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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/238/2021_2022__E7_96_AF_E7_8B_82_E8_8B_B1_E8_c96_238770.htm School 1)volunteers don ' t get paid money, but sometimes we receive special gifts. One morning, just before Christmas vacation, I was selling tickets to our grade school ' s last evening performance of The Nutcracker. The evening before had been a 2)sellout. People had lined the walls of the 3)auditorium. Some had even 4)peeked in from outside to watch the show. One of my customers that day was a parent. “ I think it ' s awful that I have to pay to see my own child perform, ” she announced, 5)yanking a wallet from her purse. “ The school asks for a voluntary 6)donation to help pay for scenery and costumes, ” I explained, “ but no one has to pay. You ' re welcome to all the tickets you need. ” “ Oh, I ' ll pay, ” she 7)grumbled. “ Two adults and a child. ” She 8)plunked down a ten-dollar bill. I gave her the change and her tickets. She stepped aside, 9)fumbling with her purse. That ' s when the boy waiting behind her emptied a pocketful of change onto the table. “ How many tickets? ” I asked. “ I don ' t need tickets, ” he said. “ I ' m paying. ” He pushed the coins across the table. “ But you ' ll need tickets to see the show tonight. ” He shook his head. “ I ' ve already seen the show. ” I pushed the pile of 10)nickels, 11)dimes and 12)quarters back. “ You don ' t have to pay to see the show with your class, ” I told him. “ That ' s free. ” “ No, ” the boy insisted. “ I saw it last night. My brother and I arrived late. We couldn ' t find anyone to buy tickets from, so

we just walked in. ” Lots of people in that crowd had probably “ just walked in. ” The few volunteers present couldn ’ t check everyone for a ticket. Who would argue, anyway? As I ’ d told the parent ahead of this boy, the donation was voluntary. He pushed his money back to me. “ I ’ m paying now, for last night, ” he said. I knew this boy and his brother must have squeezed into the back of that crowd. And being late to boot, they couldn ’ t possibly have seen the whole show. I hated to take his money. A pile of coins in a kid ’ s hand is usually carefully saved allowance money. “ If the ticket table was closed when you got there, you couldn ’ t pay, ” I reasoned. “ That ’ s what my brother said. ” “ Nobody knows the difference, ” I assured him. “ Don ’ t worry about it. ” Thinking the matter was settled, I started to push the coins back. He put his hand on mine. “ I know the difference. ” For one silent moment our hands bridged the money. Then I spoke. “ Two tickets cost two dollars. ” The pile of coins added up to the correct amount. “ Thank you, ” I said. The boy smiled, turned away and was gone. “ Excuse me. ” I looked up, surprised to see the woman who had bought her own tickets moments earlier. She was still there, purse open, change and tickets in hand. “ Why don ’ t you keep this change, ” she said quietly. “ The scenery is beautiful, and those costumes couldn ’ t have been cheap. ” She handed me a few dollar bills, closed her purse and left. Little did that boy know that he had given us both our first gift of the Christmas season. 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 www.100test.com