

## 黑龙江省2021年英语高考模拟卷（1）

### 阅读选择

#### 1. 阅读理解

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It is commonly believed that the earliest Chinese paper-cuts appeared during the sixth century. Some scholars believe it was even earlier. Legend has it that during the Western Han Dynasty(206BC-AD24), Emperor Wudi was very sad after one of his favorite concubines, Madame Li, died. A Taoist priest, Li Shaoweng, cut a piece of hemp paper in the shape of Madame Li. When evening fell, the emperor's servants lit candles in his bedroom; the reflection of that paper-cut on the wall made the emperor think about his beloved concubine.

The Yuxian paper-cut is different from most paper-cuts produced in other regions of China. Paper-cuts from other regions are mostly cut with scissors or knives from single-colored paper, such as red or black paper.

There are four major procedures to making the Yuxian paper-cut: First, sketch the pattern on the draft paper; second, fasten the draft to the paper to be cut; third, use a knife to carve out the pattern; and fourth, dye (染色) the paper-cut with various colors.

Precise cutting skills are needed to make a piece of the Yuxian paper-cut, which highlights the craft maker's artistic taste and dyeing skills. That explains the following saying: "The successful making of a Yuxian paper-cut is 30 percent dependent on the maker's cutting skills, and 70 percent on the maker's dyeing skills."

The traditional Yuxian paper-cut highlights two themes: flowers and characters in Chinese operas. The paper-cut is particularly known for its vivid description of characters in various traditional Chinese operas. In October 2009, the art of Yuxian's paper-cut was added to the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage (非物质文化遗产) established by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).

(1) The first paragraph is actually about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Emperor Wudi's favorite concubine      B. the origins of Chinese paper-cuts      C. the inventor of Chinese paper-cut      D. one of the themes of Yuxian paper-cut

(2) Which is the most important skill of making paper-cut?

- A. Drawing skill.      B. Cutting skill.      C. Dyeing skill.      D. Carving skill

(3) According to the passage, the Yuxian paper-cut is especially famous for its \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. lively images of characters in classic operas      B. traditional Chinese operas      C. Chinese cultural influence on operas      D. advanced cutting techniques