**B**

Long ago, there lived in Greece a learned man. He was so well-known for his good knowledge of almost everything that lots of people from all over the country came to learn from him. The great man taught his students heart and soul and answered their questions with great patience.

One day a student asked him, "My dear teacher, didn't you say you have many more questions about things than we do? But I think we students have far more than you."

With a smile on his face, the teacher drew two circles, one was as large as a big cake, the other was small. Then he said, "Of course, I've learned much more. But it's wrong to think that a teacher has fewer questions than his students. Now, look at these two circles. The inside of the bigger one is my knowledge of things, and the inside of the smaller one is yours. Out of the circles is what is still unknown to us. Since mine is larger, I have the larger line to draw the bigger circle. That means I have more opportunities to face what is still unknown. And that's why I myself have more questions than you do. The more you learn, the more questions you have. You will never learn enough, you know."

15. Why did many people learn from the learned man?

A. Because he was well-known.

B. Because he had good knowledge of almost everything.

C. Because he lived in Greece.

D. Because he was patient to his students.

16. The student didn't agree that

A. The teacher had as many questions as a learned man.

B. The teacher had as many questions as the students.

C. The teacher has fewer questions than the students

D. The teacher had more questions than the students.

17. The learned man drew two circles to show

A. he was good at drawing

B. his knowledge had nothing to do with the circle.

C. why he had more questions than the students

D. how he could get more knowledge

18. From the passage we can learn that \_\_\_\_\_\_

A. the more knowledge we have, the more questions we may get

B. every one of us should try to be a learned man

C. a teacher should have many questions

D. it's never too old to learn

**C**

When I was a little girl there was always one dream that I wanted to make true: to travel around the world! I spent a lot of time reading books all about other countries and imagining what they might be like.

I was lucky enough to be able to go to a lot of the countries I had dreamed about, but the one place that I always wanted to go to but never had a chance to visit was South America. So, as soon as I finished university, I knew I had to make plans to go there. I would do whatever I could to finally be able to achieve this life goal.

I knew it would be difficult, because at the time I started making my plans to go, I couldn't speak a word of Spanish(西班牙语), and I only had enough money to book my flight there! However, after six months of preparation--a lot of planning, hard work and a try to learn Spanish, I was ready and found myself on a flight to Uruguay with my best friend.

When we first arrived, I couldn't believe I had finally made it there, somewhere I had imagined many times. I have to say, it wasn't at all like I imagined--it was even better!

We went to many different countries in South America and I loved them all, but one of my favorites was Chile. Chile is amazing because it has so many different landscapes(风景)——which isn't surprising when you think about how long the country is! We went down to a place called Pucon. It was very cold there, and we were completely unprepared for that. When we planned our trip, we thought the weather would always be hot, but we were wrong! After buying some warm jumpers, we were ready to explore. The best thing about Pucon was the huge volcano(火山). It was smoking the whole time we were there. You could even climb the volcano if you were brave enough!

It was absolutely a wonderful experience that I can't forget it in the rest of my life!

19. What was the writer's dream when she was little?

A. Travel to Spain B. Have a global trip

C. Visit South America D. Read books around the world

20. What preparation was NOT the writer do for the trip to South America?

A. Learning Language B. Booking plane tickets

C. Finding a friend in Uruguay D. Earning enough money

21. Which is true about the writer's trip?

A. Chile is always hot with different sceneries.

B. The writer and the friend bought warm clothes.

C. The writer smoked when climbing the volcano.

D. Uruguay wasn't as good as the writer imagined at all.

22. Where can you most likely to read this passage?

A. a newspaper B. a travel magazine

C. a guide book D. a geography book

**D**

Books vs. e-books: Choose the best way to read

When you are going to read, you may be faced with a tough decision: e-books or the traditional kind? Each one has its advantages and disadvantages, and the best choice depends on a number of factors(因素).

Different people may have different preferences in reading. For example, an e-reader, like Kindle, can carry a whole library wherever you go, which is great for travelers or people who always want a choice of different readings. However, some people do love the look, smell, and feel of the classical book held in the hand.

Here's a look at some of the science to think over before you decide to buy a Kindle, or some new hardcovers.

**Young, unwilling readers prefer e-readers**

A 2014 study found that out of 143 10th grade students, most liked e-readers. Boys and those who did not care much for reading also shared a strong preference for e-readers. Some scientists said that an e-reader has more similarities with electronic devices(设备) that young people use all the time, like smartphones or iPads. That is maybe one of the reasons that teenagers like an e-book more than a paper one.

**Reading on paper may improve memory**

Some small studies found that reading on paper instead of an electronic screen is better for memory. When you read on paper you can sense with your fingers on pages. You can see the progress when pages on the left are growing, and on the right are reducing. Perhaps this somehow helps the reader with memorizing what they read.

**Paper helps readers with sleep problems and poor eyesight**

High levels of screen brightness from an electronic device can cause eye problems, especially when reading e-books at night, Also, artificial(人造的) light from e-readers may **interfere with** users' ability to sleep, leading to health problems and tiredness the following day.

**Love for books**

Many book-lovers still prefer the traditional option and value the feeling of a regular paper book. Paper books are usually very well designed. They look and smell good, and they carry with them a more human touch. As a result, some readers prefer reading on paper, because traditional books give them a sense of ownership, instead of just using something.

23. What can we learn from Paragraph 2?

A. E-books are the best choice

B. E-readers are convenient.

C. Classical books are popular.

D. Paper books look beautiful.

24. What does the underlined part "interfere with" in paragraph 6 mean?

A. show B. hold C. hurt D. help

25. What is the writer's purpose of writing this passage?

A. To tell people not to use traditional books.

B. To introduce e-books as a new technology.

C. To advise young people to buy paper books.

D. To help people choose the best way to read.

**七、阅读短文回答问题。**

International Friendship Day is a day for celebrating friendship and it is very popular in western countries. The day has been celebrated in some western countries for many years and in 2011, the General Assembly of the United Nations stated 30 July as official International Friendship Day.

On a Friendship Day, people of all ages do different things to make this day special for their friends. Some people give a surprise party to their very dear friends, and others go out to talk to each other. Those who live far away from each other and can't make to meet personally on Friendship Day prefer to send flowers and greeting cards online. There are different kinds of gifts in these days on Friendship Day. Some are expensive, like a watch, a mobile phone or a music player. But some people think feelings are more important than gifts. If you want to give your friends a special Friendship Day, you should pay attention to what your friends like most. Prepare in such a way and they will feel you are the special one in their life.

36. What is Friendship Day?  
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37. When is International Friendship Day?  
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38. How do people give Friendship Day greetings if they live far away from each other?  
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39. Which is more important, feelings or gifts?  
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40. According to this passage, how can you give your friend a best gift?  
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