

## 1. 阅读理解

Listed here are four of the thousands of impressive museums around the world.

The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Bilbao, Spain

Built in 1997, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao is one of the newest in the world. It has transformed the industrial city of Bilbao into a travelers' desired destination. The beautiful architecture of the museum has provided a dramatic background for movies and commercials.

The Louvre in Paris, France

Probably the most famous Louvre also holds the most famous painting in the world, the "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo da Vinci. Crowds can be found any day surrounding the small, but mysterious painting of the smiling woman. But, the Louvre is much more than a home to the "Mona Lisa". The Louvre is visited by more people each year than any other museum in the world.

The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, America

Just opened in its new downtown location in 2012, the Barnes Foundation is "unique" in that it is a completely reproduced display from one man's private collection. Dr. Albert C. Barnes started collecting art in the early 20th century and collected, among others, the largest number of original Renoir paintings in the world.

The Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy

Walking on the marbled floors feels like stepping back in time. The building itself is a beautiful palace—like structure with frescoes (湿壁画) decorating the ceilings and walls. Viewers are bowled over (印象深刻) by the works by Botticelli, such as "The Birth of Venus". Classic artworks from nearly 1,000 years ago describe religious events of the time.

【1】Which of the following is the most popular?

- A. The Louvre.
- B. The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.
- C. The Barnes Foundation.
- D. The Uffizi Gallery.

【2】What makes the Barnes Foundation particular?

- A. Its structure. B. Its collection.
- C. Its location. D. Its history.

【3】What type of writing is this text?

- A. An activity poster.
- B. An exhibition announcement.
- C. An art show review.
- D. A travel guide.

## 2. 阅读理解

Food serves as a form of communication in two fundamental ways. Sharing bread or other foods is a common human tradition that can promote unity and trust. Food can also have a specific meaning, and play a significant role in a family or culture's celebrations or traditions. The foods we eat—and when and how we eat them—are often unique to a particular culture or may even differ between rural (农村的) and urban areas within one country.

Sharing bread, whether during a special occasion (时刻) or at the family dinner table, is a common symbol of togetherness. Many cultures also celebrate birthdays and marriages with cakes that are cut and shared among the guests. Early forms of cake were simply a kind of bread, so this tradition hits its roots in the custom of sharing bread.

Food also plays an important role in many New Year celebrations. In the southern United States, pieces of corn bread represent blocks of gold for prosperity (兴旺) in the New Year. In Greece, people share a special cake called vasilopita. A coin is put into the cake, which signifies (预示) success in the New Year for the person who receives it.

Many cultures have ceremonies to celebrate the birth of a child, and food can play a significant role. In China, when a baby is one month old, families name and welcome their child in a celebration that includes giving red-colored eggs to guests. In many cultures, round foods such as grapes, bread, and moon cakes are eaten at welcome celebrations to represent family unity.

Nutrition is necessary for life, so it is not surprising that food is such an important part of different cultures around the world.

【1】According to the passage, sharing bread \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. indicates a lack of food
- B. can help to develop unity
- C. is a custom unique to rural areas
- D. has its roots in birthday celebrations

【2】What does the coin in vasilopita signify for its receiver in the New Year?

- A. Trust. B. Success.
- C. Health. D. Togetherness.

【3】The author explains the role of food in celebrations by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. using examples B. making comparisons
- C. analyzing causes D. describing processes

【4】What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The custom of sharing food.
- B. The specific meaning of food.
- C. The role of food in ceremonies.
- D. The importance of food in culture.

## 3. 阅读理解

Attending college can be expensive, and applying to college can be costly as well. With today's college application fees averaging around \$ 80, you can expect to spend hundreds of dollars on college before you are even accepted into a school.

One of the easiest ways to save money on college application fees before you begin applying is to narrow down your list of schools. To save money, try to limit the schools to which you apply to about 2-3 reach schools and 2-3 safety schools.

At some schools, being a relative of a graduate can secure you a free application. If you are applying to a school where one of your parents or grandparents is a former graduate, check to see if you're qualified for it.