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Oscar Wilde was born into a rich family in Dublin. He married in 1884 and had two children, but in the following years, he had an affair with a young man, Alfred Douglas. Douglas's father was so angry about it that he sued Wilde, who then spent two years in prison. When he was released, he stayed in France under a new name, trying to write as he used to. (1) He died of disease in 1900 when he was just 46.

Wilde loved his children and often told them stories. (2) The book contains his most famous stories, including *The Happy Prince*, *The Nightingale and the Rose*, and *The Selfish Giant*, making Wilde an accomplished children's author. *The Picture of Dorian Gray* was his only novel. It was first published in a magazine, but the editor deleted hundreds of his words. (3) In this novel, Wilde questioned whether everyone had secrets and whether the upper classes were the same as they appeared. (4) Therefore, his work was criticized harshly, with most of attacks targeted at his person. His play *The Importance of Being Earnest* mocked women who married for security instead of love. (5) The play enjoyed great success at first but had to close owing to Wilde's trial. Now, *The Importance of Being Earnest* is still one of Wilde's most popular works and is regularly performed.

- (A) Wilde then published it as a novel, in which he defended his rights, maintaining a position of art for art's sake.
- (B) He collected some of these stories in a book called *The Happy Prince and Other Stories*.
- (C) Unfortunately, Wilde never regained the creativity he had had before his imprisonment.
- (D) He also ridiculed people who focused on trivial things too seriously.
- (E) The way he challenged the nobility irritated them because he ignored the social and moral codes of the Victorian era.

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The Recycled Orchestra of Cateura was founded in a slum on the outskirts of Paraguay's capital, Asuncion. Children living in this area help their parents from a young age. (1) They are very poor and cannot even go to school, either. In this area, children are the important workforce. The prospects for most of the children born in Cateura are bleak and gangs and drugs await many of them. (2)

When the orchestra was founded, there were about 30 members. (3) The children are able to develop concentration, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility through music education.

After their video was made public, performance requests and donations poured in from all over the world. (4) They were able to have future dreams of becoming musicians and teaching music to children, like Favio did.

(5) They aim to improve the environmental problems of Cateura and promote employment in the community.

- (A) Eventually, they were able to get real musical instruments.
- (B) However, since a man named Favio Chávez came to the area, it has undergone a transformation.
- (C) Their future goal is to set up the Landfill Harmonic Foundation.
- (D) Garbage picking, car window cleaning, and begging are their main sources of income.
- (E) Now, more than two hundred children have learned music.

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2016 is considered the first year of the live streaming era. Now, it is believed that a great number of live streaming hosts are receiving an annual income of more than \$10 million. Under their influence, more and more young people are wondering whether being a live streaming host is a good choice for a future career.

In Taiwan, the top 500 hosts are earning in excess of \$100,000 a month, and the monthly income of the top 10 hosts can reach between 2 and 3 million. In fact, the major part of the revenue of these live streaming hosts comes from donations from their fans. It is said the highest single donation from a "stan," or a loyal fan, was \$6 million. However, not all hosts are so lucky. To be successful, a host needs to have the characteristics that appeal to a large following. The general rule is that the more fans you have, the more likely you will receive a large number of donations.

Generally speaking, live hosts have to be good-looking and possess extraordinary ability in their own specialties. What's more, people with unique characteristics draw more attention and appeal to more fans. Do you consider yourself special? Do you know a lot about something that you are eager to share with others? If you are, being a live streaming host may be a great choice.

- () (1) What is a suitable title for this passage? (A) The Chances of Becoming a Successful Live Streaming Host (B) How to Make Easy Money through Live Streaming Broadcasts (C) The Secrets Behind the Popularity of Live Streaming (D) How to Persuade Your Parents to Allow You to Be a Live Streaming Host
- () (2) According to the passage, which statement is true? (A) Live streaming hosts are usually attractive. (B) The number of live broadcast shows reached its peak in 2020. (C) A stan is a live streamer who receives a huge amount of money. (D) The more stans you have, the less money you are going to earn.

- () (3) Which personality trait is a successful live streaming host most likely to have? (A) Aggression. (B) Passion. (C) Athleticism. (D) Brutality
- () (4) What can we infer from the passage? (A) Being a part-time live streaming host is a crucial step before you taking it up as a full-time job. (B) Live streaming hosts with unique characteristics will have higher revenue than those with ordinary traits. (C) Live streaming was popular in the past but hardly anyone does it now. (D) The top live streaming host do not usually receive donations from fans.
- () (5) What's the attitude of the writer to live streaming? (A) Neutral. (B) Positive. (C) Fearful. (D) Irrational.

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Do you know how many sandwiches are eaten by Americans every day? The answer is more than 300 million! It's not difficult to imagine why this food is such a popular choice—it's portable, easy-to-make, and definitely a balanced meal. There is even a day called National Sandwich Day on November 3. Below are two fun facts about this lunch favorite among most Americans. First, have you ever wondered how the sandwich got its name? Legend has it that it was named after John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich. He asked for meat to be served between slices of bread because in this way, he could eat with only one hand and did not have to leave a 24-hour gambling game. Second, what are some of the most popular sandwiches in America? The first prize goes to turkey, followed by ham. Peanut butter and jelly comes in fifth; it is estimated that each American on average will have eaten 1,500 PB & Js by the time they graduate from high school. Now, how much do you feel like having one today? You are invited to bite into your favorite **combination**. Enjoy!

- () (1) What is the best title of this passage? (A) The Number of Sandwiches Eaten Every Day. (B) Why Sandwiches Are Easy-to-make. (C) Fun Facts about Sandwiches. (D) John Montagu and His Name.
- () (2) According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true? (A) Turkey sandwiches are more popular than ham sandwiches. (B) Eating sandwiches is convenient but not healthy enough. (C) The invention of sandwiches is related to gambling. (D) Peanut butter and jam sandwiches are liked a lot.
- () (3) What does the word "combination" probably refer to? (A) Ham. (B) Turkey. (C) Peanut butter. (D) Sandwich.
- () (4) Which of the following can be inferred from the passage? (A) Sandwiches are liked so much that they have their own day for celebration. (B) John Montagu always played cards before he ate a sandwich. (C) Ham sandwiches are not as popular as peanut butter sandwiches. (D) Taking sandwiches to a gambling table is considered lucky.
- () (5) What is the author's tone throughout the reading? (A) Gentle. (B) Joyful. (C) Loving. (D) Tragic.