第1篇令人憂鬱的社群媒體

Leon: Irene, what are you doing?

Irene: Hi, Leon. I'm checking my friends' Instagram.

Leon: Again? You really spend too much time on it.

- Irene: Maybe you're right. But I just can't help looking at everyone's Instagram. Most of the time, I check others' Instagram because they look happy but I am not happy. I want to know why.
- Leon: Have you ever heard of "social media depression"?
- Irene: No, what is that?
- Leon: Some studies say social media has something to do with depression. It's easy for social media users to <u>compare</u> themselves with their friends. However, whether they are better or worse than their friends, they always feel worse about themselves in the end.
- Irene: I agree. Every time I check my friends' Instagram, I feel sad. It seems that they have better lives than I do.
- Leon: Hey! You should read this study. It says, "Instagram, out of other social media, is most likely to make young people feel depressed."
- Irene: Really? Why is that?
- Leon: I don't know, but I do know one thing—Online communication is very different from face-to-face communication. What you see on social media is not always true.

□ social media 社群媒體 depression 憂鬱 whether 不管 seem 似乎 likely 可能的 depressed 憂鬱的 communication 溝通

- () 1. According to the study in the dialogue, which is true? \square according to abla k
 - (A) You will feel happier if you find out you are better than others.
 - (B) The more we use social media, the less happy we seem to be.
 - (C) Through social media, you can know others' lives well.
 - (D) Instagram is great because it helps us share our lives with our friends.
- () 2. What does "<u>compare</u>" mean in the dialogue?
 - (A) Use Instagram to record their lives.
 - (B) Give their friends a good impression. 🗳 impression 印象
 - (C) Share their ideas about each other.
 - (D) Feel they're either better or worse than their friends.
- () 3. Leon shared the study with Irene. Which might she find?

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(C)	The Most Popular Social Media1. Facebook 2. Twitter3. YouTube 4. Instagram	(D)	Net Negative Impact 1. Facebook 2. Twitter 3. YouTube 4. Instagram

第2篇飛機餐

You are on a plane and ready to take your first bite of airplane food, but it doesn't taste as good as it does on land. So, why do food and drinks on airplanes taste different?

In fact, we tell flavors through our senses of smell and taste. Sadly, those two senses become less strong when we fly 30,000 feet above the Earth. The humidity level in the air is only 12%, and the air pressure is really low. As a result, our noses don't work so well. When our noses don't work well, our sense of taste doesn't, either. That is because 80% of our sense of taste comes from our sense of smell. Therefore, salty and sweet flavors go down by about 30%. On top of that, the loud noise from the plane makes the problem even worse. Luckily, we can still taste bitter, sour, and spicy flavors.

Now, you know what changes the taste of food and drinks on airplanes. So, the next time you are on a plane and taste something bad, the problem may not just be with the cooks.

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() 1. What are the airlines most likely doing to make their food taste better?

□ airline 航空公司 likely 可能

- (A) Using sugar as little as possible.
- (B) Adding more salt to their dishes.
- (C) Cooking with a lot of chili pepper. Q chili pepper 辣椒
- (D) Putting twice vinegar in the food. 🗳 vinegar 醋
- () 2. According to the reading, which does NOT make airplane food taste bad?

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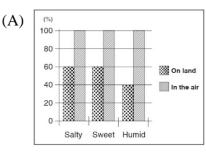
(A) The air pressure is low.

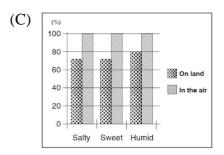
(B) The loud noise from the plane.

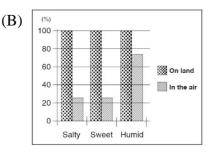
(C) The cooks on the plane are terrible. (D) The air is dry.

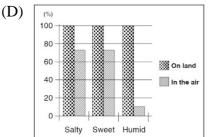
() 3. Which chart shows the changes when we fly? 🚇 chart 表格 humid 濕度的

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Haven't you tried Yummy Bear? Please check the steps below. You will find Yummy Bear is the easiest way to order your favorite food.

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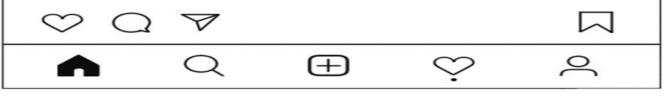
Yummy Bear has hundreds of restaurants for you to choose from. When you open the app, you can browse through the pictures of dishes easily. When you find your favorite food, just add it to your basket.

Order

When you're ready to check out, just key in your location. After that, you'll see the delivery time, cost of your order, and delivery fee. If everything looks right, just tap "Place Order," and that's it. You can choose to pay in cash or by credit card later.

Track

You can follow your order by using the app. After the restaurant takes your order, they'll start preparing it. When the order is almost ready, a Yummy Bear driver will pick it up. Then they will deliver it to you. You'll be able to track them on the map.



- □□ browse 瀏覽 fee 費用 cash 現金 credit card 信用卡 track 追蹤
- () 1. Who might think the reading is useful?
 - (A) John. He cooks in a restaurant. (B) Ivy. She likes to eat in a restaurant.
 - (C) Paul. He likes to order food online. (D) Amanda. She likes to cook.
- () 2. If Ed is ordering food through Yummy Bear, what's the next step after he checks the delivery fee?
 - (A) He checks the picture of his meal. (B) He checks the delivery time.
 - (C) He places his order. (D) He keys in his address. Q address 地址
- () 3. Which of the following is true?
 - (A) When delivery drivers are late, people pay less for the service.
 - (B) After a restaurant takes an order, people can follow it on the app.
 - (C) People can set the delivery time for their food to come as fast as possible.
 - (D) When people find a nice restaurant, they can book a table through the app.

Irene: I'm surprised at what I just heard from the news. A ten-year-old Waukesha County boy has made it a mission to fill up the empty plates of those in need.

Larry: Wow! Tell me more about it.

Irene: Four years ago, he saw a TV commercial. It was about hungry children. He felt sad and went to his mom. With his mom's encouragement, he decided to help the hungry with annual food drive. He collected and gave food to the hungry in Waukesha County. Now, it has been a tradition in Waukesha County.

Larry: He is a great kid!

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Irene: Tell me about it.

Larry: You know what? Jackson asked me last night, "What could we do for the poor?" At that time, I just answered him, "Give them some money." I didn't know we could do so much more.

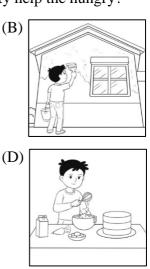
Irene: You're right. Let's talk to Jackson about this. He will be excited about the news.

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- () 1. Who might Jackson be?
 - (A) Larry and Irene's child.
- (B) A boy in Waukesha County.
- (C) A hungry boy in the news.
- (D) Larry and Irene's friend in Waukesha County.
- () 2. How did the boy in Waukesha County help the hungry?







- () 3. What did Irene feel after she learned the news?
 - (A) Even a kid can do something to change the world.
 - (B) We only have one Earth.
 - (C) We should all help to protect our children. 🚇 protect 保護
 - (D) We should teach our children to be honest. Q honest 誠實的

Hi, Mr. Jones,

 My name is Fanny Wang. I got your e-mail from my friend Janice Lin. She said you had similar problems as I do, so I decided to write to you.

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I'm a mother of a teenager, and I have problems getting along with my daughter. She gets angry easily and always shouts at me. I used to think when she got older, things would become better. However, I was wrong. What's worse, recently she throws things when she gets angry. She's the only child in the family. Every time she gets angry, I give her what she wants. I know I spoiled my child.

Janice said your son changed a lot after you sent him to a boarding school. Is that true? I really need to know more about this. Thanks for your time, and I wish to hear from you soon.

Fanny

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- () 1. Which is NOT true about Fanny's child?
 - (A) She is a teenager.
 - (B) She has bad temper. Ш temper 脾氣
 - (C) She has problems getting along with her sister.
 - (D) Her mother is worried about her.
- () 2. What's the purpose of this e-mail? 🚇 purpose 目的
 - (A) Fanny's daughter wants to make friends with Mr. Jones.
 - (B) Fanny wants to know more about Mr. Jones.
 - (C) Fanny wants to change her life.
 - (D) Fanny wants to know more about boarding schools.

第6篇與哈利波特同遊英國

Harry Potter is one of the most famous people from the UK, thanks to many stories and movies about him. If you want to know more about Harry Potter and his magic world, you have to come to his country and check out London. During the trip, we will go to many of the settings from the movies, and you will learn everything about The Making of Harry Potter.

Day One

You can't miss King's Cross Station. In the movies, Harry and other students get on the train to school on Platform 9 ³/₄. Here at the station, you can ask people to take pictures of you when you cross between the 9th and 10th platform.

Day Two

On the second day, we will go to Oxford by train and visit the famous Hogwarts School of Witchcraft. The dining hall of Hogwarts is based on one of the buildings in University of Oxford. We'll enjoy a picnic there in the afternoon.

Day Three

On this day, we will be at The Making of Harry Potter all day. Here, you can see everything about the movies, from the models of the castles, settings, to the actors' and actresses' costumes. Also, you can find all the gifts here for your friends back home, too.

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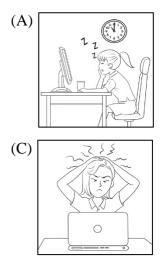
- () 1. Where will the group go on the first day?
 - (A) King's Cross Station.
 - (B) University of Oxford.
 - (C) The Making of Harry Potter. (D) Hogwarts Castle.
- () 2. Maggie joined the trip to the UK and posted a photo on her Instagram. According to this post, which day of the trip was she on? □ post 張貼 according to 根據
 - (A) Day one.
 - (B) Day two.
 - (C) Day three.
 - (D) None of the above. 🚇 none of the above 以上皆非
- () 3. Which is NOT true about the trip?
 - (A) People will know more about Harry Potter after the trip.
 - (B) You can wait until the last day to buy gifts at The Making of Harry Potter.
 - (C) People will take a bus to Oxford from King's Cross Station.
 - (D) You can take pictures like you're in a Harry Potter movie at King's Cross Station.

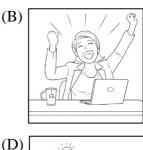


第7篇約會準備

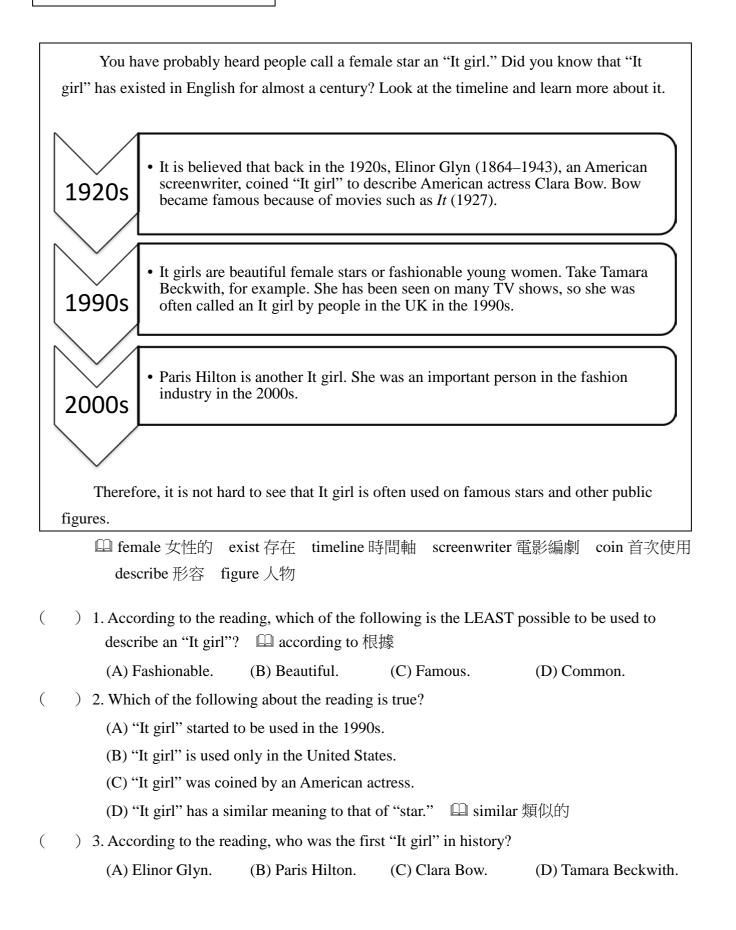
Imagine that you finally asked the girl or guy you like out on a date. They said yes, and you're so excited to go out with them. But then, you start to get worried. What will you wear? First of all, comfort is the most important thing. It's hard to have confidence if you're not wearing something comfortable. Secondly, think about where you're going. If you're going to a great restaurant, of course you'll want to wear a suit or a nice dress. But you would never wear those things to a baseball game, would you? In that case, you might wear something a lot more casual, like jeans and a T-shirt. No matter what you decide to wear, though, give yourself enough time to think everything through. You don't want to think about your clothes a few minutes before your date, do you? That <u>stress</u> will only carry over into your time with your date. So, take your time, think about your dating place, and stay comfortable.

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- () 1. What is this reading mainly about?
 - (A) The best time for a date.
 - (B) The best place for a date.
 - (C) The way to relax for a date. 🚇 relax 放鬆
 - (D) The way to dress for a date.
- () 2. According to this reading, which of the following is NOT true? \square according to R
 - (A) You should decide your clothes a few minutes before your date.
 - (B) You can't be comfortable if you wear the wrong clothes on your date.
 - (C) Jeans and a T-shirt are fine if you want to watch a ball game.
 - (D) It's better to wear a suit or a dress to a nice restaurant than to wear something casual.
- () 3. What does the word "<u>stress</u>" mean in this reading?









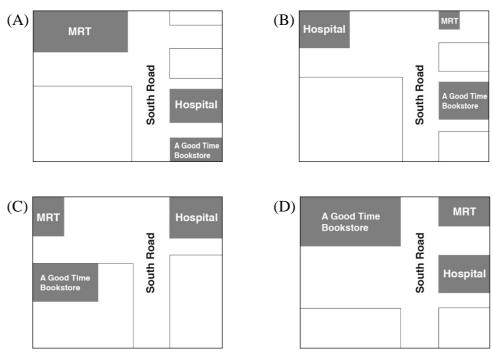
第9篇我最愛的書店

My favorite place in the city is a bookstore. Its name is "A Good Time." My mom and I visit there all the time. She likes it because she can find many books in her mother tongue. She is from Vietnam, so she reads Vietnamese books to me when we are there. She also made many friends there from different countries because there are talks, classes, and even book clubs to show people more about other countries and their cultures. Thanks to this, I can even speak some Vietnamese. If you are interested, you can just get there by MRT. After you walk out from the South Mountain Station, walk along South Road. Then go straight for two blocks. You will see the bookstore across from the hospital on your left.

□ mother tongue 母語 Vietnam 越南 Vietnamese 越南文 talk 講座

- () 1. What can we know about "A Good Time"?
 - (A) It is located in a small town. 🚇 locate 位於
 - (B) It helps people learn more about other cultures.
 - (C) It is far from the South Mountain Station.
 - (D) The writer's mother opened it when she moved to the city.

() 2. According to the reading, which is the map for "A Good Time"? 🚇 according to 根據



第10篇餐桌禮儀

Dining abroad can be stressful because you want to show good table manners. That's why it's a good idea to learn some table manners before you go abroad. Here are a few do's and don'ts about dining in different countries.

countries	do's and don'ts
France	There will likely be bread on the dining table, but don't eat all the bread before your meal arrives. Bread should be eaten with the meal, and it is used to push food onto the fork. To eat the bread, tear a piece off instead of biting right into it. When you're not using the bread, leave it on the table and not on your plate.
Thailand	People use forks only to push food into a spoon. It's not a habit there to eat with the fork.
Mexico	You should not use a fork and knife to eat food; what you should do is eat it with your hands.
Chile	Interestingly, touching food with one's hands is bad manners in Chile. People there use forks even for French fries.
Italy	When in Italy, do as the Romans do, and never put cheese on seafood.
Portugal	Don't ask the waiter for salt if it is already on the table. Asking for salt would be an offense to the chef's skills.

Now, you should know what to do after you learn these little tips. Don't forget to enjoy your meal!

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- () 1. What is this reading mainly about?
 - (A) Do's and don'ts about taking trips abroad.
 - (B) Great restaurants around the world.
 - (C) How to use forks to eat bread with good table manners.
 - (D) Do's and don'ts about table manners around the world.
- () 2. Which of the following is true?
 - (A) French people eat up the bread before the meal arrives.
 - (B) In France, bread is first pushed onto the fork and then eaten.
 - (C) In France, bread often arrives on the table before the meal.
- () 3. Which of the following is most likely to use a fork for all kinds of dishes?
 - (A) People in Mexico.
 - (B) People in Chile.
 - (C) People in France.
 - (D) People in Taiwan.



Do you sometimes feel someone is standing too close to you? Or maybe the person you're talking to keeps backing away, and you try to stay close by stepping closer to him or her? If so, it's probably because of different ideas about the personal space between you and the person you're talking to. According to one study, these ideas may have something to do with where you come from.

The study shows that people in different countries have different ideas about personal space. Romanians like to keep the greatest distance between themselves and someone they've just met. They usually keep a distance of 1.3 meters between themselves and others. However, Argentinians stand the closest to other people, at a distance of only about 76 centimeters.

Another interesting thing was also found. People from hot and cold countries show the greatest differences in distance. This makes some people think that people in warmer places are friendlier. Whether that's true or not, one thing is for sure—such differences could lead to misunderstanding. So, it's important to keep the right distance, or the person you're talking to might think you're <u>invading</u> his or her personal space. As a result, he or she might not feel comfortable around you.

□ personal 個人的 according to 根據 distance 距離 meter 公尺 centimeter 公分 difference 差別 misunderstanding 誤解

- () 1. Which of the following is the best title for this news? 🚇 title 標題
 - (A) Less Is More (B) Save the Best for the Last
 - (C) Don't Stand So Close (D) You Only Live Once

() 2. According to the study, which of the following is NOT true?

(A) Romanians keep the longest distance when they talk with others.

(B) Argentinians stand the closest to people when they talk with others.

- (C) People from cold countries stand closer to each other than those from warm countries.
- (D) Ideas about personal space may have something to do with where people are from.

() 3. What does it mean to say that you are "<u>invading</u>" someone's personal space?

(A) It means that you are talking at a distance that makes others comfortable.

(B) It means that you are talking at a distance greater than 1.3 meters.

(C) It means that you are talking at a distance less than 76 centimeters.

(D) It means that you are standing at a distance that doesn't make others feel comfortable.

第12篇辦公室手機禮儀

These days, everyone has a smartphone. We take them everywhere, even to school or to work. But if you spend too much time looking at your phone at work, your boss might get angry. So, keep these rules in mind to get the most out of your workday.

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- 1. If you want to make sure you don't spend too much time on your phone, what you should do is put your phone away. Put it in a desk drawer during work hours. If someone calls you with an emergency, you can still hear it and take it out. Otherwise, leave it there.
- 2. Use your smartphone for important calls only during business hours. Don't call up a friend just to chat. You can make personal calls during your break time, of course. Otherwise, save those for after hours.
- 3. Don't make personal calls in the office. Don't bother others who work in the same office with your conversation. Go outside, or at least into the hallway. But what you should never, ever, do is take your phone into the restroom to make a call. Respect other workers' privacy in there.

In a word, you don't have to leave your smartphone at home. But when you're at work, you should respect your boss and other workers that you work with when you need to use your smartphone.

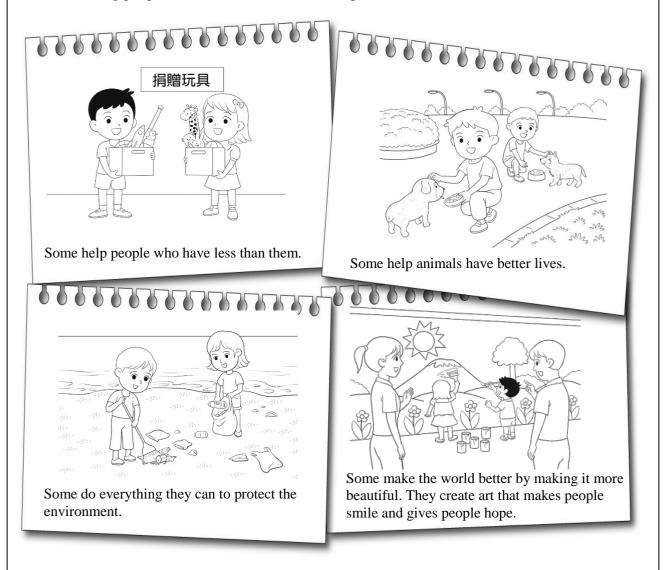
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- () 1. Who are most likely the readers for the reading? 🚇 likely 可能
 - (A) The boss of a company. (B) High school students.
 - (C) Office workers. (D) Smartphone salespeople.
- () 2. Why does the writer ask people to put the smartphone in a desk drawer?
 - (A) To show they will never use it at work.
 - (B) To make sure they won't hear the phone ring. 🚇 ring 響鈴
 - (C) To make sure they won't spend too much time on the phone.
 - (D) To pretend they leave the phone at home. 🗳 pretend 假裝
- () 3. If the writer wants to find a new worker for his company, which of the following is most likely to get the job?
 - (A) Will Hanks: With my smartphone at hand all the time, I can get the most out of my workday.
 - (B) Tom Smith: Using my smartphone for personal calls during office hours is what I seldom do.
 - (C) Linda Wang: The company can't ask me to put my phone away. I can call anyone.
 - (D) Ed Lin: A good company should buy its workers smartphones. I don't want to use my smartphone.

第13篇帶來正向改變的孩童

The world is not the same as it once was. The air is dirtier and causing more and more health problems. The water is drying out or has become too polluted to use. The land is dying, too, because of climate change.

Lucky for all of us, there are people in this world who are trying to change all of that. These amazing people are not grown-ups who have a lot of money and experience. Instead, these amazing people are kids who care about the planet.



Best of all, kids are changing the world with their kindness. Kids who feel better about themselves create the same feelings in the people that are around them. They also treat everyone with kindness no matter what they look like or where they are from. A kinder world is truly a better world, isn't it?

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- () 1. What is the main idea of this reading?
 - (A) Kids are the reason that the world has gotten worse.
 - (B) The world has been made better because of grown-ups.
 - (C) The land, air, and water were made better by the climate.
 - (D) Children are changing the planet for the better.
- () 2. According to the reading, which is something that young people have NOT done to make the world better? □ according to 根據
 - (A) They have made people's lives bright with their art.
 - (B) They have made themselves look more beautiful.
 - (C) They have given help to other living things.
 - (D) They have been nice to and cared about others.
- () 3. What do we learn from the reading?
 - (A) Taking care of people's feelings helps the world just as much as protecting the environment.
 - (B) People who don't look the same as we do should be treated with less kindness.
 - (C) Everybody wants to be around people who think they are better than others.
 - (D) Making the world beautiful does little to change how people feel about themselves.

第14篇機器人夏令營

Is your child interested in things like technology and machines? Then you may want to send them to Robotics Summer Camp. At this special day camp, young people from ages 10 to 13 learn knowledge of robots and even get to build their own robot. Classes are taught by famous people in the robotics industry, such as people who work at the MIT. These classes run from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Silverwood Elementary School science lab.

Why should your child learn about robotics? As you know, the world is becoming highly automated. In the near future, about 800 million jobs around the world are at risk. But that doesn't have to be a bad thing. The workplace is always changing. A hundred and fifty years ago, most people still worked on farms. Technology allowed more people to move to cities and work in factories, and later in offices. Then the Internet moved a lot of jobs online. Today, there is artificial intelligence (AI). It means that the future is in robotics. So, why not have your child <u>be on the cutting edge</u> of this exciting new industry? Sign them up for Robotics Summer Camp today.

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- () 1. Who might think this reading is useful?
 - (A) Robotics teachers who are hoping to become famous.
 - (B) Parents who are planning summer activities for their young children.
 - (C) High school students who are dreaming of learning the newest robotics technology.
 - (D) College students who want to find a job in the AI industry in the future.
- () 2. What does the phrase "<u>be on the cutting edge</u>" mean in this reading?
 - (A) To run behind. (B) To get past.
 - (C) To be lost in. (D) To be at the newest stage. Q stage 階段
- () 3. Why does the writer talk about artificial intelligence in the reading?
 - (A) To name the next industry that will be replaced. Q replace 取代
 - (B) To explain the reason why many jobs are gone.
 - (C) To show the value of learning about robotics.
 - (D) To introduce what will be taught in Robotics Summer Camp. 🚇 introduce 介紹

第15篇 交友訣竅

Making new friends may be easy for some people, but for others, it can be the worst part of being in a new place. Luckily, there are a few easy tricks that can help you make friends.

Most of the time, we show how we feel on our faces without knowing it. This means that if we're feeling nervous, we'll probably look that way, too. We should try to show our best side. For example, if we smile, people will think that we're friendlier.

Self-confidence is also important for making new friends. One of the best ways is to wear clothes that both show the real you and make you feel comfortable. Of course, you shouldn't wear pajamas on your first day of school! Just be yourself—in your favorite clothes.

If you don't know how to talk with people you've just met, try asking them some questions about themselves. People usually enjoy talking about themselves. Ask the lady next to you how long she's been at the company. Ask the guy behind you in class what his favorite subject is.

It can take a while for deep friendships to form. Just enjoy the process of making friends.

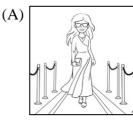
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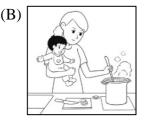
() 1. What is the reading mainly about?

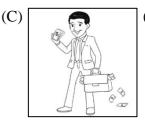
- (A) How to build new friendships. (B) How to show a friendly smile.
- (C) How to create self-confidence. (D) How to start talking with people.
- () 2. According to the reading, which of the following is NOT true? 🛛 according to 根據
 - (A) We should wear our most expensive clothes for self-confidence.
 - (B) We should take our time making friends.
 - (C) We should smile to make ourselves look nicer.
 - (D) We should try to ask people questions about themselves to start conversations.

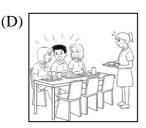
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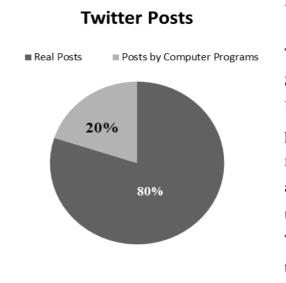








Twitter's power in the political world should be taken seriously. In fact, some say that Twitter even helped Donald Trump win the 2016 US presidential election. Twitter limits its posts to 140 characters, and this makes it a perfect tool for Donald Trump, who likes to use simple



language to express himself.

However, there is another trick which helped Trump win. Look at the chart. During a week in September 2016, around 20% of tweet posts about the US presidential election were actually created and posted by computer programs. That's around 4 million posts! These posts shaped online discussions about the election and affected people's understanding of what others thought about Donald Trump. In fact, a large number of the posts led people to believe that there were many Trump supporters

across the United States. And it was possible that people's choices in the election were affected as a result.

Donald Trump, of course, made it clear that he had nothing to do with the people behind the programs. Instead, he believed that he won the election because he was the better <u>candidate</u> than Hillary Clinton. Not everyone agrees with this, but his supporters do.

□ political 政治的 presidential election 總統大選 character 字元 express 表達 program 程式 discussion 討論 affect 影響 supporter 支持者

- () 1. What does the word "<u>candidate</u>" refer to? 🚇 refer to 指稱
 - (A) A person who is competing for a job. 🗳 compete 競爭
 - (B) A game in which people are competing for money.
 - (C) A deal that people make in business.
 - (D) A job that tests people's limits.
- () 2. According to the writer, which of the following may be the reason why Trump won the presidential election? □ according to 根據
 - (A) Hillary Clinton was not as good as Donald Trump.
 - (B) Computer programs created wrong beliefs. 🚇 belief 信念
 - (C) The number of Clinton's supporters was getting higher.
 - (D) More and more ads were posted to Twitter.

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