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Grant Museum of Zoology

Be warned: the museum of zoology isn't for the faint of heart. Elephant skulls, cries of animals, shark bones and halves of heads are among the thrilling exhibits on display. For added thrill, head to one of their evening events, like their regular 'Dead Life Drawing' sessions (8), where you can improve your drawing skills by drawing the exhibits.

Brunel Museum

Nearly 200 years ago, Isambard Kingdom Brunel started work on the Thames Tunnel. It opened in 1843, gathered a crowd of 50,000 Londoners on its first day, and has been a popular attraction ever since. At the Brunel Museum, you can learn the story behind this great work of Victorian engineering. Guided tours will take you into the huge entrance chamber.

Pollock's Toy Museum

Pollock's is named after Benjamin Pollock, the last of the Victorian toy theatre printers. In a pair of unrestored Fitzrovia townhouses, you'll find this collection dedicated to the world of play. And no, it's not all Barbies and Kens: you'll find some displays of board games, marbles, puppets, wax dolls, dolls' houses. Oh, and the world's oldest teddy bear, and an Ancient Egyptian toy mouse, made out of Nile clay.

Old Operating Theatre Museum

Restored with original fixtures and surgical instruments, the UK's oldest purpose-built operating theatre sits in an attic at the top of a Southwark church. Climb an unsteady wooden staircase, and you'll find yourself transported back to the world of nineteenth-century medicine, when surgery tended to involve things like saws.

【1】 You can attend a drawing session in _____.

- A. Grant Museum of Zoology
- B. Brunel Museum
- C. Pollock's Toy Museum
- D. Old Operating Theatre Museum

【2】 Which museum displays a collection of toys?

- A. The one opened in 1843.
- B. The one named after a person.
- C. The one hosting evening events.
- D. The one with a wooden staircase.

【3】 Where is Old Operating Theatre Museum?

- A. In a zoo.
- B. In a tunnel.
- C. In a church.
- D. In a townhouse.

2.

Leeny stood in the chicken coop (笼子), shovel in hand, smiling widely. She was not faking it: My 7-year-old daughter was having fun cleaning out the chicken coop. I was happy she was enjoying herself, but I'd meant the household work to be punishment for losing a library book. So, was I winning or losing at parenting?

Leeny always has her nose in a book. She even took to reading in the car on the long drive to summer camp, which was where she lost the book. This is the first lost library book in my life. My family has always been overeducated, but we were poor. I didn't own books. I borrowed books. However, my daughters have more books now than I owned my whole childhood and I knowingly contribute to it by adding to the stacks (堆). So it's probably my fault that when Leeny realized she had lost the book, she shrugged (耸肩) < "Sorry. I can't find it." My daughter said. "It's only \$20, right? What's the big deal?"

I felt the need to make her feel responsible for the book. She agreed to clean the chicken coop in trade for my paying the library fine. I thought this idea was very clever because cleaning the coop is some work I had been avoiding for months. It was summertime, and dust floated in the dry air.

But my girl, my animal-loving, mini-me, thought shoveling chicken poop (铲鸡粪) was the most fun she'd had on a Saturday morning in a long time. She did not feel any of the emotions that punishment is supposed to introduce. In fact, she looked as if she might lose another book on purpose in order to clean the coop again. I stood, somewhat dumbfounded (发愣的), watching her.

It took me a while to realize what had happened, why my punishment had failed completely and why I didn't care. The fact is that I had Leeny help me clean the chicken coop. I was there, too, shoveling chicken poop, fetching the clean straw and feed. Leeny's little sister, Vicki, was inside watching a cartoon while my husband paid bills.

Only Leeny and I were outside. She had me all to herself for the first time since Vicki was born, and she was enjoying all the attention for once. I don't know what she learned about responsibility, but I found that I didn't care about the book anymore. We bonded over that unpleasant job and spent quality time together: mother, daughter, and chicken poop.

【1】 How does Leeny find reading?

- A. It is very enjoyable.
- B. It is full of challenges.
- C. It inspires her to be a camper.
- D. It teaches her to love her family.

【2】 The underlined word "it" in Paragraph 2 refers to the fact that _____.

- A. the author didn't own any books
- B. the author's daughters own too many books
- C. the author's daughters often lost library books
- D. the author could never have enough books to read

【3】 How did the author feel after she saw Leeny's cleaning work?

- A. Worried.
- B. Ashamed.
- C. Astonished.
- D. Embarrassed.

【4】 What's the best title for the text?

- A. My punishment failed, but I didn't care
- B. What I owe to Leeny: much more attention
- C. My daughter drove me crazy, but I felt grateful