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一

My uncle has a very beautiful umbrella. He's had it for years. As he is very careful with it, so it still looks as good as new. 1 He shook his head. "Then how did you get it?" I asked. "Well," he answered, "there' s a strange true story about the umbrella. About ten years ago, I was walking along a quiet London street one evening when it suddenly rained. I had no raincoat or umbrella. 2 And the people in the streets were fewer and fewer. As I was on my way to a party, I was afraid to get wet. So I stood in a doorway and waited for the rain to stop. 3 What was worse, there even wasn't a person around, and still it rained and rained. At last a young man came to the place where I was standing. 4 As I hoped he would allow me to walk to the next corner with him, where I could get a taxi, I stepped out of the dark doorway where I had been standing. 5 As I suddenly appeared before him, the young man was so shocked that he dropped the umbrella. He ran away and disappeared into the darkness. I picked up the umbrella and continued my walk. I knew it would be hard in this big city to find the owner, so I've kept it ever since."

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| A. Gradually, it grew quite dark.  B. He held a large umbrella over his head.  C. I asked him where he was going with that umbrella.  D.No buses ran through the street and there were no taxis.  E. I asked my uncle if he bought it or some one sent him as a gift. |

二

Gloria is a famous hostess of a TV station. When she was 15, she happened to walk into a bookstore in her hometown and began looking at the books on the shelves. The man behind the counter, John Smith, asked if she’d like a job. She needed to start saving for college, so she said yes.

Gloria worked after school and during summer vacations, and the job helped pay for her first year of college. During college she would do many other jobs: she served coffee in the student union（学生会）, was a hotel cleaner and even made maps for the Forest Service. 1

One day a woman came into the bookstore and asked Gloria for books on cancer. The woman seemed anxious. Gloria showed her practically everything they had and found other books they could order. The woman left the store less worried, 2

Years later, as a television hostess, Gloria heard about a child who was born with problems with his fingers and hand. His family could not afford an operation, and the boy lived in shame, hiding his hand in his pocket all the time.

3 After the story was broadcast, some doctors called, offering to perform the operation for free.

Gloria visited the boy in the hospital after the operation. The first thing he did was to hold up his repaired hand and say, “Thank you.” 4 At Smith’s bookstore, Gloria always realized she was working for the customers, not the store. 5 The TV station pays her, but she feels that she should work for the people who watch the programs, helping them understand the world better.

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| 1. Gloria persuaded (说明) her boss to agree to let her do the story. 2. What a sweet sense of satisfaction Gloria felt! 3. and Gloria has always remembered the pride (自豪) she felt in having helped her customer. (顾客). 4. Today it’s the same. 5. But selling books was one of the most satisfying jobs. |

三

I was born in New York, but I grew up in San Francisco. 1 If I was asked now where I want to live forever, I would say London. But I will always be American.

San Francisco, like London, has many parks. 2 I didn’t go to school. I only had three hours of formal education when I was five. I was sent to school but came home at noon on the first day. I said I didn’t enjoy it and hadn’t learned anything. 3 , so I never went back.

My mother then taught me and my two sisters in the way of an English lady who had good education. We learned languages and reading more than sciences and math. Sometimes she taught us herself, but we also had other teachers. They asked us to take lessons every day. About once a week we walked to Golden Gate Park. While we were walking, my mother taught me to read music. 4 and I remember now how I’d like to have it. I couldn’t say my “r” when I was small. My mother said if I could say an “r” well, I would have the toy train. I practiced and practiced. Then one morning I woke everybody up with my “r” s. I got the toy train and 5 --- but I work hard for them.

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| A．My parents thought that school was unsuitable(不适合的) for me  B．Every day my sisters and I were taken to play in the parks as children.  C．One day I noticed a little toy train in the window of a shop.  D．I began to live in London 25 years ago.  E．I usually get the things I want in life. |

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1 There are lending libraries where people, old and young, can borrow books if they are members. The largest library in Singapore is the National Library at Stamford Road. 2 Most of them are English books although there are also some Chinese and Malay books for Chinese and Malay readers.

3 To be a member you have to pay a certain fee. After you have paid the fee, you are given a card and you can use this card to borrow books for three weeks at a time.

Students do not need to pay membership fee. 4 For those who live far away there are extension libraries at Toa Payoh, Queenstown and other places which also have books for readers to borrow.

Reading is a good habit. 5 .

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| 1. More than thousands of books can be found. 2. You can borrow books from the library if you are a member. 3. All they need is a letter from their school principals and they can become members of the library. 4. Not all people can afford to buy expensive books. 5. It can increase our knowledge and improve our language. |