

1. 阅读理解

The UK'S Best Theme Parks

Drayton Manor Theme Park, Staffordshire

The new Tamarin Trail takes adventurers through beautiful gardens, allowing kids and adults to come face-to-face with a troop of monkeys. The park is also home to Europe's only Thomas Land, which last year underwent a £2.5m expansion, including new rides. There are thrilling rides, including the stand-up roller coaster, Shockwave, and the 54-metre drop tower, Apocalypse.

Adults from £15, children from £10 (under -2s free)

Thorpe Park, Surrey

All aboard Derren Brown's Ghost Train which opened in July 2016. This 10-15 minute train journey includes exciting live-action performances, 4D special effects and so on. Also new is "I'm a Celebrity... Maze (迷宫)", and there are some of the highest and fastest rides in Europe here too.

Adults from £28, children from £24 (under -3s free)

Warwick Castle, Warwickshire

Although not officially a theme park, this medieval castle offers history, magic, myth and adventure to suit all ages, and is now home to the UK's first fully interactive and multi-sensory Horrible Histories Maze, giving visitors a fascinating experience of getting lost in time. From July, you can sleep over in the new riverside Middle Ages-themed woodland cottages of Knight's Village.

From £31 (under-3s free)

Chessington World of Adventures, Surrey

Following the Pandamonium live show in 2016, last year saw The Gruffalo River Ride Adventure open at Chessington, which has over 40 rides and attractions. Rides include Dragon Falls, Safari Skyway, Toadies Crazy Cars and Runaway Train.

From £29 (under-3s free)

【1】Where are animal-loving children probably advised to go?

- A. Warwick Castle.
- B. Thorpe Park.
- C. Drayton Manor Theme Park.
- D. Chessington World of Adventures.

【2】How much should a couple with their two-year-old son pay at least in Thorpe Park?

- A. £56. B. £52.
- C. £40. D. £30

【3】What do the parks have in common?

- A. Children should be accompanied by adults.
- B. They have all been rebuilt before reopening.
- C. They all offer exciting rides in the parks.
- D. Certain kids have free entry to the parks.

2. 阅读理解

"I believe in holding onto traditions because they helped our family flourish (兴旺) in a new country. But this concept is more concretely expressed this way: I believe in feeding monkeys on my birthday — something I've done without fail for 35 years.

In the Burmese jungle, monkeys are as common as pigeons. But in America, feeding monkeys means violating the rules.

As a kid, I thought that was cool. I learned English through watching bad television shows and expected that I was the chosen warrior (勇士) sent to defend my family.

Dad and I would go to the zoo early in the morning, just the two of us. When the Coast was clear, I would throw my peanuts to the monkeys.

I never had to explain myself until my 18th birthday. It was the first year I didn't go with my father. I went with my friends and arrived 10 minutes after the zoo gates closed. "Please," I begged the zookeeper, "I feed monkeys for my family, not for me. Can't you make an exception?" "Go find a pet store," she said.

If only it were so easy. That time, I got lucky. I found out that a high school classmate trained the monkeys for the movie Out of Africa, so he allowed me to feed his monkeys. Once a man with a pet monkey suspected that my story was a ploy — that I was an animal rights activist out to liberate his monkey. Another time, a zoo told me that outsiders could not feed the monkeys without violating the zookeepers' collective bargaining agreement. Once in a pet store, I managed to feed a marmoset (狨) being kept in a birdcage. Another time, I was asked to wear a special suit to feed a laboratory monkey.

It's rarely easy and, yet, somehow I've found a way to feed a monkey every year since I was born.

【1】Why has the author fed monkeys all these years?

- A. To please his father.
- B. To develop a new hobby.
- C. To celebrate his birthday.
- D. To keep up his family tradition.

【2】How did the author and his father feed the zoo monkeys?

- A. They did it in a secret way.
- B. They pretended to be warriors.
- C. They did it with the help of friends.
- D. They got the zookeeper's permission.

【3】What does the underlined word "ploy" in Paragraph 5 mean?

- A. Joke. B. Trick.
- C. Excuse. D. Adventure.

【4】How is the fifth paragraph mainly developed?

- A. By providing examples. B. By giving explanations.
- C. By following time order. D. By making comparisons.

3. 阅读理解

"While extroverts (性格外向者) often make great first impressions with their outgoing manner and lively personalities in interviews, their value and reputation at work diminish (缩减) over time," says Corinne Bendersky, an associate professor of Management.

"Extroverts disappoint us over time when they are part of a team," Bendersky says. "On a team you're expected to work hard and contribute a lot. But they are often