

## 1. 阅读理解

The Tang Dynasty, which lasted from 618 to 907 AD, is often considered as China's golden age. Indeed Chinese culture flourished under the Tang, and Tang poets are perhaps the best known of all Chinese literary figures.

The following are four schools of Tang poetry. Take a look.

Frontier Fortress Poetry (边塞诗)

Gao Shi, Cen Shen and Wang Changling are representatives of this poetry. It mainly describes the hardship of the battlefield, heroic spirit of defending the homeland, or homesickness of soldiers. Representative works include Over the Border by Wang Changling, Song of White Snow on Secretary Wu's Return to Capital by Cen Shen, etc.

Landscape Pastoral Poetry

The representatives of this school are Wang Wei and Meng Haoran. Many of its themes are mountains, clouds and hermits (隐士). Its style is simple and elegant. The representative works include Thinking of My Brothers on Mountain Climbing Day by Wang Wei, Spring Morning by Meng and so on.

Romantic Poetry

Li Bai is a typical representative of romantic poetry, who enjoys the title of "Genius of Poetry". To express his desire for freedom and personal value, his poetry is free and bold, with creative imagination. One of his most famous poems is A Tranquil Night, which is about homesickness, included in many school textbooks.

Realistic Poetry

Du Fu is known as the "Sage of Poetry". His poems are in a realistic art style with strong feelings of compassion and concern for the destiny (命运) of the country. His works "Three Officials" and "Three Farewells" both reflect people's sufferings at that time.

【1】Who is one of the representatives of Frontier Fortress Poetry?

A. Wang Wei. B. Cen Shen.

C. Li Bai. D. Du Fu.

【2】Which poem is written by a romantic poet?

A. Spring Morning.

B. Over the Border.

C. A Tranquil Night.

D. Thinking of My Brothers on Mountain Climbing Day.

【3】According to the passage, which statement is right?

A. Meng Haoran is the representative of Romantic Poetry.

B. The Tang Dynasty lasted from 608 to 917 AD.

C. Li Bai is known as the "Sage of Poetry".

D. "Three Farewells" reflects people's sufferings in the Tang Dynasty.

## 2. 阅读理解

Very early on in my senior year of high school, my parents carried the flame of worrying about my future college. I was willing to go to a 2-year college before going after my bachelor's degree. This was for two reasons—to help them save money and to make sure I major in English. However, they insisted I attend a 4-year college right off the bat.

I was pushed to start searching for colleges therefore, ones that my parents approved of and that were within the range of tuition that my mom thought was acceptable. I was also limited to the immediate areas, which only included New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, so I cannot apply for any colleges in one of my favorite places—New Hampshire.

I'll be honest. It got a bit tense at times with several different opinions between my parents and me, and with other family members or friends voicing their thoughts to my parents.

In the end, I ended up applying for three schools—SUNY Albany, SUNY New Paltz and Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. I had been to New Paltz quite often as it was only 45 minutes away from our home. And Kutztown is located in an area our family often visited.

I was accepted by all three, and I quickly gave up Albany. I was not impressed with the city and wasn't familiar with the area. It was between New Paltz and Kutztown.

After a few weeks, I ended up settling on New Paltz because Kutztown just didn't "feel right" for me. When I was on campus, I had a feeling that this was it.

Looking back now, I wish I had known more about the application process and had a little more freedom of choice about which college I could apply for. I probably would still have attended SUNY New Paltz.

【1】What did the author's parents think he should do?

A. Choose a college that could provide good jobs.

B. Go to a community college to save money.

C. Choose a college that he liked best.

D. Go to a 4-year college directly.

【2】Why didn't the author choose colleges in New Hampshire?

A. He didn't like the place.

B. His situation didn't allow it.

C. The living expenses there were too high.

D. He wasn't sure whether or not he would fit in there.

【3】How did the author feel about his final choice?

A. Embarrassed. B. Frightened.

C. Satisfied. D. Worried.

【4】What is the best title for the text?

A. How I chose my college B. How to apply for a college

C. Different choices, different future D. The meaning of attending college

## 3. 阅读理解

Recently, the most heated topic of "which is the right bin for my garbage" has swept China.

Shanghai is among China's first cities to introduce garbage classification (垃圾分类) and also the country's most serious in its performing. Since July 1, 2019, Shanghai residents have been required by law to sort garbage into four different categories, or they could face fines. Individuals, including tourists, can be fined 200 yuan for failing to sort their waste properly, while companies and institutions can be fined up to 50,000 yuan.