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most universal one is the custom of begging for the blessing of God when a person sneezes—a practice Dr. Kanner traces back to the ancient belief that a sneeze was an indication that the sneezer was possessed of an evil spirit. Strangely, people over the world still continue the custom with the traditional, "God bless you" or its equivalent. When scientists look at the sneeze, they see a remarkable mechanism which, without any conscious help from you, takes on a job that has to be done. when you need to sneeze you sneeze, this being nature's clever way of getting rid of an annoying object from the nose. The object may be just some dust in the nose which nature is striving to remove.

46. The girl sneezed continuously because she  
A . was ill B . was mentally ill C . had heavy mental burden D . had attracted world-wide attention

47. When the girl began to sneeze continuously  
A . a lot of people offered their advice B . she was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital C . she was given a treatment found in ancient superstition D . many doctors treated her in different ways

48. Dr. Kanner cured the girl by  
A . using Aristotle's method B . giving her psychological treatment C . practicing superstition  
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49. When a person sneezes, we say "God bless you" because  
A . it's a tradition B . the person is possessed of an evil spirit C . the person is ill D . God will bless those who sneeze

50. According to scientists people sneeze because  
A . they are ill B . to sneeze is human nature C . they do not need any conscious help D . there are unwanted things in their noses

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