

1. 阅读理解

Washington, D. C Bicycle Tours

Welcome to the National Maritime(海洋) Museum!

The National Maritime Museum is the largest of its kind in the world, with over two million items in its collections. Twenty galleries display some of the finest sea affairs in historic buildings, which were formerly a school for the sons of seamen.

Opening times

10:00-17:00 Winter hours

10:00-18:00 Summer hours

Last admission is thirty minutes before closing. Smoking is not allowed in the museum. Eating and drinking are only allowed in the designated(指定的) areas.

Photography and video are not permitted inside the building.

Bookings

Our Central Booking Group handles all group visit enquiries(需求), from schools, group organizers and tour operators.

Education and Interpretation (解说)

Schools' programs operate in term-time. Programs of talks, tours, work-shops, storytelling, living history and interpretation are run throughout the year, especially at weekends and during school holidays.

E-library

Facilities(设备) are provided for electronic access to the museum's collections. Please ask a member of staff(员工) for directions to the nearest terminals. These facilities are also available from the comfort of your own home.

【1】 This passage mainly tells us _____ the museum.

- A.the way to get to B.the purpose to build
C.a brief introduction to D.a detailed description of

【2】 Which of the following is certainly forbidden according to the passage?

- A.Trying to enter the museum after 5:00 p.m.
B.Taking pictures in front of the museum.
C.Talking loudly when you enjoy the collections.
D.Eating and drinking wherever you are.

【3】 From the passage we can learn that _____.

- A.the museum runs a school and has students of its own
B.students can receive different kinds of education here
C.part of school education has to be done in the museum
D.school programs are only run at weekends and on holidays

2. 阅读理解

Language experts say that spoken English was almost the same in the American colonies and Britain two hundred years ago. Americans began to change the sound of their speech after the Revolutionary War in 1776. They wanted to make it different to separate themselves from the British in language, in the same way they separated themselves from the British government.

Some American leaders proposed(建议) major changes in the language. Benjamin Franklin wanted a whole new system of spelling. His reforms(改革) were not accepted. But his ideas did influence others. One was Noah Webster.

Webster wrote language books for schools. He believed the United States should have a system of its own language as well as government. Webster published a dictionary of the American language in 1828. It established rules for speaking and spelling the words used in American English.

Webster wrote that all words should be said in the order of the letters that spell them. This is why Americans use the letters "e-r" to end many words instead of the British "r-e." He spelled the word "center," for example, "c-e-n-t-e-r," instead of the British "c-e-n-t-r-e."

Webster's rule for saying every part of a word made American English easier for foreign settlers to learn. They learned to say "waist-coat," for example, the way it is spelled instead of the British "wes-kit."

The different languages of many people who came to the United States also helped make American and British English different. Many of their foreign words and expressions became part of English As Americans speak them.

Sometimes Americans and British people do not understand each other because of different word meanings. For example, the word "jumper" in Britain means a sweater. In the United States, it is a dress. The British word "brolly" is an "umbrella" in America. And the British call potato chips "crisps". All of these differences led British writer George Bernard Shaw to joke that Britain and America are two countries separated by the same language!

【1】 What does the underlined word "it" in the first paragraph refer to?

- A.Separating themselves from the British in language. B.Written English in America.
C.Spoken English in America. D.Spoken English in Britain.

【2】 Why did American want their language to differ from British English?

- A.Because they found British English hard to speak.
B.Because they found British English hard to spell.
C.Because they wanted to have their own language and government.
D.Because foreign settlers wanted them to change their language.

【3】 Why do Americans use the word "meter" instead of the word "metre"?

- A.Because Benjamin Franklin didn't like the word "metre".
B.Because the word "meter" was absorbed from other languages.
C.Because Webster thought the word should be said in order of the letters that are spelt.
D.Because Webster thought American English should be made easier for foreign settlers to learn.

【4】 Which of the following is NOT one of the reasons why English began to change in America?

- A.The government leaders. B.Noah Webster.
C.Immigration to America. D.The difficulty Americans had in understanding the British.

3. 阅读理解

Many of us have read stories or seen films about space creatures(生物). They come to the Earth in spaceships that look like flying saucers. These spacecreatures do not