一、 閱讀測驗

05 Answer:

Jessica: To me, minimalism is a useful concept, but not that important. I've always been a fairly neat and tidy person, and I don't mind cleaning up my room when it's necessary. I don't need to follow anyone's rules or get rid of most of my possessions, though.

Joshua: I think minimalism is a great idea. I used to be a very disorganized person and could never find things when I was looking for them. Once I read an article about how to improve your life by getting rid of stuff, things changed for the better. Now, I follow the principles of minimalism at home, and I am much happier.

Freddy: I don't find minimalism either attractive or interesting. If you get pleasure from tidying up, then by all means do it. But my room has always been a messy place, and it has never bothered me, though my mom doesn't like it, of course. I'd hate to live in a boring, almost empty room, so minimalism isn't for me.

Amanda: A lot of people have been talking about this topic recently. I don't understand what the fuss is about. Of course, it's better to live in a tidy place than a messy one. But I don't need a book to teach me that!

( ) (1) What question are these four people most likely to be answering? (A) Why did you become a minimalist? (B) What is your opinion of minimalism? (C) Why do so many people like minimalism? (D) What is it like to be a minimalist?

( ) (2) Which of the four people is most enthusiastic about the topic? (A) Jessica. (B) Joshua. (C) Freddy. (D) Amanda.

( ) (3) What happened to Joshua? (A) He wrote an interesting article about minimalism. (B) He decided he didn't want to follow rules anymore. (C) He became a minimalist after reading about it. (D) His life became better when he stopped tidying up.

( ) (4) Why doesn't Freddy want to become a minimalist? (A) He doesn't think it is an interesting lifestyle. (B) He thinks it will make his mother angry with him. (C) He wants to get rid of most of his possessions. (D) He doesn't know why people are talking about it.

( ) (5) Which of the following best sums up Amanda's attitude to minimalism? (A) Very excited. (B) Quite interested. (C) Firmly opposed. (D) Not impressed.

06 Answer:

The Paiwan are one of Taiwan's fourteen indigenous tribes that have lived on the island for thousands of years. Many of their old customs have been dying out as the country has modernized and members of the tribe have joined **mainstream** society. Recently, some of the tribe's elders have been trying to keep various traditions alive. Among these is the practice of witchcraft.

It isn't the type of witchcraft you see in *Harry Potter* movies, however. It consists of rituals and ceremonies considered important to tribal culture. Witches were traditionally relied on to treat diseases, bless people, and pray for the community to protect it from evil spirits. In the past, witches had a high status within the tribe. They played an important role, especially on major occasions such as before a hunt or when the year's crops were being planted, or at a funeral.

To keep the tradition going, the Paiwan have opened a class in Pingtung County,

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where most of them live. The class has received financial support from the local government. It has more than ten students, and they are mainly housewives aged between 30 and 50. Among the lessons being taught are how to seek advice from the gods and communicate with dead ancestors.

( ) (1) What is this passage mainly about? (A) Where some indigenous tribes choose to live in Taiwan. (B) How the status of witches has changed in a few decades. (C) How the Paiwan's witchcraft differs from that in Harry Potter. (D) What the Paiwan are doing to revive their traditional customs.

( ) (2) Which of the following is NOT true about the class mentioned in the last paragraph? (A) It is about the practice of witchcraft. (B) It is sponsored by the local government. (C) Most of the learners go to the class after work. (D) Most of the learners are middle-aged females.

( ) (3) What was the reason for starting the class mentioned in the passage? (A) To help the Paiwan make a living. (B) To help keep old traditions alive. (C) To provide work for young people. (D) To teach women general job skills.

( ) (4) According to the passage, which of the following is the time LEAST likely for a Paiwan witch to offer help? (A) When someone has decided to go to college. (B) When someone's grandmother has died. (C) When someone is getting married. (D) When someone is going hunting.

( ) (5) Which of these words is closest in meaning to "mainstream" in Paragraph 1? (A) Regular. (B) Unique. (C) Lasting. (D) Old-fashioned.

二、 文意選填

05 Answer (Question 1-5):
05 Answer (Question 6-10):

I woke up in the middle of the night. Strangely, everything in the living room looked the same as usual but was in a different position. __(1)__, the living room looked familiar yet strange. I wanted someone to explain the __(2)__ and tell what had happened but no one was around. Even stranger, there was some kind of white mist __(3)__ toward me from nowhere. At first, I didn't know what to do __(4)__. Just as I was wondering if all this resulted __(5)__ my fatigue, I had more and more difficulty taking steps as the mist thickened. Then, I heard someone talking in the dining room. It was a loud male voice and sounded very familiar. At first, I could not see his face __(6)__ dim lighting and distance. Then, as he tilted his bald head to the side, I saw his face. It was me! How could that man be me? And since I was a teenager __(7)__, how could I be as bald as a cue ball? Then, something weird followed. I found my body starting to float in the air. __(8)__ my heart beating hard, I approached the man, or I should say, I approached myself. I got so excited that I couldn't control my body. I lost my __(9)__. The next moment when I opened my eyes, I found myself on my bed. A dream? Perhaps that's __(10)__ nothing made sense in that weird encounter. Dreams are so mysterious.

(A) after all (B) at all (C) consciousness (D) creeping (E) due to
(F) from (G) in other words (H) situation (I) why (J) with

06 Answer (Question 1-5):
06 Answer (Question 6-10):

Iceland is a fairly large island in the North Atlantic Ocean. It has many unusual geographical features, including ice-capped mountains, __(1)__ and waterfalls. There are also geysers, hot __(2)__ springs, and about 200 volcanoes. These contrasting features

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give the island its __(3)__, "the Land of Ice and Fire." Iceland's __(4)__ is also reflected in its national flag, which is made up of three colors. Red means fire, white stands for snow and ice, and blue symbolizes the __(5)__ ocean.

Iceland is also __(6)__ in geological terms. It was only __(7)__ between 16 and 18 million years ago. It sits on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge between two tectonic plates that are __(8)__ apart, and Iceland is volcanically active as a result. On average, a __(9)__ on Iceland erupts every four years. Besides, about 11 percent of the island is __(10)__ in glacial ice. The long-term effects of volcanic and glacial activity have created some unique and breathtaking scenery.

(A) geography (B) formed (C) drifting (D) glaciers (E) nickname (F) surrounding (G) mineral (H) covered (I) distinct (J) volcano

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