

福建省南安一中2021-2022学年高二上学期第一阶段（10月）考试英语试卷 Word
版含答案

1. _____

In 1997, Mary gave a present of \$ 500, 000 to the University of Southern Mississippi. She wanted to help poor students. It was a very generous thing to do. But her friends and neighbors were surprised. Mary was a good woman. She went to church. She was always friendly and helpful. But everyone in her town knew that Mary was not rich. In fact, she was poor.

How did a poor 89-year-old woman have so much money? Mary was born in 1908 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She had to leave school when she was eight years old to help her family. She took a job washing clothes. She earned only a few dollars a day. She washed the clothes by hand. Then she hung the clothes to dry. She did this for nearly 80 years. In the 1960s, she bought an automatic washer and dryer. But she gave them away. She did not think they got the clothes clean enough! At that time, many people started to buy their own washers and dryers. Mary did not have much work, so she started to iron clothes instead.

Mary never married nor had children. Her life was very simple. She went to work and to church. She read her Bible. She had a black-and-white television. But she did not watch it very much. It had only one channel.

Mary saved money all her life and eventually had about \$ 800, 000. When she was 89, a lawyer helped her make a will. She left the money to the church, her relatives and the university. Mary wanted to help others. She did not think she was a special person. But then people found out about her present to the university. She received many honors. She even flew in an airplane for the first time! Mary died in 1999. She was a shy and ordinary woman who became famous.

21. Mary gave \$ 500, 000 to the University of Southern Mississippi _____.

- A. to surprise her friends and neighbors
- B. to help the poor students
- C. to prove she was a rich woman
- D. to show her generosity

22. From the passage we can learn that _____.

- A. Mary left school young to help support her family
- B. Mary's parents asked her to wash clothes for others
- C. an automatic washer and dryer were too expensive for her
- D. Mary started to iron clothes because she didn't get other skills

23. Which of the following tells us Mary lived a very simple life?