



Finally, I asked her what was stopping her, and was surprised to hear, I can't swim.

Most Australians learn to swim fairly early on, with school programs teaching it. With the population of Australia mostly gathered around the edge of the continent, going to the beach and swimming in the sea are very popular things, so someone who can't swim is fairly uncommon.

Ellen's reply drove me to make a foolish offer that I would teach her to swim. If I'd foreseen the problems that were to come, I would probably have never set foot in the pool.

I persuaded Ellen to put her arms around my neck, and tried to let her legs float out behind her, while I gently pulled her along.

That night, I tried to sleep without moving my neck, as Ellen's tight grasp had almost removed my head from my shoulders.

I had planned to take Ellen to a quiet beach at Robe. I think, in a couple of months, Ellen will be a little more confident in the water. But, just in case, I bought her a life jacket, so that she could float alone without holding me so tightly.

36. What does the underlined word "declined" mean in the second paragraph?

- A. Agreed B. Hesitated C. Stopped D. Refused

37. What can we know from the passage?

- A. Most people can swim in Australia.
B. Ellen is good at learning to swim.
C. The swimming pool is safe to swim.
D. Many people swim in order to keep cool.



38. What can be inferred from in the last paragraph?

- A. The writer loved his wife and was proud of her.
- B. Ellen could swim well with her husband' s help.
- C. The writer wasn' t sure of his wife' s swimming skills.
- D. The writer believed his wife could swim well in months.

解析:

本文大意: 我教妻子 Ellen 游泳的小故事。

36. 答案 D. 词义猜测题。第二段和第三段可推断出是“拒绝”之意。

37. 答案 A. 推理判断题。文章前四段综合可知。

38. 答案 C. 推理判断题。由文中“*But, just in case, I bought her a life jacket, so that she could float alone without holding me so tightly.*”可知。

B

Isn' t it amazing that you never have to water your weeds or care for them and they still give you an unwanted crop? When I was young in California, my grandfather showed me how to dig up the weeds called Bermuda grasses. It was a terrible thing and they would really spread if you didn' t get them out by the roots. When my wife and I bought our first house a few years ago, guess what I had to deal with? If you said weeds, you are correct. There was this certain patch of weeds that was similar to the Bermuda grasses.

After getting the inside of our home settled, it was time to work on the outside. On my hands and knees I attacked the weeds, getting each one out by the roots. Spring after spring, that was my duty. Just this spring I realized that one particular weed was no longer there but another one came. So again, I got down on my hands and knees and began removing them from my yard. When I was finished, my yard was much better.

What hidden message is this true story providing? Sometimes our life can be so similar. Yes, we all have weeds in our life. These weeds can be challenges or negative thoughts. When we deal with these weeds of life, the solution is to get to the roots of them, remove them one by one and eventually you will make it. And when another crop of weeds comes up, deal with them directly before they spread, because now you know what to do with them by getting to the roots of them, it will give you more courage and wisdom the next time a problem crops up.

You could say we all need weeds in our life to challenge us to grow. Once you know how to handle the weeds in your yard to make it beautiful, your life will be beautiful, too.

39. What did the writer do when facing another crop of weeds in his yard?



- A. He took action quickly.
- B. He felt very upset.
- C. He wanted to grow other crops.
- D. He didn't like to deal with them.

40. Why did researchers tell students they were simply testing their dexterity in handling the notes?

- A. A Childhood Memory
- B. The Weeds in Our Life
- C. Remove the Weed Slowly
- D. Find Beauty in Spring

解析:

本文大意: 通过除杂草这件事情, 影射生活中会遇到像杂草一样难处理的挑战和困难。

39. 答案 A. 事实细节题。第二段和第三段可知, 第三段中“*And when another crop of weeds comes up, deal with them directly before they spread*”。

40. 答案 B. 主旨大意题。从全文可知。

C

(以下 A(易)、B(难)两种题型任选一种, 做 A 种题型的不做 B 种, 做 B 种题型的不做 A 种)

For many of us, travelling has become a part of life. It's wise to keep up with the many changes that happen to the airline industry, because these small changes could have a great effect on the costs of your next trip. ——做最感动客户的专业教育组织

While it's true that we have to deal with extra-long security lines, X-ray machines at security gates, and horrible food on planes, travelers are mainly concerned about rising costs, and extra fees that can greatly increase 41.

Unfortunately, it seems these fees are here to stay. However, it's still possible to control how much one pays by monitoring them and gaining a better understanding of how they can affect you.

If you look for a fast and efficient way of getting all the information you need on airline fees, you can log onto the Internet and find a site that has a detailed, accurate, and