**《阅读理解—记叙文》二轮复习解题指导 课后作业**

**Open water swimming (2019朝二)**

I had only swum in open water a few times, and always in gentle lakes, so I wasn’t prepared for how rough Lake Windermere appeared on a cold day. A swimmer told me the water felt colder than it had been measured, and that the water was a bit rough. But I, along with 10,000 others, was about to complete the challenge.

Most of the people taking part were doing a one-mile race, and 10 races were planned over the weekend. There seemed to be a mix of open-water enthusiasts alongside complete beginners—which is precisely the aim of the swims, to get as many people as possible completing their own challenge. The oldest woman competing was 77, taking part in the two-mile race, alongside a man who last year had swum in every one-mile race.

I had chosen the third one-mile race of the day. There were over 600 people in my race. We were taken through an acclimatization area, a children’s paddling pool-sized part of the lake where we moved in to feel how cold the water was. “Not too bad” was everyone’s thought! Then we headed out towards the middle of the lake.

We’d been warned that the first 100 metres would be really rough. However, somewhere near the 750m mark I was still waiting for the calm; it felt more like swimming in the sea than a lake. I tried to focus on my breathing and technique, and just keep going. As I approached the 400m-to-go mark my lower right leg became painful. I recalled overhearing people talking about how they kept swimming through the pain, so I tried. But it didn’t work. I began to feel the entire leg tight and painful. I didn’t want to stop, so I bent my right knee and just kicked with the left leg.

Finally I saw the finishing post, and I just concentrated on getting there—still one-legged. My finishing time was 38 minutes 25 seconds but that didn’t matter—the atmosphere was fantastic and everyone felt a sense of achievement, whatever their time. I’m hooked, and want to give it another go. I’ve already signed up for my next open-water swim.

34. How did the author feel before the race?

A. Scared of the most challenging race. B. Disappointed by the difficult conditions.

C. Concerned about the other swimmers in the race.

D. Determined to be as tough as the people around her.

35. Why does the author mention the two people in Paragraph 2?

A. To stress the importance of the race. B. To praise the experienced swimmers.

C. To show the wide range of the participants. D. To introduce the various events of the race.

36. The author suggests in Paragraph 4 that \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. the race would cause breathing problems B. the race became harder than she had expected

C. it was really necessary to prepare for tough swims

D. it would have been easier if she had taken others’ advice

37. What does the author talk about in the last paragraph?

A. Her confidence in her own ability. B. Her pride in having swum so quickly.

C. Her eagerness to repeat the experience. D. Her surprise at having managed to finish.

**B（2019海二）**

On March 25, 2010, Kate and David heard the words every parent dreads: Their newborn wasn’t going to make it. Their twins—a girl and a boy—were born two minutes apart and 14 weeks premature, weighing just over two pounds each. Doctors had tried to save the boy for 20 minutes but saw no improvement. His heartbeat was nearly gone, and he’d stopped breathing. The baby had just moments to live.

“I saw him gasp (喘息), but the doctor said it was no use,” Kate told the *Daily Mail* five years later. “I know it sounds stupid, but if he was still gasping, that was a sign of life. I wasn’t going to give up easily.”

Still, the couple knew this was likely a goodbye. In an effort to cherish her last minutes with the tiny boy, Kate asked to hold him.

“I wanted to meet him, and for him to know us,” Kate told *Today*. “We’d resigned ourselves to the fact that we were going to lose him, and we were just trying to make the most of those last, precious moments.”

Kate unwrapped the boy, whom the couple had already named ­Jamie, from his hospital blanket and asked David to take his shirt off and join them in bed. The first-time parents wanted their son to be as warm as possible and hoped the skin-to-skin contact would improve his condition. They also talked to him.

“We were trying to persuade him to stay,” Kate told the *Daily Mail*. “We explained his name and that he had a twin that he had to look out for and how hard we had tried to have him.”

Then something miraculous happened. Jamie gasped again—and then he started breathing. Finally, he reached for his father’s finger.

The couple’s lost boy had made it.

“We’re the luckiest people in the world,” David told *Today*.

Eight years later, Jamie and his sister, Emily, are happy and healthy. The couple only recently told the kids the story of their birth. “Emily burst into tears,” Kate said. “She was really upset, and she kept hugging Jamie. This whole experience makes you cherish them more.”

35. What can we learn about the newborn babies?

A. The boy’s heart had stopped beating. B. The boy was 2 minutes older than the girl.

C. The twins were born 14 weeks before the due date.

D. The twins were expected to live for only 20 minutes.

36. When the couple knew they would lose the boy, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. begged the doctor to save him B. took his shirt off and then put him in bed

C. wrapped him with his blanket to keep him warm

D. talked to him and made close physical contact with him

37. What’s the best title for the passage?

A. The Power of Hug. B. The Miracle of Love.

C. The Bond Between Twins. D. The Responsibility of Parents.

**B（2019西二）**

As the Camp Fire continued, killing at least 85 people and displacing thousands more in Northern California, Madison waited there.

Gaylord, the Anatolian shepherd mix’s owner, was not able to get to her home in Paradise, when the fire began to spread, meaning Madison was left behind. For weeks, all Gaylord could do was pray for Madison’s safety, according to California-based animal rescue organization Paw Print Rescue.

Sullivan, a volunteer with the organization, had already helped locate Madison’s brother Miguel in a different city. But Madison was even more difficult to find. Sullivan spotted Madison a few times in a canyon (峡谷), apparently guarding his land, and put out fresh food and water regularly in hopes that the dog would turn up, according to a Facebook post by Sullivan. She even placed an article of clothing that smelled like Gaylord near the home “to keep Madison’s hope alive until his people could return,” Sullivan wrote.

When the evacuation (疏散) order was lifted last week and Gaylord went back to her home—which had been ruined by the fire—her prayers were answered: Madison was there, seemingly protecting what little remained of his family’s home. “Well, I’m so happy to report that Gaylord was allowed to return to her home today and THERE MADISON WAS!!!! He had stayed to protect what was left of his home, and never gave up on his people!” Sullivan wrote in the comment on her Facebook post. “I’m so happy I’m crying as I write this! He didn’t give up through the storms or the fire!” she added.

Soon afterward, Madison was reunited with Miguel for the first time since the fire broke out. An emotional Gaylord said in an interview with the network that she was overcome with joy to see Madison waiting for her. She also expressed how grateful she was to Sullivan. Gaylord said fighting through tears, “You could never ask for better animals. He is the best dog.”

34. What did Madison do during the Camp Fire?

A. He rescued Sullivan. B. He waited for Gaylord.

C. He stayed with Miguel. D. He ran away from Paradise.

35. Why did Sullivan place an article of clothing smelling like Gaylord near the home?

A. To keep Madison warm. B. To get Madison to turn up.

C. To help Madison remember his owner. D. To encourage Madison not to give up.

36. Where was Madison finally found?

A. In a different city. B. In a canyon. C. At a camp. D. At his home.

37. What quality is emphasized in this story?

A. Patience. B. Unity. C. Devotion. D. Wisdom.

**A** (2019东二)

**Preschool girl lifts old man’s spirits**

When Tara Wood brought her daughter to a grocery store to buy the four-year-old some cupcakes, she had no idea that would be a life-changing experience.

As Tara pushed her daughter Norah around the store last month, she passed an old man who was by himself. The old man looked cold, until Norah shouted to him, “Hi! It’s my birthday today!” The man stopped and his demeanor changed from distant and serious to warm and friendly. “How old are you today?” the man asked. After some time talking together, Norah asked her mom to take a picture of her with her new friend “Mr Dan”, Dan Peterson, 82. They hugged and after ten minutes went their separate ways. That could have been the end of the story. But it is actually the beginning of a special relationship.

Tara posted the picture of her daughter and Mr. Dan on Facebook and someone who recognized him reached out to her with his contact information. It turned out that Mr. Dan’s wife died in March and he had been suffering from depression and anxiety ever since. The person on Facebook told Tara that it was the first time they had seen Mr. Dan smile since the death of his wife. Knowing that, Tara contacted Mr. Dan, and ever since Norah and the 82-year-old have developed a friendship unlike any other. “She has shown me a depth of love, a depth that I didn’t know existed,” Mr. Dan told [the](http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/28/us/iyw-girl-friendship-trnd/) reporter.

Mr. Dan told Tara that before meeting Norah, he hadn’t had one night of uninterrupted sleep. Anxiety kept him up at all hours and made him restless. After meeting Norah, he said he now sleeps soundly. For Mr. Dan’s 82nd birthday on October 20, the mother and the daughter brought balloons and presents—and, of course, cupcakes. Mr. Dan will also spend a day around Thanksgiving with Norah and her family. “If you don’t take the time to notice people, you will never know how you can positively impact a life,” Tara Wood said.

31. Mr. Dan looked cold because \_\_\_\_\_.

A. he felt lonely B. he disliked little kids

C. nobody had hugged him D. he knew little about Norah

32. The underlined word “demeanor” in Paragraph 2 probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

A. words B. body C. thoughts D. attitude

33. How did Tara know more about Mr. Dan?

A. From a news reporter. B. From a stranger.

C. From a shop assistant. D. From his neighbor.

34. What can we learn from the story?

A. Giving makes a real difference. B. It is important to respect each other.

C. We should not judge a person at first sight. D. Good things will happen if one keeps trying.