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Stretching(绵延) 2,298 kilometers, Beijing-Guangzhou high-speed railway is the longest high-speed rail route in the world, connecting the capital city in the north with the tourist city of Guangzhou in the south. When the line was fully open to the public in 2018, it helped cut the travel time from nearly 30 hours to about 8. It's also a scenic line that offers picturesque sights and interesting places to visit. Here are some stops not to be missed along the way.

Zhengzhou: Experiencing the Shaolin way of life

Starting from Beijing West Railway Station, it passes Shijiazhuang in Hebei Province and then reaches the historical city of Zhengzhou in Henan Province. For those who are curious about Chinese martial arts, there's a perfect spot—Mount Songshan. Legend has it that monks of the Shaolin Temple deep in the mountain forest have mastered the art of Kungfu for centuries.

Wuhan: A city that rose from the ashes(灰烬)

From Zhengzhou, the high-speed train goes further south and arrives at a crossroads in China's heartland—Wuhan, better known for its battle against the novel coronavirus outbreak this year. As things gradually returned to normal, the city's landmarks, the symbolic Yellow Crane Tower and the fascinating Shennongjia National Park etc, have now reopened to visitors.

Guangzhou: A place for some fun

When the train makes its final stop, you're at a rising coastal Chinese tourist city—Guangzhou. Fun seekers can't miss the Chimelong Tourist Resort, one of the most popular theme parks in the country. A large wildlife park, a world-class circus(马戏团), Asia's largest water park as well as some thrilling rides will definitely keep you entertained.

【1】For those who want to learn something about Chinese Kungfu, which stop do you recommend to them?

A.Guangzhou. B.Beijing. C.Wuhan. D.Zhengzhou.

【2】What do the two cities, Wuhan and Guangzhou, have in common according to the passage?

A.Both are inland cities.

B.Both have world-famous circus.

C.Both offer a good view of wild animals

D.Both provide tourists with historical sites.

【3】Where is this text most probably from?

A.A newspaper. B.A novel. C.A lecture. D.A travel brochure.

2.

This little South American penguin swims 5,000 miles to a beach in Brazil every year in order to be reunited(团聚) with the man who saved its life. It sounds like something out of a fairy tale, but it's true!

71-year-old retired fisherman Joao, who lives in an island village just outside Riode Janeiro, Brazil, found the small penguin lying on rocks at his local beach in 2011. The penguin was covered in oil and running out of time fast. Joao saved the penguin, naming it Din Din, cleaned the oil off its feathers and fed him a daily diet of fish to rebuild its strength. After a week of recovery, Joao tried to release the penguin back into the wild. "He stayed with me for 11 months and then, just after he changed his coat with new feathers, he disappeared," Joao recalled.

The little guy wasn't gone long though and just a few months later, he was back at the same beach. He saw Joao fishing and followed him home, staying with him for the rest of that year. Amazingly, each year Din Din spends about eight months with Joao and is believed to spend the rest of the time breeding(繁殖) on the Patagonia coasts. It's thought that Din Din swims up to 5,000 miles to return to Joao. "I love the penguin like it's my own child and I believe the penguin loves me," Joao told Globo. "No one else is allowed to touch him. He pecks(啄) them if they do. He lies on my lap, lets me give him showers, and allows me to feed him."

Professor Krajewski, a biologist who interviewed the fisherman, told The Independent, "I have never seen anything like this before. I think the penguin believes Joao is part of his family and probably a penguin as well." When he sees him, he wags his tail like a dog. It's lucky for Joao and Din Din, because it is illegal in Brazil to keep wild animals as pets. Krajewski said,

"Professionals who work with animals try to avoid relationships like this so they can send the animals back into the wild. But in this single case the authorities(当局) allowed Din Din to stay with Joao because of his kindness."

【1】Every year Din Din swims a long distance to a beach in Brazil to .

A.avoid being killed B.meet his rescuer

C.find a place to have babies D.find much more fish

【2】When Din Din was found in 2011,

A.he was dying

B.he was running on the beach

C.he was resting on a rock

D.he was cleaning oil off his feathers

【3】What makes Professor Krajewski surprised?

A.Din Din's love toward Joao. B.Joao keeps staying with Din Din.

C.Din Din's swimming performance. D.Joao considers Din Din his own child.

【4】What can we learn about Joao from the passage?

A.He is not allowed to keep the penguin as a pet by the authorities.

B.He overprotects the penguin by keeping him away from others.

C.His contact with the penguin is encouraged by professionals.

D.His kindness wins the penguin's trust.

3.

China has recently published its first artificial intelligence (AI) textbook for high school students, following a plan by the central government to include AI courses in primary and secondary school.

Under the common efforts by the research center for MOOC at East China Normal University and Sense Time Group Ltd., the textbook named Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence was written by famous experts from well-known schools nationwide. Xinhua News Agency reported on Sunday.

It includes the history of AI and how the technology can be used in areas such as facial recognition, self-driving and public safety. The text book not only pays attention to the basics of AI, but also to the practical use of AI in daily life, said Chen Yukun, a professor at East China Normal University, who is also a writer of the book.

At present, about 40 high schools across the country have joined the first group of AI high education pilot (试验性) program, by introducing the textbook in school courses. The publication of the book is great progress as it takes AI technology out of the "ivory tower (象牙塔)" and makes it part of high school learning, said Lin