

Unit 1

一、阅读选择

The easy way out isn't always easiest. I learned that lesson when I decided to treat Doug, my husband of one month, to a special meal. I glanced through my cook book and chose a menu which included homemade bread. Knowing the bread would take time. I started on it as soon as Doug left for work. As I was not experienced in cooking, I thought if a dozen was good, two dozen would be better, so I doubled everything. As Doug loved oranges, I also opened a can of orange and poured it all into the bowl. Soon there was a sticky dough covered with ugly yellowish marks. Realizing I had been defeated, I put the dough in the rubbish bin outside so I wouldn't have to face Doug laughing at my work. I went on preparing the rest of the meal, and, when Doug got home, we sat down to Cornish chicken with rice. He tried to enjoy the meal but seemed disturbed. Twice he got up and went outside, saying he thought he heard a noise. The third time he left, I went to the windows to see what he was doing. Looking out, I saw Doug standing about three feet from the rubbish bin, holding the lid up with a stick and looking into the container. When I came out of the house, he dropped the stick and explained that there was something alive in our rubbish bin. Picking up the stick again, he held the lid up enough for me to see. I felt cold. But I stepped closer and looked harder. Without doubt it was my work. The hot sun had caused the dough to double in size and the fermenting yeast made the surface shake and sigh as though it were breathing. I had to admit what the living thing was and why it was there. I don't know who was more embarrassed by the whole thing—Doug or me.

1) The writer's purpose in writing this story is _____.

- A. to tell an interesting experience
- B. to show the easiest way out of a difficulty
- C. to describe the trouble facing a newly married woman
- D. to explain the difficulty of learning to cook from books

【正确答案】 A

【答案解析】 通读文章后，可知这是一篇关于一位新婚的家庭主妇，为了给丈夫做面包而引发的有趣故事。作者写这篇文章的目的，是想让人知道她这段有趣的经历，故应选 A。

2) Why did the woman's attempt at making the bread turn out to be unsuccessful?

- A. The canned orange had gone bad.
- B. She didn't use the right kind of flour.
- C. The cookbook was hard to understand.
- D. She did not follow the directions closely.

【正确答案】 D

【答案解析】 文中提及 “As I was not experienced in cooking I thought if a dozen was good, two dozen would be better” 和 “As Doug loved orange, I also opened a can of orange and poured it all into the bowl”, 可知这位家庭主妇（即作者）并未按烹调指南行事，故应选 D。

3) Why did the woman put the dough in the rubbish bin?

- A. She didn't see the use of keeping it.
- B. She meant to joke with her husband.
- C. She didn't want her husband to see it.
- D. She hoped it would soon dry in the sun.

【正确答案】 C

【答案解析】 根据原文，作者在意识到自己制做面包失败时，“put the dough in the rubbish bin outside so I wouldn't have to face Doug laughing at my work”，故应选 C。

4) What made the dough in the bin looks frightening?

- A. The rising and falling movement.
- B. The strange-looking marks.
- C. Its shape.
- D. Its size.

【正确答案】 A

【答案解析】 这是对句意和细节理解的题目。文中提及 “The hot sun had caused the dough to double in size and the fermenting yeast made the surface shake and sigh as though it were breathing”，故应选 A。

5) When Doug went out the third time, the woman looked out of the window because she was _____.

- A. surprised at his being interested in the bin
- B. afraid that he would discover her secret
- C. unhappy that he didn't enjoy the meal
- D. curious to know what disturbed him

【正确答案】 D

【答案解析】 文中提及 “... the third time he left, I went to the windows to see what he was doing.” 可知作者在吃饭时就看出丈夫心烦意乱，频繁出去。当丈夫第三次出去时，作者不知道丈夫出去干什么，出于好奇，就到窗边去看。答案选 D。

二、填词补文

As Christmas is coming, there are presents to be bought, cards to be sent, and rooms to be cleaned. Parents are ___1___ with difficult jobs of hiding presents from curious young children. If the gifts are large, this is sometimes a real ___2___. On Christmas Eve, young children find the excitement almost unbearable. They are torn between the wish to go to bed early so that Father Christmas will bring their presents quickly and the wish to stay up late so that they will not miss the fun. The wish for gifts usually proves stronger. But though children go to bed early, they often lie awake for a long time, hoping to get a short ___3___ at Father Christmas. Last Christmas, my wife and I successfully hid a few large presents in the storeroom. I ___4___ the moment when my son, Jimmy, would ask me where that new bike had come from, but ___5___ he did not see it.

On Christmas Eve, it took the children hours to go to sleep. It must have been nearly ___6___ when my wife and I went quietly into their room and began filling stockings. Then I pushed in the ___7___ I bought for Jimmy and left it beside the Christmas tree. We knew we would not get much sleep that night, for the children were ___8___ to get up early. At about five o' clock the next morning, we were woken by loud sounds coming from the children's room — they were shouting excitedly! Before I had time to get out of bed, young Jimmy came riding into the room on his new bike, and his sister, Mary, followed close behind pushing her new baby carriage. Even the baby arrived. He moved ___9___ the hands and knees into the room dragging a large balloon behind him. Suddenly it burst. That woke us up ___10___. The day had really begun with a bang!

- A. bike B. midnight C. fortunately D. look
E. problem F. faced G. sure H. on
I. feared J. tiny K. completely L. lick

1) 1. _____

【正确答案】 F

【答案解析】 从空格后 difficult jobs of... 推测意思为“be faced with 面临”，此处搭配应用被动语态。

2) 2. _____

【正确答案】 E

【答案解析】 想把大型的礼物藏起来不是一件容易的事情。question=疑问，matter=麻烦或毛病，business =商业或买卖，均不符句意。