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一、 篇章結構

16.

Sarah and James have been boyfriend and girlfriend for one year. Unfortunately, they are having some problems in their relationship. Perhaps you can understand why when you hear what they said to their friends.

Sarah said to her friend:

"I'm a bit concerned about our relationship. The problem is we like different things.

__1__ Also, I can't understand why he doesn't like Italian food. I thought everyone likes Italian food. He says he likes all type of food, but when I cook pasta he complains!

__2__ I think he can be childish sometimes. Then when I visit my friends he gets jealous and says I don't have enough time for him. I just wish James could see things from my point of view!"

James said to his friends:

"Sometimes I have problems with my girlfriend. __3__ I like to listen to electronic music but she doesn't, she likes pop music instead. I like to eat all kinds of food but my girlfriend only knows how to cook pasta. She tries to make me eat it all the time and I'm sick of her pasta! On the weekends, I like to explore the Internet but my girlfriend says she doesn't like computers. I can't understand that at all. When she's annoyed with me, she goes off to visit her friends.

__4__ If only Sarah could relate to what I like!"

(A) I don't like it when she does that because I think she's just telling them about all our problems.

(B) I like to watch television documentaries about interesting people, but he only wants to watch boring sports programs.

(C) On the weekends, I like to go shopping but my boyfriend just stays at home and plays computer games.

(D) For example, when I watch football on television, she always complains and says we have to watch those boring woman's shows.

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17.

It is considered that there are seven deadly sins in the world. Among them all, greed (貪心) is considered to be the "mother" of the other sins. __1__ Because of greed, people want more and more, especially the things that don't belong to them. __2__

A good example is the story of an American company named Enron. In late 2001, the top bosses stole money from the company even though they were already rich.

__3__ Their wrong choice has caused many people to lose their jobs, homes, and life savings.

From the example above, we can see the power of greed. __4__ Therefore, if you don't want to be a greedy, lazy and cruel person, you should understand that love, kindness and spirituality are more important than power or money.

(A) When people are greedy, they value material things over others.

(B) They envied others for their money and power, so they stole and lied instead of working harder.

(C) This may lead them to commit other sins because it makes people forget that humanity is more important than money.

(D) Once a person takes the first step and becomes greedy, it is easier to fall into the other sins.

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18.

Cultures around the world all have developed their own customs. Some of them may be thought of as unusual. However, they do make a difference in many parts of the world.

Below are some examples in Western countries.

Denmark is one of the friendliest places on Earth. __1__ Someone might throw spices at you. This tradition can date back to hundreds of years ago. Back then, people who sold spices travelled a lot. Many were so busy that they never got married. Throwing spices at people became a fun way to remind unmarried friends to find a mate. If a person is single on their 25th birthday, they get cinnamon thrown at them. If they still aren't married by 30, the spice is replaced by black pepper!

As for England, its countryside can be a wonderful place to enjoy the wonders of nature. __2__ Then, you should politely say "Good morning, Mr. Magpie. How is your lady wife today?" This is because magpies are considered unlucky creatures. __3__

On the other hand, you may feel surprised to know that people clap whenever a plane lands in Romania. There are two main reasons for this. One is that people feel safe. In the past, there were many plane crashes. People clap because they feel relieved that the passengers are safe and sound. __4__ Therefore, traveling by plane was a great privilege to them, almost like flying into space!

(A) People believed that by showing respect to the bird, they could avoid bad luck.
(B) Nevertheless, if you remain single when you celebrate your birthday there, watch out.
(C) The other reason is joy; during the Cold War, few people were allowed to leave the country.
(D) You must keep it in mind there that when you spot a magpie sitting in a tree, tip your hat to it.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____

19.

Think about your favorite video game—the way it looks, the music and the story. When you're playing, it's so easy to get lost inside the wonderful world of the game. Do you ever wonder who built it? There are a lot of elements that go into a well-designed video game, and for each part, there are many people who worked hard to create it.

__1__ What is the goal of the game? What is the theme? Who are the characters? There is often an entire team of writers who come up with the concept. Next comes the artwork. What will the game look like? __2__

The real magic begins when the technical designers step in. __3__ The world of the game comes alive when players become the characters, decide what they can and cannot do, and lose themselves in the unique world they are in. Technical designers do all of the behind-the-scenes work that makes your playing experience perfect.

Music and sound effects are the final elements that tie a game together. Is there a special song that plays when your character reaches a certain level? Is there an alert you hear when you're about to lose a life? __4__

Game design is a team activity. Everyone must come together to solve problems until there is a solid version(版本). And then, with new releases coming out every year or so, they have the chance to make the game even better.

(A) What sets video games apart from other forms of storytelling and art is that you get to interact directly with it.
(B) The sounds that accompany each move are an important element.
(C) The first step in the design process is to create the story.
(D) Visual designers bring the game to life by transforming the characters and the setting into artwork.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____

20.

College freshmen mean the new students who enter the first year of college.

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__1__ Nevertheless, it is also a time of fear because life in college is different from that of high school.

For instance, it is the first time for you to live away from your family. It's natural to feel homesick and feel lonely in the new environment. Luckily, there are some ways to make you feel better. Try to get used to your new school and meet different people by joining school clubs and take part in many activities. __2__

Some students think they can avoid being nagged by their parents in college. Although it feels nice, they are likely to misuse this freedom. __3__ Always be a good student and be careful about what you say and what you do.

Besides, what makes life in universities special is that students get more independence. It is also reflected in the exams. The questions are more open-ended and require a deep understanding of the subject. __4__

Your time in college will probably be the best part of your life, although you may face many challenges while adjusting to a new place. Use it to your advantage by turning it into a positive feeling that motivates you to come out stronger as a human being.

(A) In addition, students are encouraged to think on their own as well as give their own opinions.
(B) Being a freshman in college is exciting for most students.
(C) These will help you adjust to the new environment and enjoy the new life.
(D) You must remember that responsibility comes with freedom.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
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二、 閱讀測驗

16.

Everyone shouts, "It's a boy!" as the balloons burst, showering the guests in blue powder. The parents cheer: secretly they'd both hoped for a son. The pink walls in their daughter's old room are painted over in blue. Dolls are __3__. Friends comment that raising a boy will be a challenge; boys are "loud," "busy," and "messy."

Before this baby has even been born, his choices have been limited. His likes and dislikes have been selected for him. His personality and behavior have been concluded—all based solely on his sex. While the action may seem harmless, defining a child based on whether they are a boy or girl narrows their understanding of the world, forcing them to see through a lens that is not necessarily their own.

In a study conducted by toymaker LEGO, 71% of boys reported having a fear of being made fun of for playing with "girls' toys" or taking part in "activities for girls." Their parents shared this worry and encouraged their sons to __4__. This pattern has led to an unequal percentage of men doing certain jobs (like engineering and computer programming) over others (like nursing and teaching).

LEGO is hoping to change things by releasing toys designed for both sexes. Their goal is to get boys and girls to play with sets that were traditionally "not for them." As attitudes change, children will no longer be pegged in a pink or blue box. Children—and adults alike—will be allowed to follow their hearts instead.

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(1) ( ) According to this reading, what is the toymaker LEGO trying to do now?
(A) To invite boys and girls to help it develop new toys.
(B) To design new toys to help children follow their hearts.
(C) To sell much more traditional toys instead of new ones.
(D) To release toys that will attract children and adults alike.

(2) ( ) What is the author's attitude toward defining a child based on sex?
(A) Amazed.
(B) Hopeful.
(C) Positive.
(D) Negative.

(3) ( ) Which of the following best fits into the blank 3?
(A) placed around the whole room
(B) dressed up like princesses
(C) replaced with cars and trains
(D) given to their only son

(4) ( ) Which of the following best fits into the blank 4?

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(A) play sports or study science
(B) study far harder than others
(C) make friends with other girls
(D) play toys with their sisters

17.

During the past three hundred years, when a country gains its freedom or independence, one of the first things established is a national anthem. National anthems are generally played and sung at formal state occasions and other events which celebrate or support the country's national identity.

Holland's 16th-century hymn "Het Wilhelmus" is widely considered the world's oldest national anthem, followed by the U.K.'s "God Save the King/Queen"—also a hymn, popularized in the 1740s. As nationalism spread throughout Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries, so did anthems. Many countries, such as the independent states that are today part of Germany, took "God Save the King/Queen" as a model and adopted hymns (songs of prayer typically addressed to a deity or VIP). Others, notably Spain and France, chose marches (songs with a strong, regular rhythm often performed by military bands)—which expressed a martial rather than monarchic spirit. With imperialism, Europeans spread their musical taste. Even when former colonies gained independence, they often imitated the traditions of their former rulers. The result is that most anthems are either hymns or marches, played on European instruments.

Japan's anthem makes for a good case study of European influence. In the 1860s a British bandmaster living in Japan, John William Fenton, noted that the country did not have a national anthem. A local military officer, Ōyama Iwao, selected the lyrics from a Heian era poem and Fenton wrote the melody. About a decade later, a Japanese committee chose a replacement melody by a court musician—one that had been composed for traditional Japanese instruments, but in a mixed style influenced by Fenton's arrangement. The version in use today was also altered by German Franz Eckert to fit a Western scale.

In addition to hymns and marches, British composer Michael Bristow identifies a couple of more minor categories. National anthems in South and Central America are often operatic, with long, elaborate orchestral introductions. These were influenced by 19th-century Italian opera. Burma and Sri Lanka are both in a folk group, as they rely more on indigenous instruments.

(1) ( ) Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a basis to compose national anthems?
(A) Prayer songs.
(B) Marching songs.
(C) Italian opera music.
(D) Movie theme music.

(2) ( ) What is the second paragraph mainly about?
(A) The function of national anthems.
(B) The world's oldest national anthem.
(C) The origin and spread of national anthems.
(D) Reasons why many countries have national anthems.

(3) ( ) Which of the following is true regarding Japan's national anthem?
(A) It was not written until the 20th century.
(B) The lyrics was written by a Japanese officer.
(C) The melody was first composed by a British musician.
(D) The current version is barely influenced by western music.

(4) ( ) What can be inferred about the influence of European imperialism on national anthems?
(A) Human rights are a common theme in national anthems.
(B) National anthems of some countries share similar musical features.
(C) Many national anthems were chosen by ruling European countries.
(D) Local traditions were excluded in the composition of national anthems.

18.

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It's no longer enough for beauty companies to put out high-quality products. These days, consumers demand that these businesses be environmentally responsible. Around 25 percent of beauty buyers say they are motivated to buy cosmetics if they know a company is environmentally conscious. Now the beauty industry is responding to these demands.

One of the biggest problems with the modern cosmetics industry is the use of palm oil. Many makeup products and beauty creams contain this kind of ingredient (成分). In countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia, the demand for palm oil has led to large-scale deforestation (濫伐森林). This, in turn, leads to higher levels of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere, making global warming worse.

Another major issue with cosmetics is the use of water as a main ingredient. Around 11 percent of the global population lives without access to clean drinking water. Actually, the amount of clean drinking water is in short supply.

To fight against these problems, some major companies are making big changes. L'Oréal, for example, has promised to be a "deforestation free" business by 2020. Unilever, which uses a million metric tons of palm oil per year, has claimed it would get all its palm oil in a sustainable (永續的) manner. Both Unilever and L'Oréal have also announced that they would use less water in their production processes as well.

As consumers, we can do our part. When shopping for beauty products, look for the "Ecocert" label. This means that the product is environmentally friendly. Keep in mind that we should work together to protect the planet.

(1) ( ) What is the fourth paragraph mainly about?
(A) The direct impact on clean water supply.
(B) Close cooperation among beauty companies.
(C) Effective ways to stop deforestation.
(D) Active efforts made by beauty companies.

(2) ( ) Which of the following statements about palm oil is true?
(A) It has a lot to do with the loss of forest lands in Indonesia.
(B) It serves as the main ingredient in all beauty products.
(C) It is responsible for the air pollution in Malaysia.
(D) It will not be used by companies like Unilever any more by 2020.

(3) ( ) According to the passage, what percentage of world population has access to clean drinking water?
(A) 11%.
(B) 25%.
(C) 70%.
(D) 89%.

(4) ( ) What can we infer from this passage?
(A) The future of the world is in the hands of every one.
(B) More consumers will stop buying beauty products in the future.
(C) Beauty products made without the use of water will be available soon.
(D) Beauty products with "Ecocert" label are sold at low prices.

19.

Les Miserablés was originally a historical novel that was written by the Victor Hugo and published in 1862. Some experts have said that it is one of the most important novels of the nineteenth century. *Les Miserablés* is also the name of a very popular musical that is based on this famous novel. In fact, *Les Miserablés* has become the longest-running musical in London's West End and the second longest-running musical in history.

The musical began in 1983, after the producer Cameron Mackintosh happened to hear a French album of songs based on the novel. He decided to make an English version(版本) of the story for the London stage. The London show was a hit with the public, and a Broadway version of the musical opened in 1987.

Just like the novel, the musical told the story of Jean Valjean, a poor man who was sent to jail after stealing bread in nineteenth-century France. Unlike the

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novel, however, the musical used songs to communicate the dialogue between characters, as well as their inner thoughts. Some of these songs have became very popular, including *I Dreamed a Dream*, *Do You Hear the People Sing?*, and *One Day More*.

The musical version of *Les Miserablés* also became famous for the image of Cosette, the orphan in the story, **which** became the symbol of the play. In addition, the musical was praised for its elaborate(精心製作的) stage.

In the years since it was first staged in London, *Les Miserablés* has gone on to be performed in cities around the world. A special version of the musical has also been developed and put on in schools. In 2012, a special film version of the musical, starring Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway, was released and became a critical and commercial success.

Without a doubt, *Les Miserablés* tells a story that is popular with audiences, whether it be in the original novel or the musical or even the film.

(1) ( ) What is the purpose of this passage?
(A) To describe the story plot of the historical novel of *Les Miserablés*.
(B) To compare and contrast the novel of *Les Miserablés* with its musical.
(C) To introduce the development of the musical version of *Les Miserablés*.
(D) To explain why Victor Hugo's novel of *Les Miserablés* is such a success.

(2) ( ) Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned regarding *Les Miserablés* in the passage?
(A) The producer, actors, and plot of its film version.
(B) The difference between its novel and musical.
(C) The famous songs used in the musical version.
(D) The origin and development of its musical version.

(3) ( ) Which of the following can be inferred about the musical of *Les Miserablés*?
(A) Its original novel is much more popular with audiences.
(B) It was not until 1987 in London that its first performance was put on.
(C) It has its setting in a rather prosperous city in France in the nineteenth century.
(D) Without the French songs based on its novel, it wouldn't have come into existence.

(4) ( ) What does the pronoun "**which**" in the fourth paragraph refer to?
(A) The musical version of *Les Miserablés.*
(B) The song *One Day More*.
(C) A city in France.
(D) The image of Cosette.

20.

Setting goals for your life's journey is an important part of planning what you want to achieve during your life. Deciding what goals you want to attain helps you determine what is the most important to you in life and helps to motivate you to reach those goals. Once you begin to __3__, you can build your self-confidence.

The first step in setting goals is to take a look at the "big picture." Ask yourself what large goals you would like to achieve during your life. These may be related to your career, family, education, personal enjoyment, and many other areas of life.

The next step is to break these goals down into smaller, more manageable goals, which will help you work toward your large goals. Then develop a plan to guide you to take the right steps to help you achieve your goals. Besides, make sure the goals you choose are realistic. Finally, when you achieve one of your goals, be sure to reward yourself. This will help you to stay motivated to achieve more.

One of your lifetime goals may be lifelong learning. Lifelong learning is a way of life chosen by people who __4__ and want to continue to learn in voluntary ways and keep their minds active throughout life. They may learn a new language, travel to a different country, start playing a new sport, build a bookcase, or engage in any type of

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activities. The availability of technology has increased opportunities available to people to continue learning and reaching their goals.

(1) ( ) What is the main idea of the article?
(A) The availability of technology has made goal-setting easier than before.
(B) Setting realistic goals helps people achieve success and build confidence.
(C) Setting goals is nothing but a waste of time for a great majority of people.
(D) Lifelong learning is often considered to be the only goal that truly matters.

(2) ( ) How is the information in the second paragraph organized?
(A) By classification.
(B) By cause and effect.
(C) In the sequence of time.
(D) By comparison and contrast.

(3) ( ) (A) reach some of your goals
(B) look for meaningful goals
(C) learn how to set great goals
(D) realize the importance of setting goals

(4) ( ) (A) are eager to gain wealth
(B) like to go on vacation abroad
(C) feel like helping others
(D) are curious about the world

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