

## 1. 阅读理解

Escaping the stress of work and social worries and finding yourself in a winter wonderland is a magical feeling. Try to make any of these destinations your target and you'll be happy that you did!

## 1. Harbin city, China

Come and enjoy one of the most memorable Ice and Snow Festival during winter. Harbin City's snow festival draws a huge crowd because tourists want to feast their eyes of the well-known splendid ice structures.

These structures are the biggest ice structures you will find nowhere in the world and they get more beautiful at night when they are lighted up by diverse colored lights. Plus, you can go ice-skating under the beautiful Chinese lights.

## 2. Ohrid, Macedonia

Ohrid might be everyone's summer fantasy for sunbathing and swimming but have you thought about the picturesque view of its location in the winter? This peaceful little lakeside town looks charming with snow-covered cobblestones on the narrow walks. There is nothing as good as finding a Macedonian breakfast with some strong local coffee.

## 3. Svalbard, Norway

Polar bears love this location probably because of its arctic qualities. Here you can find wildlife and several ancient mining towns which collectively make the group of neighboring islands a beautiful sight. However, in winter, a beauty of nature described as the Polar Night takes place here, making it the most-favored destination worldwide. The sun doesn't set and leaves a blue twilight in the sky, coloring the nearby snow-capped mountains.

## 4. Richmond Park, UK

The Richmond Park is one of the prides on Londoners. In winter, you can see tens of wild deer all over the woody park, either wandering or eating grass at ease. The pouring ice draws visitors who are keen hikers or just want to enjoy a nice winter time doing snowball fight, flying in the sled.

【1】In which place can tourists see the world's biggest ice structures?

A. Harbin. B. Ohrid.

C. Svalbard. D. Richmond Park.

【2】What attracts tourists most to visit Svalbard?

A. Polar bears. B. Ancient mines.

C. Arctic wildlife. D. Polar Night.

【3】What do the four places have in common?

A. They are all intended for foreigners. B. They all serve as winter destinations.

C. They all offer summertime activities. D. They all have snow-related exhibitions.

## 2. 阅读理解

Smooth balls of ice rolled ashore on a beach in Finland and piled up like a huge bunch of turtles' eggs. But where did these "ice eggs" come from?

Amateur photographer Risto Mattila stumbled upon the strange sight while walking with his wife on Hailuoto Island. The temperature remained around minus 1 degree Celsius that day, he said, and the wind blew quickly across the beach. "There we found this amazing phenomenon. There was snow and ice eggs along the beach near the water line".

The "ice eggs" littered an area the length of about one-quarter of a football field and ranged in size from that of an average chicken egg to that of a powerful soccer ball. Mattila took a photo, noting that he had "never seen anything like this during 25 years around here." Others came upon the ice eggs, too. "I've never seen this before. The whole beach was almost full of these ice balls," said Tarja Terentjeff, who lives in the nearby town of Oulu. Another local, Sirpa Tero, told CNN she'd seen snowballs line the shoreline before, but not over such a large area.

"Although it happens once in a blue moon, these ice eggs form similarly to sea glass or rounded stones that wash up on the beach," said BBC Weather expert George Goodfellow. Chunks (块) of ice break off from larger ice sheets in the sea and either slide to shore on the incoming tide or get pushed in by strong spells of wind at the water's surface, he explained. Waves buffet (冲击) the ice chunks as they travel, slowly eroding their rough edges into smooth curves. Seawater sticks and freezes to the forming eggs, causing them to grow like snowballs do as they roll across the ground, leaving behind nothing but smooth and shiny "eggs" for curious tourists to happen upon.

【1】The underlined phrase "stumbled upon" in Paragraph 2 can be best replaced by \_\_

A. pulled through B. survived from

C. ran across D. took notes of

【2】What can we know from Paragraph 3?

A. It was a very unusual phenomenon. B. Ice eggs gathered in a football field.

C. Only a quarter of the area was stricken. D. The beach was completely ice-covered.

【3】According to Goodfellow, how did the "ice eggs" come into being?

A. By means of sea water buffeting the wood chunks.

B. On the basis of the strong force of the cold wind.

C. By way of the special location and cold weather.

D. Through a rare combination of weather and waves.

【4】What does the text mainly talk about?

A. An extraordinary trip of "ice eggs". B. The power of wind and seawater.

C. A strange weather-based occurrence. D. How snowball affected the shoreline.

## 3. 阅读理解

You can take fish oil. You can invest in a language class. or some hours of exercise every week. There are countless ways to improve your memory and cognitive functioning (认知功能). You know, the brain-training industry is expected to reach \$ 8 billion by 2022. But the cheapest, easiest and most time-tested way to sharpen your brain is right in front of your face. That's why moms are always on their kids' cases to turn off the TV and pick up a good book. But there's something astonishing about how it can make it.

The most basic effect occurs in the area associated with language reception. Processing written material - from the letters to the words to the sentences to the stories themselves - takes your attention to interpret the information. Typically, when you read, you have more time to think, judge and even criticize. And the very nature of such an ordinary activity encourages the brain to work harder and better, deepening your understanding of your course and your future career.

And the benefits of reading continue long after you've put down that great book. It is clarified that some of those benefits last for five days. We call that a shadow activity, almost like a muscle memory - that means, even if you are a retired sportsman now, some skills can still be stored in your memory. That means the language part of the