

1. 阅读理解

Lisa Pina never thought she would need the fire safety training she received during her apprenticeship(学徒期)as a union painter and dry waller(筑墙工). On Friday morning, she was thanking God she had it.

On Thursday night, while Pina was babysitting her granddaughter, nephew and two nieces in her sister's apartment, she smelled smoke and realized the apartment building was on fire. When her 4-year-old granddaughter Ilean Garcia began saying, "We're going to die," she knew she had to act. Pina, 39, first sealed the door, and then told all four children to get on the floor. After calling 911, she told the children to start singing and promised them all treats as soon as they reached safety. "I said, 'OK, we're going to lie down and we're all going to play a game,'" Pina said. "We all started singing our ABCs and 123s. I was just trying to make it fun." Pina patiently waited, and a few minutes later, Riverside County sheriff's deputies (治安官的助手) arrived. Pina, Ilean, 8-year-old Gabriel Parga, 5-year-old Aubreyana Parga and 4-year-old Meriyah Parga were all trapped on the second floor as flames filled the first story. Pina did the only thing she could. She opened the window and dropped the children, one-by-one, into the arms of the sheriff's deputies about 15 to 20 feet below. "I just needed to keep the kids calm so they wouldn't be afraid," Pina said. "I was deathly afraid inside, but I couldn't let them know that." [Not long after dropping the children out of the window, firefighters arrived with a ladder and rescued her. Ten people were treated at the scene for suffering smoke, but nobody was seriously injured.]

【1】What is the passage mainly about?

- A. A big fire without serious injury
- B. A babysitter rescuing kids from a big fire
- C. A brave babysitter
- D. How to save children in a fire

【2】What did Lisa Pina do before she called 911, in order to prevent the fire?

- A. He sealed the door
- B. She opened the window of the second floor
- C. She had children start singing
- D. She let children get on the floor

【3】What do we know according to the passage?

- A. The fire didn't cause any injury
- B. Lisa Pina was not the last one to be rescued
- C. The children were sent to hospital after the fire
- D. During the fire Lisa Pina pretended not to be afraid at all

2. 阅读理解

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal (麦片粥), eggs and toast. Others had cokes and candy for lunch, while we had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different from the other kids'. But at least I was not alone in my suffering. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. We had to wear clean clothes every day.

Other kids always wore their clothes for days. We reached the height of disgrace (丢脸) because she made our clothes herself, just to save money.

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by 9:00 each night and up at 7:45 the next morning. So while my friends slept, my mother actually had the courage to break Child Labor Law. She made us work. I believed she lay awake all night thinking up mean things to do to us. Through the years, our friends' report cards had beautiful colors on them, black for passing, red for failing. My mother, however, would merely be content with black marks. None of us was allowed the pleasure of being a dropout (辍学者).

She forced us to grow up into educated and honest adults. Using this as a background, I'm now trying to bring up my three children. I'm filled with pride when my children think I am mean because now I thank God every day for giving me the meanest mother in the world.

【1】From the passage we can learn that the writer's mother was .

- A. not generous at all
- B. very strict with her children
- C. very mean with money matters
- D. very cruel to her children

【2】Which of the following things did the writer hate to do most?

- A. Eating differently from other kids.
- B. Wearing clean clothes which were made by mother.
- C. Going to bed early and getting up early.
- D. Letting mother know where they were.

【3】It can be inferred from the passage that .

- A. the writer worked hard and usually got good grades in studies
- B. mother was punished for breaking the Labor Law
- C. all the other kids studied better than the writer
- D. the writer's family lived a painful life

【4】Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Mother practised economy in running her home.
- B. The writer is very thankful to her mother.
- C. The writer is strict with her children when bringing them up.
- D. The writer doesn't love her mother for the past painful life.

3. 阅读理解

The National Gallery

Description:

The National Gallery is the British national art museum built on the north side of Trafalgar Square in London. It houses a diverse collection of more than 2,300 examples of European art ranging from 13th-century religious paintings to more modern ones by Renoir and Van Gogh. The older collections of the gallery are reached through the main entrance while the more modern works in the East Wing are most easily reached from Trafalgar Square by a ground floor entrance.

Layout:

The modern Sainsbury Wing on the western side of the building houses 13th- to 15th-century paintings, and artists include Duccio, Uccello, Van Eyck, Lippi, Mantegna, Botticelli and Memling.