

一、 閱讀測驗

07 Answer:

Hachiko was an Akita dog born in Akita prefecture (縣・日本行政區) on November 10, 1923. In 1924, Hidesaburo Ueno, a professor at the University of Tokyo, adopted Hachiko and formed an unbreakable bond with he dog. At the end of every single day, as Ueno got off at Shibuya station to make his way home, Hachiko would leave the house alone to greet him at the station. This routine went on every day until May of 1925, when Ueno had a cerebral hemorrhage (腦溢血) during a lecture. He died that day.

Hachiko, from that day on, continued for the next nine years to leave the house and wait at the station at the exact time the train was due to arrive. In 1932, an article in the Asahi Newspaper highlighted his loyalty and brought him into the national **spotlight**, where his faith to his master became an example of devotion to which Japanese children could look up to.

We do not know for sure how Hachiko and Professor Ueno spent their time in the span of 1 year and 4 months that they were together. It is obvious, however, that a strong, unbreakable bond had developed between them so that the dog would spend every day of his life waiting for his master to come back. Hachiko's undying devotion, love and faithfulness definitely deserve our respect.

- () (1) Why did Hachiko go to Shibuya station every day? (A) To watch the passersby. (B) To take a train. (C) To greet his master. (D) His master worked there.
- () (2) Why did Ueno stop showing up at Shibuya station? (A) He got off at a different station. (B) He was offered a job at the University of Tokyo. (C) He moved. (D) He died during a lecture.
- () (3) How did most people know about Hachiko's story in the first place? (A) Ueno wrote an article about his dog. (B) His story was in a newspaper. (C) Ueno was interviewed by a local TV show station. (D) Hachiko was found dead at the train station.
- () (4) Which word is closest in meaning to **spotlight** in the second paragraph? (A) Attention. (B) News. (C) Rumor. (D) Place.
- () (5) What is the best title for the passage? (A) "A Love that never Died" (B) "The history of dogs" (C) "Japanese dogs" (D) "A responsible owner"

08 Answer:

Dan Cummings was only 19 years old when his life changed forever. He broke his neck in an accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. The doctors diagnosed him as quadriplegic (四肢癱瘓) and told him that he would never be able to walk again. Instead of accepting their opinion as truth, he was determined to beat the odds and regain his ability to walk.

He had to physical therapy for 3 years without any notable progress. His insurance refused to pay for more. But he refused to give up. He moved to California so he could take part in a much more intensive rehabilitation (復健) program called Project Walk, which uses innovative therapies to help patients with

spinal cord injuries regain and improve motor skills. After 4 years of hard work, he proved the doctors wrong with the help of a walker, he could walk again.

He decided to dedicate his life towards helping others who have also suffered spinal cord injuries. He founded a physical rehabilitation center called Journey Forward to support other patients with spinal cord injuries. And then, 10 years after he got injured, he managed to walk a mile in support of the center, raising \$75,000 for the organization. This was all made possible by his remarkable drive and determination to never give up.

- () (1) Which of the following is true about Dan's disability? (A) He was born without limbs. (B) He never walked again. (C) He can't move his arms. (D) He became disabled by accident.
- () (2) What can we say about Dan's attitude towards his disability? (A) He is negative. (B) He is positive. (C) He is indifferent. (D) He is surprised.
- () (3) Why did Dan move to California? (A) To take a job. (B) To recover from an injury. (C) California has lower insurance costs. (D) To organize a charity event.
- () (4) What is Dan's role in Journey Forward? (A) He is a patient there. (B) He is an investor. (C) He is the founder. (D) He is a customer.
- () (5) Why did Dan walk a mile when he was 29? (A) To raise money. (B) To visit a friend. (C) To receive physical therapy. (D) To see a doctor.

二、 文意選填

07 Answer (Question 1-5):

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Erica was furious. She found out that one of her classmates had been talking about her behind her (1). Erica was (2) to confront the guy; however, her friend Thomas managed to (3) her out of doing anything rash. Later that day, Erica and Thomas were (4) home from school together. They (5) a convenience store. The clerk was a bad-tempered young man with a deep frown on his face. Thomas greeted him politely and spoke to the young man with great (6). He responded with a sneer and looked (7) to serve them. After they left the store, Erica (8) how rude the clerk had been. "Oh, he's always like that," replied Thomas cheerfully. Erica was (9). "So how (10) you're so nice to him?" she asked. "Why should I let that guy decide how I feel?" Thomas replied.

(A) dropped by (B) courtesy (C) talk (D) remarked (E) back (F) reluctant
(G) strolling (H) come (I) keen (J) intrigued

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Some people choose to run around a track, some choose to run up hills, and more adventurous runners might run up a mountain. Against the (1), Kevin Lin runs across

deserts, countries, and continents (大陸). In fact, unless Kevin decides to go ultra Gump and run continuously around Mother Earth forever, he has pretty much overcome every running ___(2)___ this planet has to offer. At 38, he has a long running career behind him, so he will have to be very creative with his future ___(3)___.

In the short history of ___(4)___ running, Kevin has already set some incredible benchmarks. The ___(5)___ one is his run across the Sahara along with Charlie Engle and Ray Zahab in 2007. That's a 6,920 kilometer trek across 6 countries: Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Libya, and Egypt.

As if that wasn't ___(6)___, in 2011 Kevin and his support crew succeeded in running the Silk Road. That run was about 10,000 km through some of the most dangerous running areas on earth. Those are just two of many of Kevin's ___(7)___. As a runner, this Taiwanese native has been shaping the sport and inspiring other runners to go further, longer, and on ___(8)___ routes.

But there is more to Kevin's running than just the need to ___(9)___ challenges. He has seen the beauty of our planet and he has also seen the problems of millions of people living in places most of us would not ___(10)___ suitable to live in. He notes that one of the biggest problems is access to clean water, and raising awareness of this issue has become his next challenge.

(A) goals (B) tougher (C) conquer (D) extreme (E) odds (F) consider (G) enough (H) best-known (I) victories (J) challenge
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