

1. 阅读理解

There is a lot of talk these days about how kids should be interested in science. Here's an area of science for everyone, and these cool new books might inspire you to discover your inner scientist.

Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled by Catherine Thimmesch, 58 pages, ages 9 - 12

Seeing a picture or a model of a dinosaur, do you wonder how anybody knows what they look like? After all, nobody has seen a living dinosaur. This book explains how scientists and artists work together to re - create dinosaurs. As scientific discoveries have been made, the models have changed. Scientific tests may one day show what a dinosaur's coloring was, but now artists have to use their imagination to decide how these huge creatures looked.

Beyond the Solar System by Mary Kay Carson, 128 pages, ages 10 - 13

This book takes readers back to the beginnings of space exploration - thousands of years ago, when people began star observation - and forward to today's search for planets in distant parts of the Milky Way. Along with history lessons, readers get 21 activities, such as making a black hole and creating a model of Albert Einstein's universe using a T - shirt. The activities are perfect for cold winter days.

Ultimate Bugopedia by Darlyne Murawski and Nancy Honovich, 272 pages, ages 7 and older

If you're always on the lookout for butterflies, this book is for you. Hundreds of color photos of common and unusual insects fill this hardcover. There are fantastic stories related to the photos. For example, do you know an insect feeds on the tears of Asian cattle? There's a question - and - answer section with an insect scientist and advice on how to help protect endangered insects.

Journey into the Invisible by Christine Schlitt, 80 pages, ages 9 - 12

If you use a magnifying (放大的) glass, you know a leaf looks quite different. This book explains what microscopes do and then shows what happens to things around the house when watched with this amazing scientific tool. The bacteria (细菌) in your mouth, when magnified 20, 000 times, look a bit like swimming pool noodles. Attractive photos are paired with suggestions about how to learn about the world around you, just by looking a little closer.

【1】Kids interested in pre - historical animals might read .

- A. Ultimate Bugopedia
- B. Beyond the Solar System
- C. Journey into the Invisible
- D. Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled

【2】Beyond the Solar System is mainly about .

- A. space exploration
- B. the Milky Way
- C. history lessons
- D. Albert Einstein's universe

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

- A. butterflies are fond of the tears of Asian cattle
- B. scientists have discovered the dinosaur's coloring
- C. microscopes can present you with an amazing world
- D. man has explored the black hole for thousands of years

【4】The main purpose of the passage is to .

- A. compare features of different books
- B. inspire people to become scientists
- C. teach children some knowledge of science
- D. recommend new science books to children

2. 阅读理解

I believe honesty is one of the greatest gifts there is. I know they call it a lot of fancy names these days. But it doesn't make any difference what they call it; it's still what makes a man a good citizen. This is my code, and I try to live by.

I've been in the taxi business for thirty - five years, and I know there is a lot about it that is not so good. Taxi drivers have to be rough fellows. You've got to be tough to fight the New York traffic eight hours a day, these days. Because taxi drivers are tough, people get the wrong impression that they are bad. Taxi drivers are just like other people. Most of them will shake down as honest fellows. You read in the Papers almost every week where a taxi driver turns in money or jewels or bonds, stuff like that people leave in their cabs. If they weren't honest, you wouldn't be reading those stories in the papers.

One time in Brooklyn, I found a diamond ring in my cab. I remembered helping a lady with a lot of stuff that day, so I went back to where I had dropped her off. It took me almost two days to trace her down in order to return her ring to her. I didn't get as much as "thank you." Still, I felt good because I had done what was right. I think I felt better than she did.

I was born and raised in Ireland and lived there until I was nineteen years old. I came to this country in 1913 where I held several jobs to earn a few dollars before being a soldier in World War I. After the war, I bought my own cab and have owned one ever since. It hasn't been too easy at times, but my wife takes care of our money and we have a good bit put away for a rainy day.

People ask me about tips. As far as I know, practically everyone will give you something. Come to think of it, most Americans are pretty generous. I always try to be nice to everyone, whether they tip or not. I believe in God and try to be a good member of my parish (教区). I try to act toward others like I think God wants me to act. I have been trying this for a long time, and the longer I try, the easier it gets.

【1】What does the writer really want to express in the first paragraph?

- A. Honesty is called a lot of fancy names.
- B. Honesty is more important than anything else.
- C. Honesty brings him whatever he wants in life.
- D. All people think he is honest whatever he does.

【2】The underlined words in Paragraph Two can be best replaced by .

- A. pretend to be
- B. try to learn from
- C. prove to be
- D. have to be

【3】The writer mentioned the experience of returning the ring in order to .

- A. show most drivers are honest