

1. 阅读理解

Top 4 Places to Visit in California Santa Catalina Island

There are many action-packed adventures you can go on, including the Catalina Island Zip Line Eco Tour, the Cape Canyon Expedition, and the Ocean Runner Ribcraft Dolphin Tour. Besides, you can enjoy camping, horseback riding, sunbathing and so much more. If you're looking for an island holiday filled with excitement, you'll definitely find it here.

Death Valley National Park

This place isn't as frightening as the name suggests. The national park actually lies below sea level. At that altitude, it's one of the driest, lowest, and hottest national parks throughout America. The beautiful park has some unique features. For example, you're going to see splendid snow-capped mountains, beautiful hills of sand, and a wide variety of natural oases (绿洲) and other habitats.

Los Angeles

There are various amazing cultural attractions here. To truly make the most of LA, you can listen to the LA Philharmonic (交响乐团) at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, spend some time hanging out on Malibu beach, go for a hike through the Santa Monica Mountains, ride a bike through the city.

San Diego

If you're enthusiastic about culture and art, you'll definitely love San Diego because it's a place with more than 90 museums and nine different art districts.

【1】Where will you go if you are interested in taking risks? _____

- A. Santa Catalina Island.
- B. Death Valley National Park.
- C. Los Angeles.
- D. San Diego.

【2】What will you see in Death Valley National Park? _____

- A. Various man-made oases.
- B. Horseback riding shows.
- C. Snow-covered mountains.
- D. Attractive sandy beaches.

【3】Which of the following is not the way to explore Los Angeles? _____

- A. Wandering on the beach.
- B. Listening to concerts.
- C. Touring different museums.
- D. Hiking in the mountains.

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Many years ago my dad was diagnosed (诊断) with a terrible illness. He was unable to work at a steady job. But he wanted to do something to keep himself busy, so he decided to volunteer at the local children hospital. My dad loved kids. He would talk to them and play with them. Sometimes, he would lose one of the kids. In certain cases, he would give comfort to the sad parents of these children.

One of his kids was a girl with a rare disease that paralyzed (使……瘫痪) her from the neck down. My dad decided to help her. He started visiting her in her room, bringing paints, brushes and paper. He stood the paper up against a backing, put the paintbrush in his mouth and began to paint. He didn't use his hands at all. Only his head would move. He would visit her whenever he could paint for her. All the while he would tell her, "See, you can do anything you set your mind to."

Eventually, she began to paint using her mouth, and she and my dad became friends. Soon after, the little girl was discharged (允许出院). My dad also left the children hospital for a little while because he became ill. Some time later after my dad had recovered and returned to work, he was at the volunteer counter one day and noticed the front door open. In came the little girl who had been paralyzed, but this time she was walking. She ran straight to my dad and hugged him really tightly. She gave my dad a picture she had done using her hands. At the bottom it read, "Thank you for helping me walk."

【1】Why did the writer's dad volunteer at the local children hospital? _____

- A. To forget his illness by keeping busy.
- B. To spend his spare time by working.
- C. To work as the father of the children.
- D. To have a chat with the poor children.

【2】How did the author's dad help the girl according to paragraph 2? _____

- A. By persuading her to cheer up.
- B. By painting for her with his mouth.
- C. By bringing her much tasty food.
- D. By telling interesting jokes to her.

【3】What do we know from the text? _____

- A. Love sometimes can make people recover.
- B. The author's father cured the girl's sickness.
- C. The girl was able to walk again finally.
- D. The children hospital once closed down.

【4】Which of the following can best describe the writer's dad? _____

- A. Kind and helpful.
- B. Ordinary and healthy.
- C. Outgoing and generous.
- D. Knowledgeable and serious.

3. 阅读理解

The \$380,000 aircraft, called the "Speeder", will be able to reach at least 150 miles per hour and have a 45-mile range and fly as high as 15,000 feet when it is on sale next year, according to David Mayman, CEO of JetPack Aviation, one of the companies that create and sell flying vehicles. This motorcycle can take off vertically (垂直地) from the grassland or a street and land on the other side of the city in a similar position. This idea has always been treated like science fiction.

At some point, the Speeder could be adapted to use electric energy, which is more environmentally friendly, but for now, Mayman said, no battery cells come close to the speed and potential power created by jet engines. Besides, like other developing similar craft, currently the Speeder will only be used for recreation and sport until laws