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Section II 趣味幽默篇

Passage 13 Henry was an office worker in a big city. He worked very hard and enjoyed traveling in his holidays. He usually went to the seaside, but one year he saw an advertisement in a newspaper.

“ Enjoy country life. Spend a few weeks at West Hill Farm. Good food. Fresh air. Horse riding. Walking. Fishing. Cheap and interesting. ” “ This sounds a good idea, ” he thought. “ I ’ ll spend a month at West Hill Farm. I think I can enjoy horse riding, walking and fishing. They ’ ll make a change from sitting by the seaside and swimming. ” He wrote to the farmer. In the letter he said that he would like to spend all of July there. Then on the first of July, he left for West Hill Farm. But four days later, he returned home.

“ What was wrong with West Hill Farm? ” his best friend, Ed, asked him. “ Didn ’ t you enjoy country life? ” “ Country life was very good, ” Henry said. “ But there was another problem. ” “ Oh. What? ” “ Well, ” he said, “ the first day I was there a sheep died, and we had roast mutton for dinner. ” “ Whats wrong with that? ” Ed asked. “ Fresh meat is the best. ” “ I know, but on the second day a cow died, and we had roast beef for dinner. ” “ Lucky you! ”

“ You dont understand, ” Henry said. “ On the third day a pig died and we had roast pork for dinner. ” “ A different meat every day, ” Ed said loudly, “ and you are complaining! ” “ Let me finish, ” Henry said. “ On the fourth day the farmer died, and I

didn't dare (敢) stay for dinner! ”

1. How did Henry find out about the farm? A. He saw it in a newspaper advertisement. B. His best friend told him. C. He wrote to the farmer. D. Maybe he learned it from the radio.

2. Henry came back home several days later because _____.

A. he didn't like the country life at all B. the farmer wasn't friendly to him C. his holiday was over D. he thought he might have to eat the farmer

3. “ ...and you are complaining! ” , the word “ complain ” means _____. A. 夸奖 B. 说三道四 C. 抱怨 D. 故弄玄虚

4. Which of the following sentences is true?

A. Ed could eat a different kind of meat every day. B. Henry thought he could enjoy a change. C. Henry couldn't think of anything else to do, so he went to the farm. D. The farmer died because of the bad meat he ate.

5. Which is the best title for the passage?

A. What a beautiful farm! B. Have a good time. C. A short holiday D. Henry and the farmer.

Passage 14

After returning from her round trip, the angry woman stood outside the ticket office of the station. “ The railway owes me 12 pounds, ” she said to Harry Jenks, the young man working at the office. “ You sold me a ticket for May 22nd, but there was no ship from Jersey that night. So my daughter and I had to stay in a hotel. It cost me 12 pounds. ” Harry was worried. He remembered selling the woman a return ticket. “ Come into the office, Madam, ” he said politely. “ I ’ ll just check the Jersey timetable for May 22nd. ” The woman and her little girl followed him inside. She was quite right, as Harry soon discovered. There was no sailing on May 22nd. How could he have made such a careless mistake? He shouldn't have sold her a ticket for that day.

Wondering what to do, he smiled at the child. “ You look sun burnt, ” he said to her. “ Did you have a nice holiday in Jersey? ”

“ Yes, ” she answered, shyly. “ The beach was lovely. And I can swim too! ” “ That ’ s fine, ” said Harry. “ My little girl can ’ t swim a bit yet. Of course, she ’ s only three... ” “ I ’ m four, ” the child said proudly. “ I ’ ll be four and a half. ” Harry turned to the mother. “ I remember your ticket, Madam, ” he said. “ But you didn ’ t get one for your daughter, did you? ” “ Er, well... ” the woman looked at the child. “ I mean...she hasn ’ t started school yet, she ’ s only four. ” “ A four-year-old child must have a ticket, Madam. A child ’ s return ticket to Jersey costs ...let me see... 13.50 pounds. The law is the law, but since the mistake is mine.... ” The woman stood up, took the child ’ s hand and left the office.

1. The woman was angry because _____.

- A. she couldn ’ t use the ticket for her round trip
- B. she had to return home a day earlier than she had planned
- C. she spent more money than she had expected
- D. Harry had sold her a ticket to Jersey where there was no sailing

2. Harry was worried _____.

- A. the woman was angry with him
- B. he had not done his work carefully
- C. the Jersey timetable was wrong
- D. the little girl didn ’ t have a return ticket

3. Harry started talking to the little girl _____.

- A. because he was in trouble and did not know what to do
- B. because he had a little girl about the same age as this girl
- C. because he wanted to be friendly to the little girl who looked so nice
- D. when he suddenly realized that he could find a way out from the little girl

4. When Harry said, “ The law is the law, but since the mistake was mine... ” he meant that _____.

- A. they

must follow it without other choice, even though the mistake was hisB.he had to be strict with the woman because of the law, although he didn ’ t want toC.the woman had to pay him 1.50 pounds and the railway would pay her for the hotelD.she should pay 1.50 pounds, but he had made a mistake, she could go without paying5.

The woman left the office without saying anything because

_____A.she wanted to go home and get money for the child ’ s ticketB.she was so angry that she didn ’ t want to have anything more to do with the young manC.she was moved (感动) by Harry ’ s kindnessD.she knew she would have to pay the railway if she insisted (坚持)Passage 15Three travelers, Allan, Carl and Paul were sitting on the chairs in a train station. They were waiting for a train that was very late.To pass the time, they began talking to each other.At first, they talked about the weather and their work. Then Paul said, "Tell me what would you most like to do if your doctor tell you that you have only three months to live?"The other two men thought about this for a while, then Carl spoke. “ Well, ” he said, “ if I have only three months to live, I ’ ll take all my money out of the bank and go to foreign countries for holidays with my best friend, Erik. Id like to travel to the places in the world as many as possible. And Ill stay at the best hotels and then eat the best food. I think Ill have a wonderful time. ” “ Thats very interesting. ” Paul said.With these words, he turned to the other man, saying, “ And what about you? ” “ Ill tell you a secret, ” Allan said. “ I always want to be a racing driver. So if I have only three months to live, the first thing Id like to do is to sell my house. With the money I ’ ll buy the fastest car

in the world. Maybe I can enter all the big motor races." Then he laughed, "I might even end up (以……而告终) world champion."

"Now it's your turn," Allan went on, "If your doctor tell you the bad news, what would you most like to do?" "Oh," said Paul with a smile. "I'll go and see another doctor."

1. The three men were talking _____. A. in the post office B. in the waiting room C. on the train D. on the chairs

2. The man called _____ answered the question first. A. Carl B. Allan C. Erik D. Paul

3. The men began to talk about the weather and the work because they _____. A. didn't know anything new B. wanted to pass the time quickly C. had nothing to do D. were very interested in each other's work

4. "I might even end up world champion." Here the word "champion" means _____ in Chinese. A. 名人 B. 赛车手 C. 大款 D. 冠军

5. Which sentence is right according to the passage? A. The train didn't arrive on time. B. Paul wanted to buy a racing car very much. C. Allan was the second man to answer the question. D. Carl didn't like traveling at all.

Passage 16 An English traveler found himself in Norway with only enough money to buy the ticket for his journey back home. As he knew that it would take him only two days to get to England, he decided that he could easily spend the time without food. So he bought a ticket and got on the ship. The man closed his ears to the sound of the lunch bell. When dinnertime came, he didn't go to the dining room, saying that he was not feeling very well. The next morning he still didn't have breakfast and at lunchtime he again stayed in his room. But at dinnertime he was so hungry that he went to the dining room and ate everything the waiter put in front

of him. He got ready for the quarrel. " Bring me the bill, " he said.

" The bill, sir? " said the waiter in surprise. " There isn ' t any bill. On our ship meals are included (包括) in the money for the ticket,

" said the waiter.1.The story happened _____.A. in England B.

on a ship from Norway to England C. in Norway D. on a ship from England to Norway2.Why didn ' t the traveler go to the dinning room first?A.Because he had no moneyB.Because he didn ' t feel very wellC.Because he didn ' t want to eat anythingD.Because he didn ' t hear the sound of the bell3.The traveler went to the dinning room to eat something because _____.A.his friend had given him some moneyB.the waiter had asked him to change his mindC.he learned that there was no bill on the shipD.he was too hungry4.How many meals did the traveler have on the ship?A. Only one B. Two C.

Three D. None5.After the traveler finished eating, _____.A.he had a quarrel with waiter over the billB.he drank a lot C.he asked the waiter to bring him the change(零钱)D.he came to know that

travelers on the ship had free meals Passage 17 A farmer had a cow.

He took very good care of this cow and one day when it was ill, he was very worried. He telephoned the vet. " What ' s the problem? "

The vet asked him when he arrived. " My cows ill, " the farmer said.

" I don ' t know whats the matter with her. She ' s lying down and won ' t eat. Shes making a strange noise. " The vet looked over the cow. "Shes certainly ill," he said, "and she needs to take some very strong medicine."

"He took a bottle out of his box, put two pills into his hand and said, "Give her these. The pills should make her better."

" How should I give them to her? " the farmer asked.The vet gave

him a tube (管子)and said, "Put this tube in her mouth, then put the pills in the tube and blow. Thatll make it."The next day the vet came to the farm again. The farmer was sitting outside his house and looked more worried. “ Hows your cow? ” the vet asked. “ No change, ” the farmer said, “ and I ’ m feeling very strange myself. ”

“ Oh? ” the vet said, "Why?" “ I did what you said, ” the farmer answered. “ I put the tube in the cows mouth and then put two pills down it. ” “ And? ” the vet asked. “ The cow blew first, ” the farmer said.

1.In the story, the vet must be _____.A. the farmers friend B. a milk factory C. a hospital for cows D. a doctor for animals

2.The farmer asked the vet for help when his cow _____.A. couldnt lie down B. didnt eat the pills C. couldnt make any noise D. was ill

3.What medicine did the vet give the farmer?A. Bottle of pills. B. A long tube.C. Two pills. D. A small box.

4.The vet taught the farmer how _____.A. to blow the tube B. to make the cow take the pillsC. to take the medicine D. to put the tube in his mouth

5.Which of the following is true?A. The farmer ate the pills himself.B. The cow got better after taking the medicine.C. The vet came to help farmer change the cow the next day.D. The farmer waited for the vet outside his house the next day.

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