**阅读理解**

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I attended a Catholic (天主教的) grammar school for nine years. Later I decided to go to the public high school that I now attend. Why did I choose a public high school?

The main purpose of going to school is to receive a good education that will help us become successful in the future. Both private and public schools give this opportunity. But public schools and private schools each give an entirely different social experience. The social experience, in my opinion, is much more important than the academic (学业的）experience, especially for a boy like me.

In my grammar school, most of the people I met were white, Catholic, and of the same learning ability. Every day at school, students were expected to wear uniform (统一的) clothes，have uniform hairstyles and learn at the same pace. Growing up, this is what I expected all schools were like. For nine years I didn’t know that people of different religions (宗教）and learning paces existed in the real world. But the fact is that there are more types of people than Catholics and quick learners. For this reason, I decided to try something new by attending a public high school.

My freshman year of high school was an amazing eye-opener for me. I met different types of people. I have met people with long hair, short hair, black hair and purple hair. I have met people who are two years ahead of everyone else, and others who are two years behind. There are musicians, bookworms and others with interests outside the school. People can be whoever they want to be.

Meeting so many different students and teachers with so many different interests made me much more interested in meeting more people. This experience made me know how important the social part of a public high school really is. In the future, when I go to college and begin my career, I will be meeting and working with people who have different backgrounds. For this reason, I will never regret the decision I have made.

1. Why did the author decide to go to a public high school?

A. Because he wanted to become better at his studies.

B. Because he didn’t want to learn grammar any longer.

C. Because he wanted to gain a useful social experience.

D. Because his parents couldn’t afford to send him to the private school.

2. In the Catholic grammar school, the author \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. often changed his hairstyle

B. had a terrible academic experience

C. often refused to wear uniform clothes

D. seldom met many different types of people

3. What do we learn about students in the author’s grammar school?

A. Their academic experience isn’t very different.

B. They can usually do whatever they like.

C. They know all about the real world.

D. None of them studies very hard.

4. In the author’s opinion, studying at the public high school will help him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. apply to a good college B. become what he truly is

C. enjoy better social life in the future D. have a good academic experience

B

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**Food**

The TWU Cafeteria is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. It serves snacks(小吃), drinks, ice cream bars and meals. You can pay with cash or your ID cards.You can add meal money to your ID cards at the Front Desk. Even if you do not buy your food in the cafeteria, you can use the tables to eat your lunch, to have meetings with your friends and to study.

If you are on campus in the evening or late at night,you can buy snacks, fast food, and drinks in the Lower Cafe located in the bottom level of the Douglas Center. This area is often used for entertainment such as concerts, games or TV watching.

**Relaxation**

The Globe, located in the bottom level of McMillan Hall, is available for relaxing, studying, cooking and eating. Monthly activities are held here for all international students. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed on Sundays.

**Academic Support**

All students have access to the Writing Center on the upper floor of Douglas Hall. Here, qualified volunteers will work with you on written work, grammar, vocabulary and other academic skills. If you need help, you can sign up for an appointment by finishing the sign-up sheet outside the door, two 30-minute appointments per week maximum. This service is free.

**Transportation**

The TWU Express is a shuttle(班车)service. The shuttle transports students between campus and the shopping center, leaving from the Mattson Centre. Operation hours are between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays only. Round trip fare is $1.

5. What can you do in the TWU Cafeteria?

A. Do homework and watch TV. B. Buy drinks and enjoy concerts.

C. Have meals and meet with friends. D. Add money to your ID and play chess.

6. How can you seek help from the Writing Center?

A. By applying online. B. By calling the center.

C. By filling in a sign-up form. D. By going to the center directly.

7. What is the function of the TWU Express?

A. To carry students to the lecture halls. B. To provide students with campus tours.

C. To take students to the Mattson Centre. D. To transport students to and from the stores.