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: www.examda.com With a good shopping position and the right amount (数量) of money, any educated person ought to be able to make a living out of a bookshop. It is not a difficult trade to learn and the large chain-stores can never force the small bookseller out of existence as they have done to the corner shop. But the hours of work are very long-I was only doing a part-time job, but my boss put in a seventy-hour week, besides regular journeys out of shopping hours to buy books. The real reason why I should not like to be back in the book trade for life, however, is that while I was in it I lost my love of books. A bookseller cannot always tell the truth about his books, and that gives him a dislike for them. There was a time when I really did love booksloved the sight and smell and feel of themif they were fifty or more years old, that is. Nothing pleased me quite so much as to buy a bargain lot of them on sale for several pounds. There is a peculiar flavor (独特的味道) about the unexpected books you pick up in that kind of collection: little-known eighteenth-century poets, or out-of-date geography books. For occasional (偶尔的) reading in your bath, for example, or late at night when you are too tired to go to bedthere is nothing as good as a very old picture story-book. But as soon as I went to work in the bookshop I stopped buying books . Seen in a mass . five or ten thousand at a time, books were dull and even a little tiresome.

Nowadays I do buy one occasionally, but only if it is a book that I want to read and can't borrow, and I never buy rubbish. 1. According to the passage, is one of the necessary conditions to run a bookshop. A. an educated shop-ownerB. a good position at a street corner C. a regular journey out of the shop D. the force of large chain-stores 2. The author should not like to be back as a bookseller for life because . A. he hated his job of selling booksB. selling books was only a part-time job C. the books in the shop gave him a dislike D. he was unable to be honest about the books he sold 3. The books preferred by the author should be those . A. stories making readers sleeplessB. valuable ones bought on sale C. peculiar ones with great expectation D. geography ones from the eighteenth century 4. The author will only buy new books . A. if he feels dull and tiredB. after he gives up his job as a bookseller C. which are interesting but hard to borrow D. when he throws away old ones 100Test 下载频道开通

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