

1. 阅读理解

Books to Read in Your 20s

The Kite Runner

By Khaled Hosseini

As a Middle Eastern and North African Studies student, I have a great interest in books about what takes place in this area. I first read this book in high school and really enjoyed it because of its accurate language. If any of you is interested in reading this book and hasn't yet, I highly recommend (推荐) it.

Firefly Lane

By Kristin Hannah

This is my favorite book. It is a story about friendship, love and life lessons. The story covers the lives of two best friends, Tully and Kate, from childhood to adulthood. I learned so much about friendship and life. So, read Firefly Lane! You'll laugh, you'll cry, and then you'll share this book to your best friend.

Half the Sky

By Nicholas Kristof

For any person of any age, Half the Sky is a must-read. It describes the struggle of women and the most pressing human rights problems of our time: the common oppression of women and girls.

The Little Prince

By Antoine de Saint

This children's book is simple. It might seem like a wrong book to recommend to someone in their twenties but perhaps that's what makes it a good choice. It sings praises to exploration and shows the importance of making friends.

【1】Who is the writer of the book The Kite Runner?

- A.Khaled Hosseini. B.Kristin Hannah.
C.Nicholas Kristof. D.Antoine de Saint.

【2】What can you learn from Firefly Lane?

- A.It's written by Tully and Kate. B.It's about friendship, love and life lessons.
C.It's a simple book for children. D.It's a book written for any person of any age.

【3】Which book will you read if you want to know about human rights problems?

- A.The Kite Runner. B.Firefly Lane.
C.Half the Sky. D.The Little Prince.

2. 阅读理解

Marie, an 85-year-old woman who had been bedridden (卧床不起的) for 10 years, was granted her biggest wish to look at the sea again with help from East Coast Radio and Netcare 911.

About 10 years ago, Marie had an unsuccessful back operation which left her bedridden. She then had to stay in an old age home and needed constant care. "The only time she could go outside was when she was taken to hospital over the years," said Lucy, Marie's daughter.

Lucy wrote an e-mail to East Coast Radio in April asking them to help her take her mother to the beach because it was her biggest wish. She told them that her mother just wanted to go and look at the sea and go back again to the home, that's all. East Coast Radio did an interview with the family and agreed to make her wish come true.

Two weeks later, a team of Netcare 911 paramedics (医护人员) fetched Marie from the old age home and took her in a stretcher to Amanzimtoti Beach. One of the paramedics found a bucket and collected some sea water for her to put her hands in. She also got a chance to touch the sand.

Marie said, "Thanks to these kind people, I could get to the beach again, which may be the last time for me."

【1】Why did Marie become bedridden?

- A.Because of her old age. B.Because of a failed operation.
C.Because of a traffic accident. D.Because of little medical care.

【2】Who took Marie to see the sea?

- A.Her family. B.People from Amanzimtoti Beach.
C.East Coast Radio. D.A team of Netcare 911 paramedics.

【3】How did Marie probably feel when saying the words in the last paragraph?

- A.Hopeful. B.Embarrassed.
C.Thankful. D.Disappointed.

【4】What is the text mainly about?

- A.An old woman became bedridden because of bad luck.
B.Kind people helped a bedridden woman realize her wish.
C.East Coast Radio and Netcare 911 always help poor people.
D.Amanzimtoti Beach is a beautiful place people wish to visit.

3. 阅读理解

The Torch Festival (火把节) is a traditional festival which is celebrated among some ethnic groups in southwestern China, such as the Yi, Bai, Hani, Lisu, and Lahu, etc. It usually falls on the 24th or 25th of June, with three days of celebrations. The festival came from worship (崇拜) of fire by ancestors (祖先). For some ethnic groups, it's a tradition in the festival for elders to share farming experience with young people and educate them about taking care of crops.

During the festival, big torches are made to stand in all villages, with small torches placed in front of the door of each house. When night falls, the torches are lit and the villages are bright. At the same time, people walk around the fields and houses, holding small torches and placing the torches in the field corners. Inside the villages, young people are singing and dancing around the big torches that keep burning throughout the night. Other activities like horse races are also held during the festival.

In a horse race of the Yi people in Yunnan, torches are used to form hurdles for riders to get through. The Hani people in Yunnan traditionally tie fruits to torches with strings. When the strings are broken after the torches are lit, people struggle for the fruits for good luck.

For the Lisu people in Sichuan, the festival is an occasion for holding torch parades. Big torches are carried by teams of people, which is like a fire dragon. If different teams meet, it's a tradition to exchange the big torches with one another.

【1】What can we know about the Torch Festival from the first paragraph?

- A.It has nothing to do with farming.
B.Its celebrations usually last two days.
C.It is a traditional festival of all China.