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Food festivals are a common occurrence in the UK and take place in all sorts of places and at all sorts of times. Whatever your taste, there's a food festival to match - no matter how specialized.

Meatopia

This three-day, London-based festival takes place at the end of August and is a meat lover's paradise. In addition to a range of meat products, from burgers to steaks, attendees can listen to live music, watch butchery shows, and attend informal meat-based workshops.

Vegfest

If you prefer a festival that will help you meet your five a day, then Vegfest is for you. This vegan-friendly event takes place several times a year. Here you can enjoy a wide selection of freshly prepared vegetables, learn cooking tips and hear talks on nutrition to help you make the most of your plant-based search.

The Marmalade Festival

Held in Cumbria, this festival has been running for 13 years. It includes a competition to find the best homemade marmalade. There are thousands of entries from over 30 different countries across the globe.

The Ginger (姜) and spice Festival

The Ginger and spice Festival, held in Market Drayton, celebrates its town's historic connection to Robert Clive, who returned from India with ginger. Because of this, they specialize in baking gingerbread, but also sell a range of spices from mild to hot.

The National Honey show

It started in 1921 and is the largest event of its kind. This three-day event attracts over 2000 participants to their traditional competition, and offers lectures and workshops on beekeeping and, of course, that syrupy golden honey.

While people's tastes are different from each other, the UK has something to offer most people. From large-scale festivities, to the smaller gatherings, one thing is certain: people are passionate about their food. And while some of the products on offer might be strange to someone, when food is given that much attention, it's unlikely to leave a bad taste in anyone's mouth.

【1】Which is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. People can enjoy a wide selection of meat in Vegfest.
- B. Meatopia falls on August 31 every year.
- C. The Marmalade Festival is just known by the British.
- D. Robert Clive took ginger to the UK from India.

【2】Which festival will be most attractive for people having a sweet tooth?

- A. Meatopia B. The Ginger and spice Festival,
- C. Vegfest. D. The National Honey show.

【3】In which part of a magazine can you most probably find this passage?

- A. Voice & views. B. Science & Technology.
- C. Culture D. Sports.

2.

Kang Sung-il buys Sancho, his Pomeranian, a toy every business trip and this lunar New Year holiday will dress him up in a new \$50 suit to visit 'grandma', Kang's mother. Kang and his wife say children are too expensive and bring too much pressure. Instead they have chosen to shower Sancho with love and gifts.

They are not alone. South Korea's pet industry is booming, fuelled by the same factors that have made the country's birth rate, at 1.05 births per woman, the lowest in the world: the high cost of education and housing as well as extremely long working days.

"Social pressures in South Korea are such that parents are required to provide resources for decades from private schooling to art classes," said Kang a 39-year-old manager of a pet funeral home.

On top of education expenses, an average household must budget roughly 12.8 years of income to buy a mid-range home, compared to 8.8 years in 2014, data from KB Kookmin Bank shows. Adding to their stress, South Koreans work the third most hours per year among OECD (经合组织) nations, next only to Mexico and Costa Rica.

Pet-owning households have risen to 28 percent of all South Korean households in 2018, compared with 18 percent in 2012, government data shows.

That in turn has resulted in a prosperous pet care industry whose offerings include tailored pet diets and high-priced photo shoots. Pet-related startups are also popular with venture capitalists. The South Korean pet-related industry was worth 2.7 trillion won (\$2.4 billion) last year, and that could more than double in size by 2027, according to the Korean Rural Economic Institute.

【1】What do the underlined words "his Pomeranian" in paragraph 1 refer to?

- A. His son. B. His pet.
- C. A toy. D. Sancho's brother.

【2】What may NOT be the result of expensive education and houses along with long working hours?

- A. The birth rate in South Korea is the lowest in the world.
- B. 28 percent of the South Korean families raised pets in 2018.
- C. There are more pet-related businesses than before.
- D. Parents send their children to private schools.

【3】Which of the following may be the service offered in a pet-related industry?

- A. Training the pet to be a tailor. B. Showering the pet with gifts.
- C. Taking pictures for customers' pets. D. Shooting the pet with a false gun.

【4】According to the passage, many people think that giving birth to a baby

- A. Costs too much B. Is a must
- C. Is boring D. Brings happiness

3.

What's the point of studying? It's something you might ask yourself if you're studying for a degree and you're struggling to complete homework or in an exam, especially if your friends seem to be out having a good time, or are working and earning lots of money.

Many of us choose to go to university as a first step towards a good career but sometimes that career is to go to university as a first step towards a good career but sometimes that career is hard to achieve and graduates end up doing something they are overqualified for. With the increasing costs of university, students begin to ask themselves whether a degree path is the best route into a career. There is a need for much better career advice and guidance into employment in addition to university