

### 1. 阅读理解

Along the river banks of the Amazon and the Orinoco there lives a bird that swims before it can fly, flies like a fat chicken, eats green leaves, has the stomach of a cow and has claws (爪) on its wings when young. They build their homes about 4.6m above the river, an important feature for the safety of the young. It is called the hoatzin. In appearance, the birds of both sexes look very much alike with brown on the back and cream and red on the underside. The head is small, with a large set of feathers on the top, bright red eyes, and blue skin. Its nearest relatives are the common birds, cuckoos. Its most striking feature, though, is only found in the young. Baby hoatzins have a claw on the leading edge of each wing and another at the end of each wing tip. Using these four claws, together with the beak (喙), they can climb about in the bushes, looking very much like primitive (远古的) birds must have done. When the young hoatzins have learned to fly, they lose their claws. During the drier months between December and March hoatzins fly about the forest in groups of 20 to 30 birds, but in April, when the rainy season begins, they collect together in smaller living units of two to seven birds for producing purposes.

【1】What is the text mainly about?

- A. Hoatzins in dry and rainy seasons.
- B. The relatives and enemies of hoatzins.
- C. Primitive birds and hoatzins of the Amazon.
- D. The appearance and living habits of hoatzins.

【2】Young hoatzins are different from their parents in that .

- A. they look like young cuckoos
- B. they have claws on the wings
- C. they eat a lot like a cow
- D. they live on river banks

【3】What can we infer about primitive birds from the text?

- A. They had claws to help them climb.
- B. They could fly long distances.
- C. They had four wings like hoatzins.
- D. They had a head with long feathers on the top.

【4】Why do hoatzins collect together in smaller groups when the rainy season comes?

- A. To find more food.
- B. To protect themselves better.
- C. To keep themselves warm.
- D. To produce their young.

### 2. 阅读理解

"I really wrote it for me, It was what I found funny and what I liked". Those are the words of J.K Rowling, author of the enormously popular "Harry Potter" books. The quote refers to the first in a series of novels featuring a young character who has carved out a permanent place for his creator in the world of children's literature. Joanne Kathleen Rowling was born in England in 1965, and wrote her first story at the age of six. She was in her mid-20s when the idea for the Harry Potter novels came to her, during a long train ride. By the end of that journey, she says, the character of Harry and the school for wizards which he attends were more or less fully formed in her mind.

It would be several years, however, before the novel was completed. By that time, Rowling had been through a failed marriage. Living on welfare as a single parent, she wrote about Harry Potter while sitting in an Edinburgh café with her daughter asleep beside her. She could not have dreamed of the fame and success which Harry would bring her in the years to come.

Harry Potter is not your average superhero. He is 12 years old, skinny, wears glasses, and tends to worry a lot. Yet, he has captured the imagination of children and adults the world over, and has introduced millions to the joys of reading.

Harry's appeal stems from his role as a very ordinary boy who finds himself in extraordinary situations. Orphaned as a baby, Harry spends the next 10 years being mistreated by the awful relatives with whom he lives. On his 11th birthday, he learns that he possesses magical powers and is admitted for training at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The adventures of Harry and his friends at the school are superbly narrated by J. K. Rowling. She manages to lead her millions of readers deep into the world of the supernatural, while at the same time dealing with the fears and emotions of the ordinary human world. Many feel that this is the real magic of Harry Potter.

【1】Joanne Kathleen Rowling wrote Harry Potter intentionally for \_\_\_\_

- A.herself. B.her husband.
- C.her daughter. D.becoming rich.

【2】According to the passage, which statement is TRUE?

- A.The novel was completed shortly after the journey in which she formed the outline .
- B.When she completed the novel, she had a very happy family with her husband loving her .
- C.When she was writing the novel, her daughter was being looked by her parents.
- D.When she was writing the novel, she was living a rather hard life.

【3】Why does the novel Harry Potter attracts so many readers ?It is because of \_\_\_\_

- A.J.K Rowling's vivid description of the world of the supernatural.
- B.Harry Potter 's role as a very ordinary boy who finds himself in extraordinary situations.
- C.dealing with fears and emotions of the ordinary human world.
- D.all of the above.

【4】What does the underlined word "narrated "mean ?

- A.give a lecture.
- B.give a written description of something.
- C.give a spoken description of something.
- D.tell somebody a story orally.

### 3. 阅读理解

Some people will do just about anything to save money. And I am one of them .Take my family's last vacation .It was my six-year-old son's winter break from school, and we were heading home from Fort Lauderdale after a weeklong trip. The flight was overbooked ,and Delta , the airline ,offered us \$400 per person in credits to give up