

1. 阅读理解

September is the month for fashion, with four international cities hosting the fashion week. All eyes will turn to New York, London, Milan and Paris this month to see which city puts on the best show.

New York

New York Fashion Week, or NYFW, kicks off on September 5th and runs for approximately eight days. NYFW is considered the most commercial and casual of the four. It is also the only event to allow some fashion school students to participate, bringing a fresh look to the runway.

London

London Fashion Week (LFW) comes on the heels of NYFW, starting on September 13th, and running through September 17th. Once considered a minor player among the Big Four, LFW can now command a list of big names as well as promising new designers. London fashion houses have a reputation for being very experimental and open to new ideas.

Milan

Fashion Week moves to Milan on September 17th. This beautiful Italian city is home to some of the biggest fashion houses and designers in the fashion world, including Armani and Prada. Milan's fashion houses are known for offering glamorous (有魅力的), yet practical, options.

Paris

The month of fashion makes its way to France as Paris Fashion Week begins on September 23rd. Saving the best for last, Paris never fails to offer some of the most exciting shows of the season. World-famous labels like Chanel and Dior try to outdo one another with their latest designs. The word that best describes Paris Fashion Week is 'elegant'.

【1】Which city is likely to attract the new designers?

A.London. B.New York.

C.Paris. D.Milan.

【2】When does Paris Fashion Week probably end?

A.September 21st. B.September 20th.

C.September 29th. D.September 23rd.

【3】What can we learn from the four fashion weeks?

A.Each offers practical option. B.Each shows its biggest brand.

C.Each is open to school students. D.Each has its own characteristics.

2. 阅读理解

Wildfires were rapidly spreading through northern and southern California as powerful winds swept through the state, burning homes and forcing more than 200,000 people to leave their homes. Thousands of structures were destroyed in the massive fires. Firefighters and volunteers worked around the clock, risking their lives to save others, although thick clouds of wildfire smoke hung in the air.

But it's not just humans in danger's path. A video of a horse running away from the rescue team to find his family of horses from CBS Los Angeles went viral. The public was touched by the horse's heroic act and shared their thoughts on the Internet.

Volunteers were rescuing several horses from the wildfire when one of the horses jumped away from the group. They were trying to help the horse, but he refused. They probably had no idea what was wrong with the horse, who just started running away from them. The horse raced back into danger to lead his family to safety, despite rescuers' best efforts to stop him. He knew he couldn't leave them behind. As the tension increased, several human strangers jumped in to help the animals — they went back to the burning barn where some of the horses remained.

You can watch the horse run back into the smoke-filled area, reconnect with the horses inside the fence, and quickly accompany them out of the fenced-off area. Though it's not clear from the video, CBS Los Angeles reported that all but one of the horses involved were saved. Disastrous as the California wildfires have been, the video and countless other rescue stories — humans and animals alike — are shining light on all acts of goodness taking place.

【1】What does the author intend to show by telling the wildfires in detail in Para. 1?

A.What caused the big wildfires. B.How serious the wildfires were.

C.What rescuers did in the wildfires. D.How rapidly the wildfires spread.

【2】What does the underlined phrases 'went viral' mean?

A.Turned bad. B.Got attacked.

C.Became interesting. D.Grew popular.

【3】Which words can best describe the horse?

A.Loyal but stubborn. B.Caring and courageous.

C.Responsible and clever. D.Flexible but aggressive.

【4】What message does the author want to convey?

A.Fighting disasters needs joint efforts. B.Animals are always friends of man.

C.All good deeds deserve to be praised. D.Animals show goodness to each other.

3. 阅读理解

Jellyfish are unusual creatures. They're neither fish nor jelly. Some are among the most colourful creatures in the world, but it's best to look but not touch these invertebrates (无脊椎动物). Not only are they very fragile creatures, but many give a painful sting, and some are even deadly. Whether you admire them in an aquarium or try to avoid them in the wild, you won't be able to get these fascinating jellyfish facts out of your head.

Here's a jellyfish fact that might come in handy: There are several names for a group of jellyfish. They include smack, bloom, and swarm. Choose the word you prefer depending on whether you think the jellyfish pack looks like a garden of blooming flowers or more like a frightening pack of stingers, and whether you're admiring them at an aquarium or if you and your fellow snorkelers are surrounded.

Jellyfish have two main forms in their life cycle that look quite different from each other. Scientific American explains that an adult jellyfish, called a medusa, has a bell-shaped body with tentacles (触须) flowing down below it. Young jellyfish, called polyps, look more like sea anemones, with shorter tentacles that flow up above the main body. Medusas reproduce by releasing eggs.

Melanie Roberts, Senior Aquarist at SeaWorld Orlando, says that the largest jellyfish in the world is a lion's mane jellyfish. The body of this beautiful orange jelly can grow up to three feet in diameter. With its 12,000 tentacles that can grow 120 feet long, Oceana.org adds that the lion's mane jelly compares in size to the planet's largest animal: the blue whale.

Regardless of their size, jellyfish are mostly made of water. In fact, they're about 95 per cent water. These creatures don't have brains, blood, or bones. And most jellyfish