

1. 阅读理解

The Worlds' Best Bookshops

There's nothing like being surrounded by books, wherever you are. Here are the finest oases of literature that travellers can bring you.

Daikanyama T - site | Tokyo

It is well worth visiting even if just to admire the building's beautiful, crisscrossed architecture. Once you've had your fill of roaming three floors' worth of bookshelves, there's the bar, the coffee shop, or even the video rental space to give you more reason to stay just that little bit longer. Grab a book, order a beer and dive into its pages. I could have stayed hours here.

City Lights | San Francisco

The three - storey establishment publishes and sells titles in poetry, fiction, translation, politics, history and the arts. It hosts events and readings, and runs a non - profit of the same name that aims to promote diversity of voices and ideas in literature. It's opposite Vesuvio, a bar frequented by Kerouac and other Beat - generation writers and artists.

Shakespeare and Company | Paris

I made a special trip to the Left Bank for this one when I was in Paris. It has two floors packed with English - language texts, and I was particularly struck by any spare wall space devoted to notes from visitors - heartfelt messages to a loved one, dedications to the shop itself, or a quote from a favourite author or philosopher.

Hutatma Chowk | Mumbai

A few years ago I visited India, investigating Rudyard Kipling's connections with the country. I spotted a cheap copy of The Jungle Book on one of the tarp - covered book stalls at Hutatma Chowk (Martyrs' Square). The booksellers here are like amateur librarians, able to lay their hands on almost any title you ask for. To me, those well - thumbed (翻旧了的) books spoke volumes about the changes of Mumbai's readers in the 150 years since the city gave us Kipling.

【1】In which bookshop can you buy a drink while visiting?

- A. Daikanyama T - site.
- B. City Lights.
- C. Shakespeare and Company.
- D. Hutatma Chowk.

【2】What can be learned about the book stalls at Hutatma Chowk?

- A. People can meet Rudyard Kipling there.
- B. They sell the cheapest books in the world.
- C. The book owners are amateur librarians.
- D. The sellers are familiar with the books.

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

- A. They are beautifully designed.
- B. They are three - storey buildings.
- C. They offer book lovers good experience.
- D. They are frequently visited by great writers.

2. 阅读理解

Many shopping malls now have special areas that offer shoppers their first chance to experience "VR technology". You may have entered one out of curiosity, or you may think it is just another piece of useless technology. Whatever your opinion, VR, or virtual (虚拟的) reality, is going to become a big part of our lives very soon.

2016 saw the introduction of many fancy products in the world of VR, including

Microsoft's HoloLens and Samsung's Gear VR. All of them offer an exciting look at the new realities and opportunities that VR brings. These, however, are the early days of a technology that is expected to go from strength to strength. And 2017 looks like it is going to be the year in which VR technology really takes off.

For a start, using VR will become more normal in 2017. Microsoft and Intel have already discussed their plans for simpler and less expensive VR headsets.

"The idea of VR will stop being a sci-fi (science-fiction) idea, and instead it will turn into an industry of real products used as ways to show off imagination." Said Andrew, a designer at US VR Company, Survios. It is also expected that VR products will play a part in more common and real-life fields like fashion and film. For example, to enjoy the atmosphere and energy of the front row experience at a fashion show, fans will no longer have to go along in the flesh. Instead people will be able to enjoy the experience by just wearing a VR headset at home.

You can also expect VR mirrors and fitting-rooms sooner rather than later. "This is an especially good opportunity for brands looking to offer very personalized experiences." Said Roy De Young from US-based marketing agency, PMX.

As time goes on, there will be less discussion about whether people will accept VR technology. It will simply be a discussion of when.

【1】Why do many shopping malls have areas for VR experiences?

- A. To collect shoppers' opinions.
- B. To meet the demands of shoppers.
- C. To introduce the new technology to shoppers.
- D. To entertain shoppers with new technology.

【2】What does the underlined phrase "in the flesh" mean?

- A. In time B. In person
- C. In line D. In order

【3】What can we know about VR products from the passage?

- A. They are not expensive at present.
- B. They will meet more personal demands.
- C. They are being used almost everywhere.
- D. They won't be accepted for many years.

【4】What may be the best title for the passage?

- A. VR Meets Our Life Goal B. VR Mirrors Are Coming
- C. VR Takes over Fashion D. VR Is Becoming Real

3. 阅读理解

Today's world is not an easy adjustment for young adults. Key skill set for success is persistence (毅力), a characteristic that researchers say is heavily influenced by