安徽省2021年英语高考模拟卷(2)

As the hot tears rolled down her face, I knew I had asked the wrong question. The words reverberated (回响) in my mind: Widowed or divorced?

"Well, you could call me widowed," she replied. "My husband died five months ago today."

"I'm so sorry," I said. "I needed it to fill out your credit application.

"Don't worry about it, honey," she said. "If I never thought about it, I would not remember the love and the memories we shared. Even after 50 years of marriage, each passing moment would bring a deeper meaning to the word 'love'."

I began to deal with her credit application, words hung in the air. My mind was not focused on the task, and I was unsuccessful in my first few attempts. After I finally completed it, she continued in a heart-to-heart. I couldn't believe someone could open up to a perfect stranger.

"Have you ever been married?" she asked.

I couldn't help but laugh. I hadn't even thought about getting married. Besides, I looked nothing like a married woman.

"Ah, no," I replied "I'm only 16."

"Sixteen?" she murmured (嘟囔) "That's a great age, an age of lessons. There's so much worth learning."

She then spoke in a whisper, sharing the one lesson that I will carry with me the rest of my life. "Never, ever take anyone for granted. If you are in love with someone, let it be known as often as you feel it. Otherwise, life may pass you by. Don't spend your life angry. The ridiculous arguments you think are important won't even be remembered in a short time."

I have never seen that woman again, but her words of inspiration still live in me.

(1) The author asked the woman the question out of _____.

A. necessity B. kindness C. curiosity D. respect

(2) What can we know about the woman?

A. She broke up with her husband.B. She got married 50 years ago.C. She was angry withthe author.D. She was thankful to the author.

(3) According to Paragraph 5, the author failed in her first few attempts to do her work probably because