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PAPERBACKS

Lady in Waiting by Anne Glenconner (Hodder, £8.99).

A former lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret and maid of honour at the Queens coronation, Glenconner takes us behind the royal scenes in his irresistible, sometimes jaw-dropping memoir.

The Second-Worst Restaurant in France by Alexander McCall Smith (Polygon, £8.99).

In his second novel featuring the Scottish cookery writer Paul Stewart, McCall Smith is as witty and shrewd as ever.

Brothers in Arms by Geraint Jones (Pan, £8.99).

Vivid and candid stories of the war in Afghanistan from a British ex-soldier.

A Forget-Me-Not Summer by Sophie Clare (Hodder, £8.99).

Charming slice of escapist romance, set in Provence ----although this year the book may be more of a substitute for a summer holiday than an accompaniment to one.

The Golden Fleece by Esther Rutter (Granta, £9.99).

Thoroughly well-informed ---- to the point of slightly obsessive ---- account of history and present state of knitting in Britain.

【1】 Which books are published in the same company?

A.Lady in Waiting and The Second-Worst Restaurant in France

B.Brothers in Arms and The Golden Fleece

C.A Forget-Me-Not Summer and Lady in Waiting

D.The Golden Fleece and Brothers in Arms

【2】 What do you learn about the book by Alexander McCall Smith?

A.It's about a restaurant in France which is the second worst.

B.It tells us some jaw-dropping facts behind the royal scenes.

C.McCall Smith allows his characters to advance the story with wit.

D.It's the second novel of the writer on cookery.

【3】 Which of the following is WRONG according to the books listed above?

A.You cannot download the ebooks onto your phone.

B.Geraint Jones was once a British soldier in Afghanistan.

C.The Golden Fleece is a book on the knitting history of British.

D.A Forget-Me-Not Summer is only an accompaniment to one.

2.

One of the most important things that has happened to me occurred long before I was aware of it. As the story goes, I was three days old and Mom was singing "The Name Game" song to me: "Christine Bo-Bean-Banana-Fanna-Fo-Feen." By day four, I was given a new name ---- Christine-Bo-Bean, or just Bo-Bee to my mother. Now, I am Bo to her and close friends.

Why is this nickname (昵称) so important to me? I once read a book with a passage about True Names which explains that when a person's true name is spoken, she has a distinct aura (光环) around her. Although I have been Bo to my mother all my life, I recently discovered that my true name is not on my birth certificate; it's the name that is as unique and memorable as I am.

People usually know me as Christine. They still see me as a quiet, bookish child. They don't know who I am now. My most recent hopes, fears, goals, dreams and opinions escape their notice; it is easier to think of me as I was. In their minds, they have a box labeled "Christine" in which I fit neatly, and as Christine, I was content with the perfect packaging.

Those who call me Bo or Bo-Bee really know me. They remember who I was and realize I have changed. Bo is a tight squeeze in the old "Christine" boxes. The Bo I am is ever-changing, ever-growing and ever-learning.

When I was Christine, I was quiet, and easily scared. I feared groups, meeting new people and sharing my opinions. I was more comfortable with a book than my best friend. As Christine, I thought everyone was better than I was.

As Bo, I still love my books, but I want to discuss them. As Bo, my dream is to live where I can experience new things and meet new people. I dream about being alone on a stage lit by a single spotlight; I have that confidence now. I am equal to those I once saw as better than me.

A name shouldn't make such a difference, but sometimes, when a person finds his or her True Name, they develop a new shine visible to friends, family and especially themselves.

I can't always be Bo. Sometimes exposing myself is still scary and I feel too nervous; I want to hide in those old boxes. Mostly, however, I am ready for the world. So, just call me Bo.

【1】 When was the author given a nickname?

A.When her Mom sang the song. B.On the fourth day after she was born.

C.Seven days after she was born. D.When she received the old "Christine" box.

【2】 What does the underlined sentence imply do the people know about the author as Christine?

A.The author has to live in the old boxes.

B.The old boxes are not fit for the author any longer.

C.They don't know the author has changed her name.

D.People usually know the author as Christine but she has changed.

【3】 What kind of person was the author in the past?

A.She lacked confidence and preferred to be alone.

B.She took pleasure in finding new things.

C.She loved reading and sharing books with friends.

D.She showed no interest in reading.

【4】 What can be a suitable title for the text?

A.A Unique Name B.My True Name

C.Learning from Names D.Meaning of Nicknames

3.

Many businesses offer membership cards to clients(客户), promising that they will enjoy discounts, and the more they use the cards, the bigger the discounts will be. This