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So you're going to the royal wedding! Let's review a checklist of everything you'll need to know.

What to wear at the ceremony

Did you get your fascinator yet? That's a trick question because you probably don't even know what a fascinator is. Royal dress code etiquette (礼仪) states that women must wear hats for formal events, and fascinators are the preferred accessory (配饰). These funny hats boast a large decorative design. If you haven't packed one, no worries. Simply glue a cabbage to the side of your head. No one will be the wiser, and you can always snack on your fascinator should the wedding ceremony drag on. Gentlemen are expected to wear morning coats and top hats. Royals will likely wear their military uniforms.

Meeting the royals

Men, when greeting the royals, a simple bow will do. Not so low that it looks as if you're examining the carpet for any medals they might have dropped. This is a slight neck bow. Women perform a curtsy. Simply put one leg behind the other, bend your knees, bow your head slightly and fall over because you've never done this before.

Chatting up the queen

The first rule of talking to the queen: Don't talk. That is, unless spoken to. If she does start a conversation and you find you've run out of interesting stuff to discuss after "Hello", break the ice with a joke. "Hey, why did the queen go to the dentist?" "To get her teeth crowned!"

Dining

Every meal begins and ends with the queen. You can't start eating until she starts, and you stop when she stops. The queen doesn't appear to be a large eater, so you should wolf down your food in case she pushes the plate away after a few bites. When dining, the royals hold knives in their right hand and forks in their left with the tines facing down.

【1】What must women have on for the royal wedding?

- A. Morning coats
- B. Military uniforms
- C. Hats with fascinators
- D. Cabbages

【2】Which behavior is proper at a royal ceremony?

- A. Fall over when you bow to the queen
- B. Don't start eating until the queen starts
- C. Don't talk even if spoken to
- D. Push the plate away while eating

【3】What is the main writing characteristic of the text?

- A. Humorous
- B. Serious
- C. Plain
- D. Official

2.

Greg Kloehn, an artist in Oakland, California is using his skills to help the homeless. He builds very small shelters that make life on the streets a little more comfortable. The structures offer the homeless some safety and protection from bad weather. Each little house also has wheels on the bottom so it can go wherever its owner goes.

Greg Kloehn has given away at least 20 tiny houses. Several are on the roadside near an active railroad. On a recent day, Mr Kloehn stops at one to visit Oscar Young.

The two men hug. Inside his little shelter Mr. Young gets relief from cold nights on the streets. Mr Kloehn also visits Sweet-Pea, another friend who also lives in one of the little homes the artist built. She says it keeps her safe and protects her possessions.

In the mornings, Mr Kloehn searches the streets for building materials. He gathers what he can and takes it to his studio. There, he puts the houses together. Empty coffee bags become roof material. A washing machine door and refrigerator part become windows. Nails, screws and the sticky glue hold all the pieces together. The artist also attaches a small electrical device to the house. The device is powered by the sun.

Some of the people living on the streets once had normal houses of their own. But some of the people say they have learned to live with less and they are thankful to that man.

Mr Kloehn says his work is not a social project. He says he is just someone using his skills to help his homeless neighbors.

【1】What are the advantages of the small shelters _____.

- ① saving power and energy
 - ② decorating the streets where they are
 - ③ protecting possessions of the homeless
 - ④ earning fame for Mr. Kloehn
- A. ①④ B. ①② C. ①③ D. ③④

【2】We can learn from the passage that _____.

- A. an act of kindness has made people simple and grateful
- B. Greg Kloehn has sold at least 20 tiny houses
- C. the government has got involved in the action
- D. the shelters are immovable

【3】Greg Kloehn is a person who is _____.

- A. kind and creative
- B. modest and funny
- C. generous and rich
- D. helpful and proud

【4】What's the main idea of the passage?

- A. An artist creates homes for the homeless.
- B. A more comfortable shelter on the streets.
- C. Helping others makes the world more beautiful.
- D. An artist makes a living by designing small shelters.

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