

1. 阅读理解

This year is considered as one of the hottest on record, but a genius cooling device in a tiny package is helping many to beat back the heat. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have already experienced the power of it.

What is it?

The device is ZenCooler developed by two German engineers who were tired of the increasingly hot and punishing weather. They realized that regular air conditioning technology was a far from the ideal solution, proving to be too inefficient, and expensive to be used practically on a daily basis. Therefore, they developed the new device that is both sleek, easy-to-use, and extremely powerful. Best of all, it's no bigger than the size of a lunchbox.

How does ZenCooler Work?

Simply fill it with water, plug it in and turn it on. Powered by a USB cable, it can be literally run off your smartphone, power bank, and laptop. In less than 60 seconds, you will be enjoying all the benefits of a ZenCooler air-conditioned room.

The Best Value for Your Money

With most AC units costing upwards of \$200 bare minimum, all the way up to thousands when you take installation and maintenance into consideration, ZenCooler is really a no brainer for the value you're getting. Right now, you can enjoy all the benefits and savings that ZenCooler offers, for an all-time low price of only \$89/unit which is an absolute steal when you are thinking about everything you're getting!

If that's not enough of a bargain, they are also offering multi-buy discounts for as low as \$49/unit available now.

Where can you buy ZenCooler?

Right now it's only available from ZenCooler's official website. Order now to lock in the best price! Click here to order your ZenCooler today.

【1】Which of the following is true according to the passage?

- A. Two German engineers developed ZenCooler because of the hot weather.
- B. The new device ZenCooler is smaller than a lunchbox.
- C. Simply filled with water, ZenCooler can work powerfully.
- D. You only can buy the device from ZenCooler's official website.

【2】How much would you spend buying a unit of ZenCooler now?

- A. \$200 B. \$89
- C. \$49 D. \$138

【3】Where can you find this article?

- A. In a magazine B. In a newspaper
- C. In a guidebook D. On a website

2. 阅读理解

Like many little school girls, Savannah Hart was given the chance to take home her class "pet" — in this case, a sweetly tattered(破烂的) toy monkey named Harriet.

What happened next could be the subject of a children's storybook: the 5-year-old from Australia took Harriet on a summer trip to Buckingham Palace when things went wrong.

While visiting Queen Elizabeth's home, the little girl misplaced the toy, and her family assumed(假定) that Harriet would be forever stuck at the bottom of the palace's lost property collection. But after a teacher at Savannah's school, Woodside Preschool in Australia, wrote a letter to the Queen to see if the well-worn Harriet could be located, determined palace employees set to work to find it.

Helped by the letter and photos taken during the monkey's tour around the U.K. with Savannah's family, Harriet was found and returned to Savannah. But Harriet didn't come back alone on the 9,000-mile journey from London to Australia — the monkey was also accompanied by Rex, a stuffed corgi dog sent from the palace.

Before leaving the U.K., Harriet even spent some time helping out with palace tours and was given the royal treatment.

"We aim to give every visitor to Buckingham Palace a memorable experience, and after we had found Harriet the monkey near the Family Pavilion(亭, 阁), she spent some time helping out the Visitor Services team before heading home," said a spokesperson for the Royal Collection, which runs the visitor experience at Buckingham Palace over the summer. "We hope Harriet enjoyed telling Rex the corgi dog about her adventures on the journey back to Australia."

【1】According to the text, what can be learned about Harriet?

- A. Harriet is Savannah's home pet.
- B. Harriet is a sweetly tattered toy dog.
- C. Harriet has been to the U.K..
- D. Harriet has a teacher named Woodside.

【2】Who helped Savannah find her lost toy?

- A. A teacher and her family B. A teacher and the palace employees
- C. Her family and the Queen D. All of them.

【3】What is the right order of the events?

- a. Savannah's teacher wrote a letter to ask for help.
- b. Savannah took Harriet on a summer trip to Buckingham Palace.
- c. The palace employees set to work to find Harriet.
- d. Harriet was given the royal treatment and came back with Rex.
- e. Savannah misplaced Harriet and her family thought it would be never seen.

- A. beacd B. daecb
- C. dceba D. adcebe

【4】What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Harriet spent some time helping out the Visitor Services team
- B. Harriet took Rex back together with him and enjoyed telling him stories.
- C. Whoever visits Buckingham Palace will have a memorable experience.
- D. The Buckingham Palace employees aim to provide visitors with good service.

3. 阅读理解

Children should do housework. That's a controversial idea, though not everyone will admit it. A few parents will declare that their children are too busy for housework. Many more of us assign housework, or say we believe in them, but the housework just doesn't get done.

That's a problem. For starters, housework is good for kids. Being a part of the routine work of running a household helps children develop an awareness of the needs of