



everyone can connect with and maybe not see every day in the real world,” Hartman said.

5. Which of the following can replace the underlined word “**whimsical**” in Paragraph 2?  
 A. Serious.                      B. Exciting.                      C. Unusual.                      D. Ordinary.

**F**

For previous generations, college was a decisive break from parental control; guidance and support needed help from people of the same age and from within. In the past two decades, however, continued connection with and dependence on family, thanks to cellphones, email and social media, have increased significantly. Some parents go so far as to help with coursework. Instead of promoting the idea of college as a **passage** from the shelter of the family to autonomy and adult responsibility, universities have given in to the idea that they should provide the same environment as that of the home.

6. The underlined word “**passage**” in Paragraph 2 means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. change                      B. choice                      C. text                      D. extension

**G**

The link between what the men had done as boys and how they turned out as adults was surprisingly **sharp**. Those who had done the most boyhood activities were twice as likely to have warm relations with a wide variety of people, five times as likely to be well paid and 16 times less likely to have been unemployed. The researchers also found that IQ and family social and economic class made no real difference in how the boys turned out.

7. What does the underlined word “**sharp**” probably mean in Paragraph 4?  
 A. Quick to react  
 B. Having a thin edge  
 C. Clear and definite  
 D. sudden and rapid

**H**

The object around you are visible because they interact with light. Light typically travels in a straight line. But some materials slow and scatter (散射) light, bouncing it away from its original path. Others absorb light, stopping it **dead** in its track. Both scattering and absorption make an object look different from other objects around it, so you can see it easily.

8. The underlined word “**dead**” in this paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. silently.                      B. gradually.                      C. regularly.                      D. completely.

**I**

This contrasted with research carried out by other academics in America, he said. “Middle-class parents in the US appear to associate cultural practice with other benefits, such as developing specific characteristics and paving the way for educational success. Middle-class families are often marked by a pattern of ‘concerted cultivation’, where parents organize music-centred activities for their children, often in addition to school-based musical practice.”

Researchers had owed **this** to “parental anxiety over the declining fortunes of educated Americans. These parents have become increasingly worried about providing their children with skills and abilities enabling them to stand out from their competitors in the job market.”

9. What does the underlined word “**this**” refer to?

- A. Cultural practice.
- B. Educational success.
- C. Concerted cultivation.
- D. School-based musical practice.

**J**

His black-and-white pictures present a world almost lost in time. These pictures show people seemingly pushed into a world that they were unprepared for. These local citizens now have to balance their traditional self-supporting hunting lifestyle with the lifestyle offered by the modern French Republic, which brings with **it** not only necessary state welfare, but also alcoholism, betrayal and even suicide.

10. What does the underlined word “**it**” in the last paragraph refer to?

- A. The modern French lifestyle.
- B. The self-supporting hunting.
- C. The uncivilized hunting.
- D. The French Republic.

**K**

Caroline Solomon was on her high school’s swim team. But at times she could not go into the creek (溪流) near her home. It was simply too polluted. “I decided I wanted to do something about **it**,” she recalls. So she studied environmental science and public policy at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Later, she went to graduate school. Some of her classes could be challenging, though, since she couldn’t hear her teachers. “I’ve been deaf since I was 15 months old,” Solomon notes.

11. What does the underlined word “**it**” in this paragraph refer to?

- A. Solomon’s home.
- B. Solomon’s school.
- C. The polluted creek.
- D. The local environment.

**L**

To construct a working still, use a sharp stick or rock to dig a hole four feet across and three feet deep. Try to make the hole in a damp area to increase **the water catcher**’s productivity. Place your cup in the deepest part of the hole. Then lay the tube in place so that one end rests all the way in the cup and the rest of the line runs up—and out—the side of the hole.

12. What does the underlined phrase "the water catcher" in Paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. The tube.
- B. The still.
- C. The hole.
- D. The cup.

**M**

The proposal attempts to deal with what some call the "**death valley**" of autonomous vehicles: the grey area between semi-autonomous and fully driverless cars that could delay the driverless future.

13. What does the phrase "**death valley**" in Paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. A place where cars often break down.
- B. A case where passing a law is impossible.
- C. An area where no driving is permitted.
- D. A situation where drivers role is not clear.

N

Sir Winton kept his entire plan completely secret, even his wife had no idea about his planning until fifty years later. After the war, years passed and many people **remained in the dark** about Sir Winton's extraordinary achievement. Some fifty years later, his wife Greta was searching in their house and discovered a Winton's notebook which documented the names of all the children. She worked with BBC and they produced a TV episode (插曲) of their program "That's Life" that served as an honor for Sir Winton's work.

14. Which of the following can replace the underlined expression "remained in the dark"?
- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| A. felt doubtful | B. remained moved       |
| C. knew nothing  | D. criticized something |

O

And recently, during US President Donald Trump's visit to China, his granddaughter Arabella's recital of Chinese poems **went viral** on the internet, making the five-year-old a "popular figure" among Chinese audiences.

15. What does the underlined phrase "went viral" mean in Paragraph 3?
- |                  |               |                    |             |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| A. spread wildly | B. went wrong | C. caused laughter | D. got sick |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|

P

Some plants pump out smelly chemicals to keep insects away. But others do double duty. They pump out perfumes designed to attract different insects who are natural enemies to the attackers. Once they arrive, **the tables are turned**. The attacker who was lunching now becomes lunch.

16. What does the author mean by "**the tables are turned**" in Paragraph 3?
- The attackers get attacked.
  - The insects gather under the table.
  - The plants get ready to fight back.
  - The perfumes attract natural enemies.

Q

Today, I am fortunate to live a two-mile walk to a children's library. My 18-month-old son, Colin, and I find ourselves in it several times a week, meeting and making friends. That's the thing many people don't understand—**a library is more than books, it's a community**. At the library, friends and I learned how to research colleges and search for scholarships on the Internet. It's also where we exchanged emails with friends we met at out-of-state Model UN conferences. Because we didn't have e-mail access at home, we raced to the library after school to check our messages in eager. The library was the place where we sometimes giggled too loudly, and where the librarians knew us by name.

16. What does the underlined sentence in Paragraph 2 suggest?
- Library is a place with books and communities.
  - Books help people better communicate with others.
  - It is people rather than books that matter in a library.
  - A Library provides chances to socialize apart from books.

## R

The brush did not last long. Soon Benjamin needed more fur. Before long, the cat began to look ragged(蓬乱). His father said that the cat must be sick. Benjamin was forced to admit what he had been doing.

**The cat's lot was about to improve.** That year, one of Benjamin's cousins, Mr Pennington, came to visit. He was impressed with Benjamin's drawings. When he went home, he sent Benjamin a box of paint and some brushes. He also sent six engravings (版画) by an artist. These were the first pictures and first real paint and brushes Benjamin had ever seen.

17. What does the underlined sentence in Paragraph 3 suggest?

- A. The cat would be closely watched.
- B. The cat would get some medical care.
- C. Benjamin would leave his home shortly.
- D. Benjamin would have real brushes soon.