways.
- D. If you are to open a clothes store on May 13 in Britain, you had better change the date.

3. Which two superstitions are related to history?...

- A. ①② B. ②④
- C. ④⑤ D. ③④