

1. 阅读理解

John H. Johnson was born in a black family in Arkansas city in 1918. His father died in an accident when John was six. He was reaching the high school age, but his hometown offered no high school for blacks.

Fortunately he had a strong-willed caring mother. John remembered that his mother told him many times, "Son, you can be anything you want really to be if you just believe. "She told him not to depend on others, including his mother. "You have to earn success," she said. "All the people who work hard don't succeed, but the only people who do succeed are those who work hard."

These words came from a woman with less than a third grade education. She also knew that believing hard work don't mean everything. So she worked hard as a cook for two years to save enough to take her son, who was then 15, to Chicago.

Chicago in 1933 was not the promised land that black southerners were looking for. John's mother and stepfather could not find work. But here John could go to school, and here he learned the power of words - as an editor of the newspaper and yearbook at Du Sable High School his wish was to publish a magazine for blacks. While others discouraged him, John's mother offered him more words to live by. "Nothing beats a failure but a try." She also let him pawn (典当) her furniture to get the \$ 500 he needed to start the Negro magazine. It is natural that difficulties and failures followed John closely until he became very successful. He always keeps his mother's words in mind. "Son, failure is not in your vocabulary!"

Now John H. Johnson is one of the 400 richest people in America - worth \$ 150 million.

【1】 Why did John's mother decide to move to Chicago?

- A. his father died when John was very young
- B. life was too hard for them to stay on in their hometown
- C. John needed more education badly
- D. there were no schools for Negroes in their hometown

【2】 John's mother .

- A. didn't believe in or depend on others
- B. thought one could be whatever one wanted to be
- C. believed one would succeed without working hard
- D. thought no one could succeed without working hard

【3】 What does the underlined sentence "Nothing beats a failure but a try." mean?

- A. if you try, you would succeed
- B. a failure is difficult to beat, even if you try
- C. a try is always followed by a failure
- D. no failure can be beaten unless you try.

2. 阅读理解

Many people have long dreamed of being able to fly around as simply as riding a bicycle.

Yet the safety and strength of a flying bike was always a big problem. Over the past 10 years' developments in technology have moved the dream of personal flying vehicle closer to reality. Now, two groups of inventors say such vehicles may be available very soon.

Grant Stapleton from Malloy Aeronautics says the Hoverbike, which is able to get in and out of small spaces very quickly, will be a truly personal flying vehicle. "It can be moved across continents very quickly because it can be folded and packed," he adds.

Mr. Stapleton says safety was the company's main concern when developing the Hoverbike. He says the designers solved the safety issue by using overlapping rotors (折叠旋翼) to power the vehicle. The company is testing both a one-third size model and a full-size prototype (原型) of the Hoverbike.

Inventors say their Hoverbike will most likely be used first by the police and emergency rescue teams.

In New Zealand, the Martin Aircraft Company is also testing a full-size prototype of its personal flying bike, called Jetpack. It can fly for more than 30 minutes, up to 1,000 meters high and reach a speed of 74 kilometers per hour.

Peter Coker is the CEO of Martin Aircraft Company. He said Jetpack "is built around safety from the start." In his words, reliability is the most important part of it. We have safety built into the actual structure itself very similar to a Formula One racing car."

Jetpack uses a gasoline-powered engine that produces two powerful jet streams. Mr. Coker says it also has a parachute (降落伞) that can be used should there be an emergency.

"It opens at a very low altitude and actually saves both the aircraft and the pilot in an emergency," he adds.

【1】 Which of the following words can best describe the Hoverbike?

- A. Powerful. B. convenient
- C. graceful D. available.

【2】 What make (s) flying vehicles seem practical now?

- A. Modern technology. B. New safety rules.
- C. Love of cycling. D. Public concerns.

【3】 Who are expected to use the Hoverbike first?

- A. People who dream of flying. B. People who really love cycling.
- C. people who design the bike. D. People who serve public purposes.

3. 阅读理解

"Old wives tales" are beliefs passed down from one generation to another. For example, most of us remember our parents' telling us to eat more of certain foods of not to do certain things. Is there any truth in these teachings? Some of them agree with present medical thinking, but others have not passed the test of time.

Did your mother ever tell you to eat your carrots because they are good for your eyes? Scientists now report that eating carrots can help prevent a serious eye disease called macular degeneration. Eating just one carrot a day can reduce the possibility of getting this disease by 40%. Garlic (蒜) is good for you, too. It can kill the type of virus that causes colds.

Unfortunately, not all of Mom's advice passed the test of medical studies. For example, generations of children have been told not to go swimming within an hour after eating. But research suggests that there is no danger in doing so. Do sweets cause tooth problems? Well, yes and no. Sticky sweets made with grains tend to cause more problems than sweets made with simple sugars.

Even though science can tell us that some of our traditional beliefs don't hold water, there is still a lot of truth in the old wives' tales. After much of this knowledge has been accumulated (积累) from thousands of years of experience in family health care. We should respect this body of knowledge even as we search for clear scientific