

## 1. 阅读理解

## Guinness World Records Set by Kids

## ◆ The youngest club DJ

Oratilwe A J Hongwane likes putting in more efforts when playing music for a crowd. In 2012, he became the youngest club DJ—he was five when he played a one-hour set to 100 people at a bar in South Africa. Known in the business as DJ Arch Jnr, he broke the record previously held by a six-year-old in Japan.

## ◆ The most viewed video game-unboxing video

Kids love watching someone unbox a new purchase—especially if it's something they can't get themselves. Maybe that's why more than 25 million people have watched YouTube HD. What's really cool about Evan is that he actually donates most of the toys to those in need. He also uses his popular YouTube channel to draw people's attention to worthy organizations for helping the poor.

## ◆ The youngest drummer

The rules of Guinness World Records say a drummer must record a real song and be paid for his skills and that the drummer must give at least 20 concerts of 45 minutes or longer within five years. At the age of just four Julian Pavone met all those qualifications.

## ◆ The fastest assembly (组装) of 10,000 Lego pieces and the longest Lego chain

A group of school kids in New Jersey went for their world records to increase public awareness about a fellow student who is suffering from a rare and deadly disease. The group put together 10,000 Lego pieces in just three hours, breaking the old one by five hours. They also set the record for the longest Lego chain, which ended up at 947 meters, beating the old record by 40.

【1】Who is devoted to charity?

- A.Oratilwe A J Hongwane. B.Evan.  
C.DJ Arch Jnr. D.Julian Pavone.

【2】What do we know about the youngest drummer?

- A.He has recorded 20 real songs.  
B.He gave at least 20 concerts at five.  
C.He must earn a lot of money by recording.  
D.He was qualified for the Guinness World Records at four.

【3】Why did the school kids set the world record?

- A.To help a sick schoolmate.  
B.To inspire team spirit.  
C.To prevent a rare disease.  
D.To make their school famous.

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On a Saturday afternoon, Tasi Lama had just finished lunch and was going to wash his hands when the ground under his feet started shaking violently. Objects began to fall down from overhead and rising above the crashes, he could hear terrified screams all around him. Several months later, the painter from Nepal's Kathmandu Valley remembers that day more vividly than his wedding day or the birth of his son.

It was on April 25, 2015 that an earthquake hit Nepal, the former Himalayan kingdom out of sight between its giant neighbors China and India, 81 years after a similar disaster. This killer quake and aftershocks that continued for more than a month afterward killed over 8,000 people, destroyed thousands of houses, and ruined an economy already damaged by many other reasons.

It was also of consequence for the ancient art style Nepali painters such as Lama have been practicing for generations. "We left our homes and lived in the open fields outside the city, under tarpaulins (防水油布) for a month," Lama said. Many of the houses, built of mud and bricks, were in ruins and the aftershocks continued, though less frequently. One day, I went to my showroom to get some of the paintings out and the Earth started shaking again. I dropped everything and ran out for my life."

Dinesh Lama, a 32-year-old artist from Nepal's capital city, Kathmandu, said his Boudha Stupa Thangka Center, which functions as his showroom as well as his studio, has remained shut since the earthquake, as his artisans (工匠) are too traumatized (心理受到创伤的) to take up the brush again. "We lived in temporary tents for more than a month," he said. "When they try to sit inside the studio and paint, fear makes their hands shake. Luckily, we have got a lot of aid from China. I believe we will come back to our home soon."

【1】What can we conclude from the second paragraph?

- A.The April 25 earthquake made Nepal disappear for long.  
B.This quake caused more deaths than the one 81 years ago.  
C.Nepal also suffered a serious disaster due to the 1934 quake.  
D.The earthquake is the only reason for Nepal being backward.

【2】What can we know according to Tasi Lama's words?

- A.Many Nepali painters lost their lives in the quake.  
B.Only the houses built of mud and bricks broke down.  
C.His showroom fell into ruins after the quake.  
D.He had no choice but to stop working for long.

【3】What made Dinesh Lama worried most?

- A.That his showroom had been totally destroyed.  
B.That his artisans were incapable of working.  
C.That he couldn't sell his works as usual.  
D.That he would never pick up his brush to draw.

【4】Which of the following is the proper title for the text?

- A.Earthquake Brings Damage to Ancient Art  
B.Earthquake Causes Many Artists Out of Job  
C.China Gives a Timely Hand to Nepal  
D.Nepal Suffers from Two Nonstop Quakes

## 3. 阅读理解

Australian experts have expressed concerns that too many millennials (千禧一代) are hoping to use their social media accounts to build their careers.