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Tongariro National Park, known for its brilliant natural features, became New Zealand's first national park in 1887. The 80,000-hectare park is an ideal place to view the volcanic wonders which outstands among 13 national parks in the country.

Activities

Tongariro Alpine Crossing

The deservedly popular Tongariro Alpine Crossing features phenomenal volcanic scenery and fine views of Lake Taupo and Mt Taranaki.

Multiday Walks

Overnight hikes in the park include the four — day Northern Circuit and the six-day Round the Mountain track—one of New Zealand's Great Walks.

Nature 曲(路径)

A series of short nature trails around Tongariro's lower valleys take in the various habitats, home to fascinating and diverse native plants and animals, and are a great way to get to know the park's special places and stories. Home to the national park visitor center, Whakapapa Village is a good place to start exploring.

Waterfall-watching

Dramatic waterfalls are a Tongariro National Park specialty. See them on a number of spectacular short walks including Taranaki Falls, Watonga Falls, Silica Rapids and Tawhai Falls.

Key Tips

- Before departing on a walk, check at the Department of Conservation Visitor Centre for up-to-date information on weather, volcanic activity and track conditions.
- Fill in an intention form at the Department of Conservation Visitor Centre if you plan to overnight in a hikers' hut.
- Whatever kind of accommodation you choose, it will pay to book in advance during peak season (December to March).

【1】What distinguishes Tongariro National Park from others?

- A.Its long history. B.Its massive area.
C.Its volcanic wonders. D.Its colorful activities.

【2】Which activity attracts an animal lover most?

- A.Tongariro Alpine Crossing. B.Multiday Walks.
C.Nature Trails. D.Waterfall-watching.

【3】What is the proper time if you want to avoid the peak season?

- A.January. B.February. C.March. D.April.

2.

On the outside, 12-year-old Luna seems like your average kid. It's not until you get to know her that you learn that Luna is anything but average.

Born with a heart defect (缺陷) called dextrocardia, Luna has had three open-heart operations and continues to pursue her interests in art and fashion. But when Luna was approached by athletic shoe company Saucony to design a shoe for sale across the country, it came as quite a surprise.

"This is so incredible. I got to use my art and creativity for something new that I'd never thought I'd be able to design," Luna said. She is one of six patients from Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) who have partnered with Saucony to design their own shoe to launch the Shoes with Soul campaign.

"Rather than just a donation, we wanted to create an experience and a moment that would not only raise money, but also awareness to highlight all the amazing work that's being done at BCH," says Chris, Saucony's vice president. "Specifically, we wanted to give some of the BCH kids an opportunity to share their story and their talents with the world. "

Luna's design is fashion. On the tongue, they digitalized one of my drawings, and then on bottom it's a really bright pink color, and on the inside, the sole of the shoe is actually another drawing I did of a sunset," she said. "Thinking about kids everywhere around the world wearing my shoe is amazing. It blows my mind."

The income from the shoe sales will benefit the Boston Children's Hospital Cardiac Fitness Program, which encourages kids to "find your possible" through personalized exercise programs tailored for each individual patient's heart condition.

"It feels really good to help people and it's really something I can relate to," says Luna. "The advice I would give a kid or someone like me is never give up. There are a lot of kids out there with your condition and you're not alone."

【1】What can we learn from Chris' words?

- A.It's unwise to raise money.
B.It's optional to seek donations.
C.It's wonderful to study art.
D.It's necessary to show kids' talents.

【2】What does Luna mean by "It blows my mind" in paragraph 5?

- A.I'm overjoyed. B.I'm very serious.
C.My mind goes blank. D.My mind is racing.

【3】Which of the following best describes Luna?

- A.Gifted and determined. B.Generous and serious.
C.Grateful and helpful. D.Creative and sensitive.

【4】What is the text mainly intended to do?

- A.Tell us a story of a disabled girl.
B.Set a good example to the disabled.
C.Launch Saucony's new brand shoes.
D.Introduce a campaign with kid patients.

3.

The Assassin's Creed series has been about building immersive (沉浸式的) and accurate historical worlds. As their newest game releases f Assassins Creed Origins, they have also released their Discovery Tours. These tours give players a chance to walk the streets of ancient Egypt, explore Alexandria and the pyramids, and learn about wildlife and geography. For students, experiencing the ancient world in this interactive way can be more interesting and effective than just reading a textbook or watching a documentary about what they are studying.

Assassins Creed is not the only game series that can be educational either. What is important about the role of historical games is the level of choice. When watching a film, students are passive receivers of content. However, when playing a game students have an active role to play in history. A focus on choice and consequence is an important element of teaching and understanding history, so historical games can be a valuable teaching tool even if they aren't completely historically accurate. They have the power to immerse students in faraway worlds and allow them to think critically about cause and consequence, think about why historical events unfolded the way they