

《英语（二）》2016年4月真题

一、阅读判断（本大题共10小题，每小题1分，共10分）

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day (RND) is a well-known event in the UK. The aim of the day is to raise money for Comic Relief. This is a charity that helps people in need in Africa and in the UK.

Comic Relief was started in 1985 by Richard Curtis. He wrote the famous films "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Notting Hill". Richard started Comic Relief in response to the severe famine in Ethiopia. It's called Red Nose Day as on this day many people buy a plastic red nose to wear! The money made from selling red noses goes to the charity.

Red Nose Day takes place every two years in the spring. It is now so well established that many people consider it to be an unofficial national holiday.

The slogan for the last RND was "Do Something Funny for Money." The money that was collected was used to help fund projects in such areas as education and mental health. Money-raising events take place on this day all over the country and many schools participate. People also donate money by post, in banks, by phone using a credit card and online.

In the evening of Red Nose Day a telethon take place on the BBC TV channels. This is like a television marathon(马拉松) that shows some of the events of the day and reports how the money raised will be spent. People also upload videos of local charity events onto the Internet.

So, if you are ever in the UK on Red Nose Day, you will know why you find normal people wearing red noses and doing silly things! It's all for a good cause!

1) Red Nose Day is a famous event in Britain.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

2) Comic Relief aims to help people all over the world.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

3) Richard Curtis is a well-known actor and film director.

- A. True
- B. False

C. Not Given

4) Many people wear a red nose on Red Nose Day.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

5) Red Nose Day takes place every year.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

6) Red Nose Day has become an official national holiday.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

7) The funnier people look, the more money they collect.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

8) People give money to Comic Relief in many ways.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

9) Many schools take part in the money-raising events on Red Nose Day.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

10) The Red Nose Day telethon has attracted lots of film stars.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

二、阅读选择（本大题共5小题，每小题2分，共10分）

Those Who Ride on Two Wheels

In the United States there are six million tennis players and twelve million golfers. These figures would not surprise most people. But many would be surprised to learn that twenty million Americans ride motorcycles (摩托车). Few people realize that motorcycling is fast becoming one of America's most popular sports.

According to the Cycle News, many kinds of people enjoy motorcycling. They include black people and white people, businessmen, professionals, and blue-collar workers. Among them, about 55% are businessmen, 3% are in the professions and 9% in government service.

Such information is offered by the Cycle News in the hope of improving the general public's impression of the sport. The public has tended to believe that all motorcyclists are wild and lawless young men.

There are several things about motorcycling that the average citizen dislikes. A motorcyclist's appearance has something to do with this dislike. Motorcyclists often look dirty; in fact they are dirty. On the road, there is little to protect them from mud. For practical reasons, they often dress in old clothing which looks much less respectable than the clothing of people who ride in cars. For the same reason, motorcyclists usually wear dark colors. Perhaps this helps to explain why they are sometimes suspected of having bad natures.

Probably motorcycles themselves also produce anger and fear. They are noisy, though some trucks are even noisier. But trucks are acceptable because they perform a needed service. Motorcycles, on the other hand, make an uncomfortable noise just to give their riders pleasure. Roaring along quiet streets, they wake sleeping families and make babies cry.

Yet, as motorcycling becomes more and more common, it will be interesting to see how people in general feel about the sport. Perhaps it will someday become as "respectable" as tennis or golf.

1) According to the text, more and more Americans like _____.

- A. playing tennis
- B. playing golf
- C. motorcycling
- D. car-racing