

1. 阅读理解

Throughout most states of the USA, there are countless secret swimming holes, and following are 4 of them.

**Havasu Falls** This attractive waterfall in the Grand Canyon is undoubtedly a destination spot requiring a 10-mile walk to the falls, or make it on your own. The Havasu Falls are on the Havasupai Indian Reservation, which means you'll need to get a permit to visit — this has become (Arizona) increasingly difficult as more people discover this hidden place.

**Hamilton Pool** Hamilton Pool was created when an underground river's roof fell down suddenly; exposing what is now the swimming hole and creating a 50-foot waterfall that flows over the above limestone(石灰岩). You'll have to reserve beforehand to gain entry to the Hamilton Pool Preserve. (Austin)

**Chutes and Ladders** To get to this secret swimming hole, you'll have to take a rope 40 feet down the face of a cliff, and then climb down about 8 feet of lava rock to the pool. Once there, however, you'll be glad you made the journey. The swimming hole is on the edge of the ocean — a natural pool, you could say — with a depth (Maui) that invites you to jump in without crowds of people around to watch.

**Homestead Crater** The Homestead Crater is hidden under a rock dome(圆顶) with an opening at the top that allows for sunlight and air. It was once only accessible by that top opening, but there is now easy access through a side path for visitors. Go for a swim in this beautiful mineral water spring. (Utah)

【1】 People need an official written statement to visit \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.Havasu Falls B.Hamilton Pool  
C.Chutes and Ladders D.Homestead Crater

【2】 What do you need to get to Chutes and Ladders?

- A.A tour guide. B.An invitation.  
C.More outdoor skills. D.Reservation in advance.

【3】 Which of the following can best describe the four places?

- A.They are hidden in remote areas. B.They are shaped by limestone.  
C.They are created by local people. D.They are accessible through a hole.

2. 阅读理解

On my granddaughter Mary's 21st birthday, I sat with her and her expired (过期的) driver's license on a hard wooden bench at the DMV (the Department of Motor Vehicles), waiting for our number to be called. The broadcast system announced numbers to call ticket holders to reach the desk to take an eye test or renew a registration. I felt as though we were staying at a bingo game, waiting for the winning number to be called so we could jump up and collect the prize.

And on that bench, I had a thought: The seemingly ordinary events I've shared with my granddaughter were both my adventures and my rewards for just showing up. I grew up in an immigrant (移民) family in the suburb of Boston. A vacation for us was a bus trip to Central Square, with shopping bags filled with delicious foods like hard boiled eggs, followed by the muddy sand sucking our toes.

I looked forward to these small outings. It sounded boring to seek out the simple pleasures, but it was not. I traveled to remote islands, to Europe, and to many of America's cities. Those trips were refreshing, but they were breaks. I prefer the mainstream of the ordinary.

I like the day trips. But the most wonderful time was when Mary and I stayed in the reading room. We talked about her homework, and played the roles of two thinkers discussing the Enlightenment (启蒙运动). We had our private book club, reading A Prayer for Owen Meany and copying the voice of the main character.

All of these ordinary moments are more valuable than the time it will take to travel around the world. Many people love adventures, like skydiving or climbing Mount Everest. But that is not who I am. I don't need those adventure experiences. In the end, it turns out that just showing up is enough for me.

【1】 What was the author doing at the DMV according to Paragraph 1?

- A. Being with Mary to renew a license. B. Preparing to take a driving exam.  
C. Playing a bingo game with Mary. D. Celebrating Mary's 21st birthday.

【2】 Why does the author mention her childhood?

- A. To express her enthusiasm for traveling. B. To show her simple pleasures as a kid.  
C. To show her identity as an immigrant. D. To make a comparison with her life afterwards.

【3】 What can be implied about the author from the text?

- A. She was fond of reading by herself. B. She served as the best teacher for Mary.  
C. She had a good relationship with Mary. D. She was a sociable and caring grandmother.

【4】 What is the best title for the text?

- A. The unforgettable experience at DMV B. My pleasant childhood memories  
C. My life with my granddaughter D. Happiness from ordinary events

3.



In the movie Jurassic World (2015), a theme park filled with dinosaurs, was brought back from extinction through cloning.

Although the film is of course fictional, the methods used in it to bring animals back from the dead may soon become reality.

Scientists from Harvard University in the US are currently working on resurrecting the woolly mammoth, a mammal that became extinct around 4,000 years ago.