

Linda and David have traveled by air from London to Sydney , Australia. Linda has promised (答应) her mother that she will ring her to let her know that they have arrived safely. This is something she had done ever since she was a child. David thinks it is not a good idea to ring so far, to spend too much, and to say so little .

"If there were an accident. " He says, " aThey' d know soon enough. Bad news travels fast. "

But Linda has promised that she would ring . "However , " she says, "it doesn' t cost much when you just think that it' s the other side of the world. It' s only six pence per second (每秒六便士) 。 "

" Ifyou're on that telephone for less than one minute, I' lleave my hat , " David says , " And one minute' s nearly four pounds ( 英镑). "

" That' s no more than you' d pay for a new hat , " Linda answers.

She has asked the man at the hotel (旅馆) desk to get her the number. The telephone rings. Linda picks it up.

" Hello, Mum 。 Is that you?" She says.

" Six pence per second, " David reminds (提醒) her.

"Hello, love. It is Mrs. Lee, Linda' s mother , speaking from London 。 " I can hear you very clearly just like you are in the next room. It 's a better line than when you called me from your office. Do you remember? I shouted at that time, and still you couldn' t hear me sometimes. "

" Yes, Mum. " Linda puts in. " I just wanted to ring to ..... . "

" I remember how you rang when you went to Betty' s house to eat , when you were a little girl. And then when you ... " Mrs 。 Lee is a great talker

" Nearly four pounds. " says David.

Linda tries to tell her mother that it is time to say goodbye .

" 'Yes, all right. " says Mrs. Lee, " But you will write , won 't you, as you did when you were at work ..."

Once again , Mrs 。 Lee talks about the pass, and there is no stopping her .

"Four pounds fifty," says David .

At last, Linda cuts her mother short, promises to write, and rings off .

" There! That wasn' t long, was it?"

" Four pounds, ninety pence. " David answers. "And you didn' t even say that we' ve arrived. "

1. Linda is telephoning home to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - A. tell her mother some bad news
  - B. say that she and David have arrived safely
  - C. report an accident to her mother
  - D. say that she and David have left London
2. Linda does not think it expensive to ring , because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. it only costs four pounds and ninety pence
  - B. it is even more expensive to buy a new hat
  - C. she had telephoned home since she was a child
  - D. she will speak from one side of the word to the other
3. David says, "Nearly four pounds , " because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. he wants to remind Linda of the cost of the cost of the call
  - B. he wants to buy himself a new hat
  - C. Linda has not told her mother they have arrived
  - D. he wants Mrs . Lee to know how much the call costs
4. Mrs. Lee goes on talking for so long because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. she likes to hear all about the past .
  - B. she likes talking
  - C. Linda had not told her that she has arrived
  - D. she is going to pay for the telephone call
5. Linda tries to stop her mother by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. telling her how much the call is costing
  - B. writing a letter as she has promised to do
  - C. telling her that they have arrived safely
  - D. promising to write, and ringing off

## B 5

I often dreamed about Pisa when I was a boy . I read about the famous building called the Leaning Tower of Pisa. But when I read the word Pisa , I was thinking of pizza . I thought this tower was a place to buy pizza . It must be the best place to buy pizza in the world, I thought .

Many years later I finally saw the Leaning Tower. I knew then that it was Pisa and no pizza. But there was still something special about it for me . The tower got its name because it really did lean to one side. Some people want to try to fix it. They are afraid it may fall over and they don' t like it leans over the city







4. From the passage we know \_\_\_\_\_ 。
- A. he didn' t like the picture on the old sign.
  - B. the old sign was too old to be mended 。
  - C. he wanted to made a sentence with five ands
  - D. the old sign was beautiful

## B12

New York, London, Paris and other big cities are exciting places to live in. There are many interesting things to see and to do. You can go to different kinds of museums , parks and cinemas 。 You can also go shopping to buy things from all over the world.

But there are some problems in big cities too. The cost of living is high , and there are too many people in some places of big cities 。 Every year many people move to the cities because there are some chances (机会) to find good jobs , to study at good schools , and to see good doctors 。 But sometimes these people cannot find work or a good place to live in 。 Also, too many people in a small place make it hard to keep the cities safe and clean 。

Some people enjoy living in big cities, but others do not. Before people move to big cities , they should think about the problems of living there.

1. Which is the best title for this passage?
  - A. Big Cities
  - B. New York, London , and Paris
  - C. Exciting Places to Live in
  - D. Problems in Big Cities
2. In big cities people can \_\_\_\_\_ 。

  - A. go to different kinds of museums
  - B. see all kinds of plays and films
  - C. buy things from all over the world
  - D. A, B , and C

3. Which of the following is true ?
  - A. Big cities are not safe and clean enough 。
  - B. People can easily find a good place to live in big cities 。
  - C. Living in big cities doesn' t cost a lot.
  - D. All people like to live in big cities.
4. In the passage the writer advises people \_\_\_\_\_ 。

  - A. to move to a big city
  - B. not to move to a big city
  - C. not to move to a big city without thinking about the problems there
  - D. not to think too much about the problems before they move to a big city

5. Which is not talked about in the passage?
  - A. New York and London are big cities , and so is Paris.
  - B. Big cities are better than small cities 。
  - C. Big cities are exciting places to live in 。
  - D. Big cities have a lot of problems 。

### B13

Al Brown was very good at fixing things around the house when they broke . One day he went to another city to do some work there , and his wife was alone in the house. While Mr Brown was away, one of the faucets (自来水龙头) on the bathtub broke . Mrs Brown didn' t know much about fixing broken faucets , so she telephoned a plumber (管子工) .

The plumber came to the house that afternoon and fixed the faucet in a few minutes. When he finished , he gave Mrs Brown his bill for the work.

She looked at it for several seconds and then said , “Your prices are very high, aren' t they? Do you know, the doctor costs less than this when he comes to the house ? ”

“Yes, I know , ” answered the plumber, “I know that very well, because I was a doctor until I was lucky enough t find this job a few months ago. ”

1. As one of her faucets broke, Mrs Brown \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - A. had to fix it by herself
  - B. phoned to her husband
  - C. asked a plumber to fix it
  - D. sent for a doctor
2. It took the plumber only a few minutes to finish the work because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Mrs Brown helped the plumber to do it
  - B. the plumber was very good at fixing faucets
  - C. the plumber didn' t do it carefully, but very quickly
  - D. the job of fixing faucets was not very difficult
3. In fact, the plumber' s prices were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. not so high as a doctor' s
  - B. even higher than a doctor' s
  - C. as high as a doctor' s
  - D. much lower than a doctor' s
4. The plumber knew that very well because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. he had been Mrs Brown' s doctor for a few months
  - B. he had been a doctor several months before
  - C. he went to see a doctor a few months ago
  - D. he was the doctor who came to Mrs Brown' s house
5. The plumber thought he was lucky because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. he could get more money than before
  - B. he could fix faucets
  - C. he became a doctor
  - D. his new job was much easier

### B14

Mr Grey liked hunting very much. He did not get much practice at hunting wild animals ,

but he was quite good at shooting (射击) . One of his troubles was that his eyes were not very good and he had to wear glasses. When it rained and his glasses got wet , Mr Grey could not see very well.

One day he was invited to go out shooting bears in the mountains. It was rather a rainy day, and by mistake Mr Grey shot at the other hunter and hit him in the leg .

Then he was taken before a judge (法官) and the judge said, “Why did you shoot at Mr Robinson?” Mr Grey answered, “I thought that he was a bear.”

“When did you realize that you were wrong, then ? ” the judge asked.

“When ‘the bear’ began to shoot at me” Mr Grey answered in an unhappy voice.

1. From the story we know that Mr Grey \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - A. could shoot well in rainy days
  - B. enjoyed shooting and was quite good at it
  - C. knew how to hunt animals very well
  - D. was rather bad at shooting
2. Which of the following is wrong?
  - A. Mr Grey couldn't see very well in rainy days.
  - B. Mr Grey had to wear glasses when he was shooting .
  - C. Mr Grey often took hunters for bears by mistake .
  - D. Mr Grey's eyes were not very good.
3. Mr Grey hit a hunter in the leg because \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - A. he thought the hunter was a bear
  - B. the hunter shot at him
  - C. he was invited to shoot
  - D. he was good at shooting
4. Mr Robinson was a \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - A. soldier
  - B. hunter
  - C. judge
  - D. bear
5. The writer wants to tell us that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Mr Grey should not hunt wild animals
  - B. Mr Grey was not wrong to shoot at another hunter
  - C. Mr Robinson should shoot back at Mr Grey
  - D. Mr Robinson was even wrong to shoot back at Mr Grey

### B15

Mr Turner works in a factory. There he drives a truck. He often feels tired and likes watching TV at home. His wife is a conductor and likes dancing. She often goes dancing when she isn't on duty. He tells her to do some housework , but she doesn't listen to him . Old Mrs Turner has to do all for them .

One day the old woman was ill and had to be in hospital . Her daughter went to look after her there. Two months later Old Mrs Turner came back. All their rooms were in a terrible mess. She was weak and couldn't clean them . So she told her son to do it . The young man didn't answer her . She said nothing and had to stay in bed .



- A. salt lakes B. sea water C. salt wells D. salt mines
2. People in Sichuan get salt from \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. jars B. fire C. salt wells D. water wells
3. In Chinese the underlined word “dig” means \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. 跳进 B. 环绕 C. 修理 D. 挖掘
4. This passage mainly tells us about \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. salt B. salt wells C. salt mines D. salt lakes

### B17

One afternoon , Kate and her brother Bob went out to play . Kate was eight, and Bob was ten. “Let’ s go to the bridge and we can see fish in the river , ” said Kate.

“I don’ t know...,” Bob said. “Mum told us, ‘don’ t go on the bridge.’ She said it’ s dangerous.”

Kate said , “I am not afraid. Are you? ”

They walked onto the bridge and began looking for fish in the river . The bridge was a train bridge. Trains went over the bridge three times a day.

The children were standing in the middle of the bridge when they heard a loud noise . “A train is coming!” Bob shouted. “Run!” He ran to the end of the bridge. He was safe.

Kate ran , too , but she fell . The train was coming fast. Kate ran towards Bob. She fell again right on the train tracks (轨道). There was no time to leave . She had to lie down between the tracks. A few seconds later, the train went over the girl, but she was not hurt at all. She stood up and said to Bob, “Don’ t tell Mum! Don’ t tell Mum!”

At last their mother found out about the story . She was angry because they went on the bridge. But she was happy that Kate was all right .

1. Bob and Kate were \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. trains B. brothers C. sisters D. brother and sister
2. One afternoon they went to the bridge to see \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. their mother B. fish C. the train D. the river
3. When the train came, the children were \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. in the middle of the bridge
- B. at the end of the bridge
- C. on their way to the bridge
- D. away from the bridge
4. When their mother knew about the story , she was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. happy B. angry C. sorry D. both angry and happy

### B18

Before you go to another country it is a great help if you know the language and some of the customs of the country.

When people meet each other for the first time in Britain , they say “How do you do?” and shake hands. Usually they do not shake hands when they just meet or say goodbye. But they

