（1）The Silk Road is the name of different roads that long ago linked Europe, Africa and Asia.

People reached these different places along these mads. Scientists and archaeologists(考古学家) believe people began to travel the Silk Road about 3,000 years ago. By the time, the Chinese silk trade became important in the world, the Silk Road had covered almost 6, 500 kilometers. It stretched (延伸) from Rome to China, which is from the West to the Far East.

**Merchants** travelling along the Silk Road carried silk, of course. They also carried and traded spices (香料),cloth, jewels(珠宝),slaves(奴隶) and gold.

During its busiest period, the Silk Road allowed people from many different cultures and countries to meet each other and mix. The Silk Road allowed the sharing of precious (珍贵的) goods and new ideas. These included people and trading goods from the Mediterranean, Persian, Magyar, Armenian, Bactrian, Indian and Chinese areas. All these peoples travelled along the Silk Road, and they shared goods, stories, languages and cultures.

In modem times, the old Silk Road routes are still used, but now they are crossed by train instead of camels and horses. There is even a Silk Route Museum in Jiuquan in China. It has over 35,000 objects from all along the Silk Road. In this way, China protects the history of many countries and peoples.

51. According to the passage, the people began to travel the Silk Road about \_\_\_\_ years ago.

A. 300 B. 3,000 C. 3,500 D. 6,500

52. The Silk Road stretched from Rome to China means that it is from\_\_\_\_\_.

A. the North to the South B. the South to the North

C. the West to the Far East D. the Far East to the West

53. The underlined word "Merchants" in Paragraph 3 probably means \_\_\_\_\_ in Chinese.

A.商人 B.农民 C.士兵 D.工人

54. In the past, the people crossed the Silk Road \_\_\_\_\_.

A. by ship B. by camels and horses

C. by train D. on foot

55. The best title for the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Silk Road Museum

B. Routes of the Silk Road

C. History of the Silk Road D. Goods of the Silk Road

（2）Not too Poor to Care for Others

She used to sleep on the sidewalk (人行道) of the Fifth Street Post Office. I could smell her before I came close. She wore dirty clothes and her mouth was nearly toothless. I rarely saw her talk with others. If she was not asleep, she talked to herself. I always had sympathy for her. What a poor old Lady! She must be desperate (感到绝望的) and hungry.

One Thanksgiving, we had lots of food left over. I thought about the old lady. She might be still hungry. So I packed the food up and drove over to the Fifth Street.

It was a cold night. There was hardly anyone out. But I knew she would stay at the same place and I would find her easily.

There she was, squatted蹲着) against a fence(篱笆) near the post office. She was dressed as she always was.

I drove my car over to her, rolled down the window and said, "I've brought you some food. Would you like some turkey and apple pie?"

However, the old woman didn't seem to be very excited about this. She looked at me and said quite clearly,"Oh, thank you very much, but someone have given me food earlier and I'm quite full now. Why don't you take it to someone else who needs it?"

Her words were clear and her manners were gracious (亲切的). Soon her head sank into her arms again. I was the only person who didn't know what to say. An old lady who was clearly **down on her luck** still thought about others. Why don't more of us do that?

51. Which word is **NOT** suitable to describe the lady in the passage?

A. Dirty B. Well-dressed C. Poor D. Smelly

52. What did the lady feel when she saw the food brought by the author?

A. Excited B. Thankful C. Angry. D. Calm

53. The phrase "be down on her luck" in the last paragraph refers to the people \_\_\_\_ .

A. who are poor

B. who are unlucky

C. who are homeless

D. who are laughed at by others

54. Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?

A. The homeless lady seldom went to other places.

B. The author felt sympathetic to the old lady.

C. The author was kind. She gave away food to homeless people on every Thanksgiving.

D. The author learned that the poor lady cared about others.

55. What may the author do next?

A. Give away the food to other homeless people.

B. Put the food in front of the lady.

C. Throw away the food.

D. Drive back home with the food.

B

（3）One of the most beloved figures of the comic book world has left us. Stan Lee passed away on Nov 12, 2018 at the age of 95.

Lee is best known for being the genius behind Marvel Comics. He served as the company's editor-in-chief(总编), as well as its chairman. Lee started his career in comics in 1939. He led Marvel as it rose from a tiny division(部门) of a publishing company into a massive(巨大的) multimedia corporation.

It was, of course,the characters that Lee created that made Marvel famous. He worked with several artists, to create beloved superheroes such as Spider-Man, the X-Men,the Fantastic Four (神奇四侠) and Iron Man, among many others.

He was **inspired** to create these characters in a number of ways. For example, for Iron Man, his goal was to create a character that nobody would like —but make people like him anyway. And for the incredible Hulk (绿巨人), Lee's artist friend Kirby said he was inspired by watching a man lift up a car to save a woman who was trapped(困住) underneath.

Lee never stopped working, even after retiring (退休) from Marvel. He appeared in many Marvel films, often as a minor character.

Lee's characters touched people over many generations. The stores he wrote encouraged many people to explore their own hobbies and talents. He was, in many ways,a real-life superhero.

51. Stan Lee started his career at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ .

A.16 B.18 C.20 D.56

52.What made the Marvel rose into a massive multimedia corporation?

A. The advanced management. B. The famous characters Lee created.

C. The unique leadership. D. The development of comic industry.

53. What's the main idea of the Paragraph 4?

A. How did Lee create so many famous characters

B. Why did I

C. Who helped Lee create so many famous characters

D. How many characters did Lee create

54. What's the meaning of the underlined word"inspired" in Paragraph 4?

A.鼓励 B.强迫 C.激发 D.创造

55. Why did the author consider Lee as a real-life superhero?

A. Because he helped Marvel grow up from a tiny division into a massive corporation.

B. Because he played many touching roles in many famous movies.

C. Because his experience encouraged many people to explore their talents.

D. Because the characters and stories he created influenced many people in the real life.

（4）There was once a boy who was out playing in a field with his friends. As they were playing, the boy came across a stone that looked interesting. It wasn't as **dull** as the other stones. It was a little bit sparkly (闪耀的). But it was still quite dirty. The boy picked it up and decided to polish (擦亮) it.

His friends made fun of him for this. They said, "Why are you polishing that dirty old stone? It isn't worth anything at all!" But every day, when they went out to play, the boy would bring the stone with him, polishing it whenever they took breaks.

This went on for some time. Then one day, the boy left his home to join his friends as usual. He had quite a **surprise** for them. When he showed them the stone, they were amazed. It was, in fact, not an ordinary stone after all ——it was a beautiful diamond. The boy had stayed up all night the previous night, polishing it until it was completely clean.

There will be times in your life where people will try to discourage you. They will tell you that you're wasting your time on some meaningless task. But when they do this, the best thing you can do is to \_\_\_\_\_ . You can turn a rough stone into a diamond if you have persistence (毅力)) and courage.

51. Which of the following statements about the stone is **TRUE**?

A. It was as dull as the common stone. B. It was really dirty at first.

C. It was picked up by the seaside D. It was left at home by the boy.

52 What does the underlined word "dull" mean in Chinese?

A.枯燥的 B.呆滞的 C.暗淡无光的 D.丑陋的

53. In paragraph 3, for the boy's friends, the "surprise" refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. what the boy picked up was not a common stone but a diamond

B. the dirty stone was polished into such a beautiful stone

C the boy stayed up all night polishing the stone

D. the boy showed up in the party

54.According to the passage, the missing sentence in the last paragraph should be “\_\_\_\_\_”.

A. follow their advice and do something meaningful

B. blame them and tell them what you are actually doing

C. show them the true meaning of your task

D. ignore them and continue to work toward your goal

2 What's the best title for this passage?

1. Finding Diamond in the Rough

B. A Stone or a Diamond

C A Stone Cam be Turned into a Diamond

D. How to Become a Diamond

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