

吉林省2021年英语高考模拟卷（5）

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Michael Jackson was on the road of performing when he was five years old. As is known to all, the road to fame and fortune is a long, hard one.

Michael remembers those early years when he was young. "My father was a machine operator," he explained, "and he worked at a steel plant. My mother worked at Sears, a big department store. But they were both musicians."

Michael's father Joe Jackson realized his sons had a lot of talent, and he knew he could train them to become fine musicians. In those days there were plenty of music groups and some of them were very good. He knew if his sons were to stand out, they would have to be the best.

Practice makes perfect. And the Jackson boys practiced! Gradually the group took shape. Then word of this group began to get around. Thus Michael got a chance to do some solo (独唱) songs. In the following years, Michael was always on the top. One million records of his were sold in New Zealand, which has only a total population of three million!

When Michael was eighteen, he entered another field of his career (生涯) —acting. "I plan to star in movies," he told his friends, "but of course, my first love is music."

Michael wrote a lot of his own songs. "Songs came about in the strangest ways," he said. "I'll just wake up from sleeping and there is a whole song coming into my head. And then I put it down on the paper."

Still, with all his success, Michael managed to keep his head calm. "I just do a different job from other people," he said, "but it doesn't make me think I'm better than other people."

To be quite honest, his fans just love to hear and watch him!

(1) What can we know from the text?

- A. Michael Jackson's parents enjoyed music a lot. B. Michael's mother worked in a factory when he was young.
C. Michael's father spent a lot of time in drinking. D. Michael began to earn money when he was only four years old.

(2) What did Joe Jackson realize?

- A. His children didn't need much practice. B. His children had little talent to be musicians.
C. His children couldn't become famous if they weren't the best. D. There were a number of music groups in those days.

(3) Which of the following is true?

- A. A great number of New Zealanders bought a record of Michael's. B. Michael began to act in films when he was five years old.
C. All of Michael's songs were written by other people. D. Michael thinks that he is much more clever than others.