

北京试卷带答案和解析

1.

Beautiful Islands in the World

Waiheke Island, New Zealand

Waiheke is just a 35-minute ferry ride from Auckland. Join a wine test and relax over a delicious vineyard (葡萄园) lunch. Visiting Waiheke is a great journey, where you can either take a relaxing walk explore the beaches or fly smoothly in the forest with a zip-line (飞索).

If you want to stay on the island overnight, we advise you to stay at the "Delamore lodge", where you will enjoy relaxing spa treatments, delicious food and wine and a wonderful swimming pool with a good view.

Madagascar. Africa

Madagascar is the fourth largest island on our planet and a dream destination for outdoors lovers where you can see rare animals, rain-forests and great white sandy beaches. The Avenue of the Baobabs is a must- see if you are traveling to Madagascar. You must also visit one of Madagascar's natural parks to see its wild animals. From July to October, pass by "Nosy Be" to see one of the rarest animals on the planet, Omura's whales(鲸).

Kauai. Hawaii

Kauai is part of the Hawaiian Islands and is also named "the Garden Island". It is indeed an island made up of sharp mountains and waterfalls. On the south shore, you'll find sites of cultural, historical and geological importance alongside beautiful beaches. The island of Kauai has been well-known for more than seventy Hollywood movies and television shows, such as Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park and Jurassic World.

Jamaica

In Jamaica, you will fall in love with the warm Caribbean weather, beautiful beaches, amazing sunsets and great waterfalls.

Our favorite spots: the romantic "Reach Falls" in Portland and "Negril town" for its great concerts and beautiful sunsets. Walk into Floyd's Pelican Bar, named after the birds that like to sit on its roof. It's one of the world's coolest bars and is lying in the middle of the sea!

【1】When can you see Omura's whales in Madagascar?

A. In January. B. In June. C. In September. D. In November.

【2】Which place is famous for Hollywood movies?

A. Kauai. B. Madagascar. C. Jamaica. D. Waiheke Island.

【3】What can you enjoy doing in Jamaica?

A. Talking with film stars. B. Attending great concerts.

C. Having a vineyard lunch. D. Playing with wild birds.

2.

Recently whenever I turned on my computer or my mobile phone, news about the great effect of Hurricane Harvey (哈维飓风) on thousands of people caught my eye. I saw many unfortunate events. However, there was also lots of bright news that showed the goodness of mankind. As a reporter, I reported many human-interest stories when doing my job. That's why the story about the guys in the bakery (面包店) caught my eye.

When the workers at a Mexican bakery chain in Houston were trapped inside the building for two days, they didn't sit there feeling sorry for themselves. They used their time wisely after flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. While waiting for the eventual rescue that came on Monday morning, the four workers decided to make as many loaves of bread as possible for people around the neighborhood. They talked to their manager about their plan over the phone and the manager agreed.

The flood water rose in the street outside. They took advantage of their emergency power supply to bake bread. They used more than 4,200 pounds of flour (面粉) to create hundreds of loaves and sheets of sweet bread. Although the water kept rising, they continued baking to help more people. By the time the manager managed to get to them, they had made so much bread that they took the loaves to lots of emergency centers across the city for people affected by the floods.

The store manager, Brian Alvarado, told The Independent, "They've done more than they should have done. And what they had done has lit a light for people. I feel lucky to have them work in the bakery."

Whenever a disaster occurs, nobody should feel forlorn. Instead, we should stay hopeful and take positive action to save ourselves and help others. Our acts of kindness will make a big difference to the people in the world as well as the world itself.

【1】Why did the story in the bakery draw the author's attention?

A. It was helpful in choosing a good job.

B. It made him/her interested in baking.

C. It could bring him/her much money.

D. It showed the goodness of mankind.

【2】What did the guys in the bakery do in the disaster?

A. They tried to get people out of water.

B. They set up emergency centers to help.

C. They offered to make bread for people.

D. They let homeless people live in the bakery.

【3】What does Brian Alvarado think of the four workers?

A. He found them lucky. B. He was proud of them.

C. They were experienced. D. They were shy but brave.

【4】What does the underlined word "forlorn" in the last paragraph probably mean?

A. Hopeless. B. Confident. C. Serious. D. Angry.

3.

In this semester, Professor Van Rijnsoever of Utrecht University of the Netherlands is to teach "Dutch Culture in the World", in English.

The language is the university's choice. Actually sixty percent of masters' programs at Utrecht University are in English. At higher degrees' level, no courses are taught in Dutch at all.

Utrecht is not alone.

The University of Eindhoven has even completely kicked the Dutch language out of its campus. Even the sandwiches in the stores there are sold as cheese rather than with the Dutch word "kaas".

As a result, the Netherlands has one of the world's highest levels of English proficiency (流利) among non-native speaking countries, second only to Sweden.

But not everyone is happy with that.

"I don't mind. Most of the literature is in English," says Professor Van Rijnsoever. "As a teacher it's not that much of a problem because we also do research in English. For the students, you see they are struggling to express themselves properly."