

I was five years old when my little brother, Mark, was born. On the photos, I appeared so **thrilled** that he had finally arrived. I held and bathed him, smiling from cheek to cheek. I do not remember that feeling now.

Being the first child in the family, I was the one my parents tested their new parenting techniques on. I was their guinea pig. Mark was always the happy one, the joker, the one who won because of my battles with my parents. After too many fights, I declared war on Mark. We were now enemies. All I remember is being jealous of and angry with my innocent little brother.

Thus, I made his life a misery. I teased, tricked, embarrassed, and fought with him, often leaving him in floods of tears.

Our little sister was born when I was 11 and instantly she and Mark could not be separated. They pushed me aside. Was this because I was becoming a monster, or did I grow into an uglier green-eyed monster because they loved each other so much?

Thankfully, Mark quickly grew tall and strong, and our conflict looked more like a cold war than bloodshed. It all ended suddenly when I went to study abroad. The hatred (仇恨) disappeared and love climbed in.

Despite all the abuse Mark suffered he has implied that he has forgiven me, or even that there is nothing to forgive, although I have never brought up the subject in too much detail. I would like to; however, it would be a selfish move to look for more forgiveness. But I prefer to remember the hurt. During all those wasted years, I should have been the loving sister defending instead of attacking.

- (1) The underlined word "thrilled" in the first paragraph can be replaced by _____.
A. Worried. B. Excited. C. Terrified. D. Disappointed.
- (2) Why did the writer consider her brother as her enemy?
A. She didn't like her brother. B. She'd like to be a monster.
C. She did so out of jealousy. D. She used to be ill-treated.
- (3) What can we infer about the writer from the passage?
A. Her parents' preference for boys to girls made her hate her brother.
B. Her conflict with her brother ended when she went to study abroad.
C. Her parents used her as an experimental subject for their parenting techniques.
D. Separation helped her and her brother build up an affectionate relationship.
- (4) What does the writer really want to tell us in the passage?
A. She was looking for more forgiveness.
B. She was never forgiven by her brother.
C. She felt regretful for what she had done.
D. She suffered much abuse from her brother.

Finding your feet in a new town can be hard, especially if you're covered in fur and don't speak the language. But for pets new to Marlborough, help is at hand.

Marlborough SPCA and the Railway Café, in Blenheim, have joined forces to help welcome pets and their people to the region with a fortnightly morning tea. They hope the morning teas will get tails and tongues wagging as well as giving advice on how to make the move smoother.

Railway Café owner Leanne Harris came up with the innovative plan as a way to help welcome people to the area. Leanne moved to Marlborough from Auckland two years ago and said she initially struggled to find friends and feel part of the community. "Coming from Auckland I thought people would open their doors and that there would be neighbors calling round with cake. I expected people to come to me and, of course, it wasn't like that. I did get lonely." "I hope to save newcomers having to wait as long as I did to feel part of it all. I would like to welcome them to the town."

Free platters of sandwiches, cakes and other goodies will be on offer, for the people, while there will be special handmade yoghurt and banana treats for the dogs. The morning teas will take place in the covered area at the back of the popular café beside the railway station off Grove Rd.

Leanne said she was happy to devote both her time and effort to giving back to the community and felt the venture was a great fit with the SPCA.

"Volunteering is such an amazing thing to do and it changed things for me completely, and I met some amazing people with similar interests."

SPCA Op Shop manager Karina Greenall, originally from the United Kingdom, said she also wanted to help. "I can give advice on how to resettle pets, the best parks to go to, where the best walks are and where the vet centers are in town." There will be volunteering opportunities too for people where they can help out and hopefully make friends too.

(1) How will Marlborough SPCA and the Railway Café help new pets?

- A. By offering morning teas.
- B. By giving advice to them.
- C. By communication with them.
- D. By providing accommodation to them.

(2) What was Leanne's plan originally intended for?

- A. Saving animals.
- B. Expanding her business.
- C. Making more friends.
- D. Helping newcomers.

(3) What had Leanne expected when she first came to Marlborough?

- A. To be left alone.
- B. To struggle for a living.
- C. To be invited to dinner.
- D. To feel part of the community.

(4) What can be learnt about SPCA Op Shop manager Karina Greenall?

- A. She often misses the United Kingdom.
- B. She takes interest in the Railway Café.
- C. She is enthusiastic about resettling pets.

D. She has organized the voluntary events.

二、七选五 (共5题, 每题2分, 共10分)

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Ways to make a great first impression

You've heard it a million times already, but it really does take but a few seconds to make that all-important first impression (印象). Here are some easy ways for you to impress your classmates or teachers.

• 1

Before you shake hands with somebody, make sure that your hands are clean. The handshake should not be too strong or weak. Most people use their right hands, unless they have a reason to use the left. 2.

• Be on time

When meeting someone for the first time, arriving on time is as important as breathing. You may have an excuse, but that will leave the person who hardly knows you with a bad impression. As a general rule, plan to arrive about 30 minutes early. 3.

• Introduce yourself and ask for names

Make sure you properly introduce yourself. Ask for their names in a polite way. 4. This will increase the chances of their remembering your name in the future. Always remember to stand up when greeting someone and be sure to introduce them to anyone you're with.

• Make a good conversation

To get the most out of your discussion, try to find something common between the two of you. 5. A person will feel more comfortable with someone who they can relate to (产生共鸣).

- A. It's better to be hanging around the place than be stuck in traffic
- B. Repeat the name and use it later in conversation
- C. Use proper body language
- D. Have a proper handshake
- E. However, don't have your left hand in your pocket because this appears impolite
- F. You'll be in serious trouble if you leave a bad impression on them
- G. It could be a similar taste in clothes or a common hobby

三、完形填空 (共20题, 每题1.5分, 共30分)

I was sitting in the surgical waiting area (手术等候区) at the hospital waiting for word of my wife's operation. The small room was filled with other families and friends, who were 1 waiting to hear how their loved ones were doing.

There was a young boy sitting quietly in the 2. He held a small box of 3 in one hand and a tablet (写字板) in the other. Every so often he'd place the tablet on his lap and draw something. As the hours passed I began to see the room almost 4. And there was a strange silence.

"Daddy, when is Mommy going home?" the young boy asked, breaking the 5.

"Tomorrow," his father replied. The boy picked up his crayons (蜡笔) and 6 something on the tablet.

I 7 him as he moved his feet back and forth, looking up at the ceiling and then toward the sunshine-filled window. "When's 8, Daddy?" he asked. His father 9 him over to sit by him. "Come, 10 here next to me," he said with a gentle tone in his voice. 11 his things, the little boy walked slowly to his father's side from the corner. The man 12 out and held his son by his shoulder.

"There are three days in life. Yesterday, today and tomorrow. One is over and done, one we live in, the other we 13. We can't live in yesterday, but if we are happy enough today, we will be even happier tomorrow," he said in an attempt to 14 the boy.

The little boy looked at him for a moment and said, "If Mommy is going home tomorrow, I'll be 15. So, I want it to be tomorrow already, Daddy."

Now hanging on every word of this 16, I leaned forward to hear his response. It was 17.

"Son, the one great thing about today is once it 18, it is already almost tomorrow."

I thought about how 19 it was. Even in my adult life, I still live waiting for what tomorrow may 20. Now I know that it is already "almost tomorrow".

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| 1. A. patiently | B. happily | C. peacefully | D. eagerly |
| 2. A. chair | B. distance | C. corner | D. shadow |
| 3. A. gifts | B. crayons | C. chinks | D. toys |
| 4. A. dark | B. empty | C. full | D. clean |
| 5. A. promise | B. rule | C. record | D. silence |
| 6. A. wrote | B. printed | C. drew | D. expressed |
| 7. A. followed | B. found | C. caught | D. watched |
| 8. A. today | B. yesterday | C. tomorrow | D. future |
| 9. A. knocked | B. ordered | C. pulled | D. called |
| 10. A. stand | B. lie | C. sit | D. sleep |
| 11. A. saving | B. forgetting | C. gathering | D. choosing |
| 12. A. reached | B. took | C. set | D. got |

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| 13. A. spend | B. waste | C. expect | D. kill |
| 14. A. frighten | B. warn | C. persuade | D. satisfy |
| 15. A. better | B. calmer | C. smarter | D. happier |
| 16. A. story | B. conversation | C. opinion | D. discussion |
| 17. A. perfect | B. silly | C. active | D. humorous |
| 18. A. ends | B. passes | C. starts | D. lasts |
| 19. A. sincere | B. important | C. interesting | D. meaningful |
| 20. A. happen | B. come | C. need | D. bring |

四、语法填空 (共10题, , 每题1.5分, 共15分)

7 The Agricultural Feast _____ 1 _____ (take) place after the Independence Day. It is not a worldwide celebration. Only Christians in Mexico look forward to its arrival for its _____ 2 _____ (religion) origin.

Long ago, man's ancestors were bad. They fooled and played tricks on each other and never kept _____ 3 _____ word. So God turned up and drowned all their crops. _____ 4 _____ (human) starved day and night, weeping. In order to gain God's forgiveness, a woman poet set off to see God. She admired God and made apologies. God _____ 5 _____ (move) . With God's permission, human beings finally had good harvests again. Thus to wipe sadness and remind themselves of the belief _____ 6 _____ God, people began the festival. On the festival, people gather in _____ 7 _____ open air, such as playgrounds and parking lots, and have fun with each other _____ 8 _____ (energetic) all night long, as though they were never tired. When a beauty _____ 9 _____ (dress) up in lovely clothing reads poems in memory of the poet, everyone holds their breath. Then, it is the custom _____ 10 _____ the bone of a rooster head is given to her as an award. Obviously, the story may not be true, but the festival is interesting.

五、单词填空 (共10题, 每题1分, 共10分)

8 It is a _____ (令人钦佩的) that he devotes himself to his work.

9 No one is p _____ (被允许) to enter the library without an ID card.

10 We should be aware of our own s _____ (强项) and weaknesses.

- 11 You owe him an _____ (道歉) for what you said.
- 12 Vivi was a _____ (被授予) the first prize in the speech contest.
- 13 The company is working on a new product in c _____ (联合) with other partners.
- 14 The custom of arranged marriages still e _____ (存在) in many countries.
- 15 O _____ (很明显), she is telling a lie to her parents.
- 16 He tried to run away but gave up when he found himself s _____ (包围).
- 17 The person can lift the stone m _____ (测量/重) 2 tons.

六、句子翻译 (共5题, 每题3分, 共15分)

- 18 这间医院是为了纪念孙中山先生而建的。 (in memory of)
- 19 翻译
他谋求良好生活的能力受到了他缺乏教育的限制。 (earn a good living, be limited by; lack of)
- 20 翻译
没人能对他的旷课做出解释。 (account for)
- 21 翻译。
是什么事使他不能参加我们的会议仍然是个谜。 (prevent...from)
- 22 想到能看到明星, 她们很兴奋。 (the thought that, catch sight of)

七、书面表达 (共1题, 每题25分, 共25分)

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假定你是李华, 计划和同学们去敬老院 (nursing home) 陪老人们过重阳节 (the Double Ninth Festival)。请给外教露西写封邮件, 邀她一同前往, 内容包括:

1. 出发及返回时间;
2. 活动: 包饺子、表演节目等。

注意: 1. 词数120词左右

3. 可以适当增加细节, 以使行文连贯。