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Modern Workplace

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The problem of long working hours is a real headache in our country. It kills many people every year (see Figure 1), and many companies are trying to change that. They have at least one "No Overtime Day" in a week, and it is often Wednesday. On "No Overtime Day," workers are asked to leave their offices before 8 p.m. At 8 p.m., companies play the song "There's Always Tomorrow" and turn off all the lights.

However, after the workers walk out of their offices, they don't go home. Some go back later, turn on their table lamps, and keep working, and others find somewhere else to work until very late at night. Restaurants and coffee shops are busier on Wednesday evenings, and they have started selling drinks and meals for these workers.

But why do these people keep working? A study shows that workers who work more hours often have a bigger chance to get paid more and rise higher in their companies. This is true for both men and women (see Figure 2). Working long hours has become a way to show that people are hard-working. Clearly, this must be changed before the problem gets any worse.

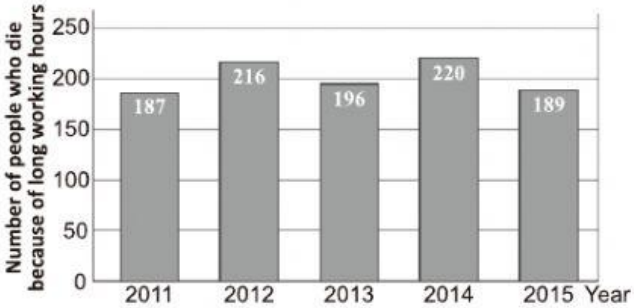

Figure 1

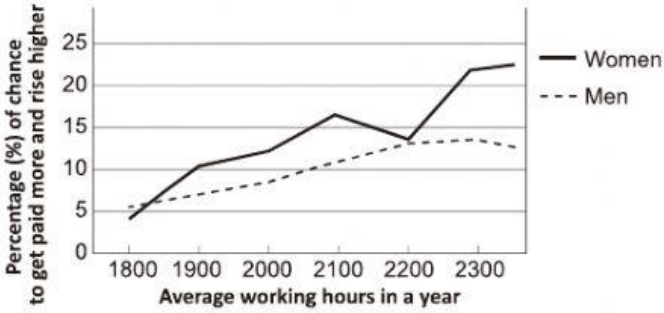

Figure 2

average 平均

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30. There are four important points in the report:
a. What "No Overtime Day" is
b. Why "No Overtime Day" fails
c. Why there is "No Overtime Day" in the country
d. How workers deal with "No Overtime Day"
How are they ordered in the report?

order 排序

(A) a→c→d→b. (B) a→d→c→b. (C) c→a→b→d. (D) c→a→d→b.

31. What does this mean in the report?
(A) The way workers show they are hard-working.
(B) Restaurants and coffee shops open until very late at night.
(C) Workers do not go home when they walk out of the office.
(D) The number of workers who get paid more and rise higher in the company.

32. What can we learn from Figure 1 and Figure 2?
(A) Long working hours killed more women than men in 2014.
(B) Long working hours kills more and more workers every year.
(C) Men usually have a bigger chance to get paid more and rise higher when they work the same hours as women.
(D) Men and women have almost the same chance to get paid more and rise higher when they work 2,200 hours.

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Language and Power: Cameroon's Story

By Elisa Grant, 2 Oct 2017

In the modern world, being able to speak English is often a way to get power. However, this is not true for English speakers in Cameroon. To know why things are different in this African country, we need to go back one hundred years.

In 1919, *Kamerun* (the name of Cameroon at the time) was cut into two parts: one belonged to France, and the other belonged to the UK. In 1960, the French Cameroon became *the Republic of Cameroun*, and the UK's part joined it in 1961. The new country changed its name to *the Federal Republic of Cameroon*. Although both French and English are Cameroon's official languages, only around 20% of its people speak English. Also, the government has been in French speakers' hands since the two parts became one country.

For a long time, Cameroon's English speakers have felt they are not welcome in their own country. For example, it is very difficult for them to find jobs in the government, and they are often asked to speak French in business and at official events. They have become more resentful at the government and decided to fight for themselves. Since last year, the English speakers have tried to build their own country. Yesterday, they said in a public meeting that they were not part of Cameroon anymore. They are now a new country, "Ambazonia." When the police tried to stop the meeting, at least eight people were killed.

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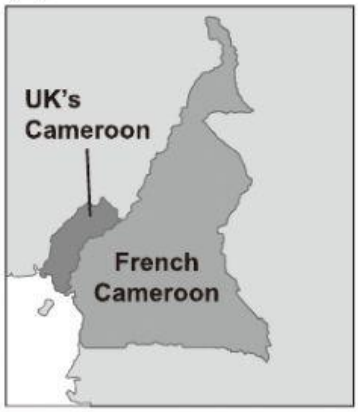
33. Which map is most likely the map of Cameroon in 1962? likely 可能

(A)

(B)



(C)

(D)

34. What does resentful mean in the reading?
(A) Sad. (B) Angry.
(C) Careful. (D) Worried.

35. What does Cameroon's government most likely think of Ambazonia?
(A) It plans to do business with Ambazonia.
(B) It needs Ambazonia for money and help.
(C) It does not want to be part of Ambazonia.
(D) It does not agree that Ambazonia is a country.

36. What does Elisa Grant try to tell readers by talking about the history of Cameroon?
(A) Why speaking English is a way to get power.
(B) Why English speakers in Cameroon have less power.
(C) Why the two parts of Cameroon became one country.
(D) Why only 20% of the people in Cameroon speak English.

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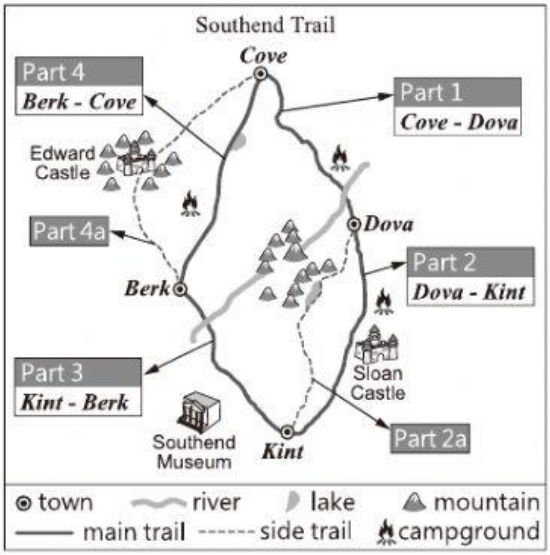
THE SOUTHEND TRAIL has been popular with nature lovers for years. The 120-km trail passes beautiful lakes, crosses rivers, and goes through mountains and hills. This gives bird lovers some of the best places for birdwatching. The trail also takes you to the Southend Museum and to two famous castles, Edward Castle and Sloan Castle.

It's best to plan one day for one part of the trail and start your hike early in the morning, because each part takes at least seven hours. If you don't want to walk, you can bike, but make sure you stay on the main trail, because the side trails are not wide enough for biking.



There are two types of lodging for visitors. Camping is popular in summer, but it is only allowed on a few campgrounds (see the map). A more comfortable one is to stay at a hotel in one of the towns. You can find some very nice ones that also have breakfast.

trail 步道

37. What is recommended to people who are visiting the Southend Trail?
(A) Camping on the side trails.
(B) Biking along the side trails.
(C) Hiking one part of the trail a day.
(D) Visiting the museum in the morning.

recommend 推薦

38. What does lodging mean in the reading?
(A) A meal to have.
(B) A place to stay in.
(C) A time for visiting.
(D) A way of moving around.

39. Kaylen will start his trip from Cove. He plans to visit one of the old castles. He also wants to go birdwatching near the river. Which parts of the trail should Kaylen go on?
(A) Parts 1 and 2.
(B) Parts 1 and 2a.
(C) Parts 2 and 3.
(D) Parts 4 and 4a.

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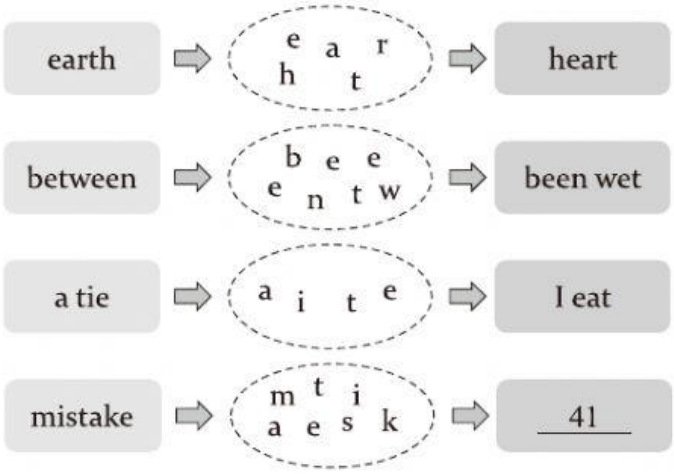
English words are made of 26 letters, and palindromes and anagrams are two kinds of word games about spelling. A palindrome is a word or a sentence that reads the same from left to right or from right to left, __40__, "eye," "Bob," "my gym," and "Was it a car or a cat I saw?" An anagram of a word or words is made by putting the letters of the word or words in a different way. Look at the words and their anagrams below. Can you think of other possible anagrams of these words?



Anagrams are often longer words that don't really mean anything but are fun to say. Sometimes they can even mean something __42__, like when a common word, "restaurant," becomes "Eat rats, run!"

Actually, palindromes and anagrams are __43__. Palindromes can be used to learn mathematics and make music. Anagrams are also a good way to hide something. In history, people often hid their important studies in anagrams. Can you think of any other way to use them?

40. (A) in fact (B) at first (C) of course (D) for example

41. (A) take sit (B) Ms Easy (C) it makes (D) me steak

42. (A) strange (B) difficult (C) delicious (D) important

43. (A) more than just games (B) often played in public
(C) not so popular as before (D) not first used to learn words

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