**《阅读理解——记叙文》 拓展提升任务**

B 2018海一

When Chris moved in across the hall from Norma Cook four years ago in a Los Angeles-area apartment complex, the 31-year-old actor waved to his 85-year-old neighbor for a few weeks before finally knocking on her door and introducing himself.

“The day I enter her apartment and spoke with her face to face was the day my life was changed forever,”Chris says.

He learned that Cook had no family living in California and that she suffered from a long list of illnesses, including leukemia (白血病).The pair quickly became close friends, as Chris took her to doctor’s appointments, cooked with her and they ran errands together. He shared their adventures on social media.

But recently, Cook’s health declined and she was in and out of the hospital several times. She once spent weeks in the hospital fighting pneumonia (肺炎)and breathing issues. Eventually Cook was told by one of her doctors that she could no longer live at home unless she had 24-hour care. Because Cook had no money saved to pay her health care costs, Chris started a GoFundMe account to help cover her bills.

But caretakers are expensive and Cook quickly went through the $34,445 they raised. Knowing her days at home were limited, Chris invited Cook to move in with him to save money.

“She loves it! I do most of my work at home so I am here most of the time to care for her. It only made sense to both of us, ” Chris wrote. “She is my adopted grandmother after all and I am her grandson she never had.”

“Cook still has weekly hospice health care visits and regular visits from caregivers, so any funds raised cover those expenses,”he wrote.

Though doctors say Cook’s days are very limited, the pair are enjoying spending time together drinking champagne and snuggling with her cat, Hermes, who also made the move.

“She does not want to change, ”Chris told Today. “My apartment was the only place she would have moved. She has strong opinions about where she wants to carry out the rest of her days, and she wants to stay here. ”

Chris says he feels like the relationship was fate. “Moving her in....it feels as though it was meant to be all along, ” he said. “It’s really fulfilling (有成就感的) to be there for her.”

35.Chris invited Cook to live with him because she\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
A.had no other family members
B.was unable to afford 24-hour care
C.shared similar adventures with him
D.was told not to live at home by the doctor

36.From the passage, we can learn that Chris\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
A.worked as an actor for GoFundMe
B.was legally adopted as Cook's grandson
C.collected money for Cook’s private care
D.paid Cook’s expensive health care costs

37.Which of the following words can best describe Chris?
A.Kind and sympathetic. B.Optimistic and friendly.
C.Patient and enthusiastic. D.Warm-hearted and outgoing.

B 2018丰二

**Three Feet From Gold**

Darby’s uncle was caught by the “gold fever” in the gold-rush days, and went west to dig and grow rich. After months of labor, he was rewarded by the discovery of the shining ore(矿石). He needed machinery to bring the ore to the surface. So, with the“strike”, he returned home. And with the help of Darby, he borrowed a lot of money. After buying the machinery and having it shipped, Uncle and Darby went back to work the mine.

The first car of ore was mined. And the returns proved they had one of the richest mines in Colorado! Down went the drills! Up went the hopes of Uncle and Darby!

Then something happened! The vein(矿脉) of gold ore disappeared! They drilled on, but all in vain. Finally, they decided to quit and sold the machinery to a junk man for a few hundred dollars. The junk man called in a mining engineer to look at the mine and do a little calculating. The engineer’s calculations showed that the vein would be found just three feet from where the Darbys had stopped drilling! The junk man took millions of dollars in the vein, because he knew enough to seek expert’s advice before giving up.

Most of the money which went into the machinery was borrowed through the efforts of Darby, who was then a very young man. The money came from his relatives because of their faith in him. He paid back every dollar of it, although he was years in doing so.

Long afterward, Mr. Darby made another discovery that desire can be changed into gold. This discovery came after he went into the business of selling life insurance. Remembering that he lost a huge fortune, for he stopped three feet from gold, Darby profited by the experience in his chosen work, saying to himself, “I stopped three feet from gold, but I will never stop because men say‘no’when I ask them to buy insurance.”

Darby sold more than a million dollars in life insurance annually. He owes his “stickability” to the lesson he learned from his “quitability” in the gold mining business.

35. Darby’s uncle went back home to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. receive his reward B. seek financial support

C. look for more helpers D. consult an engineer

36. The Darbys failed in mining business because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. quitting drilling on

B. the disappearance of the vein

C. the shortage of the machinery

D. competing against the junk man

37. From the passage, we can know Darby \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. was unable to pay off the debts

B. mined his gold from the failure

C. learned a lesson from selling insurance

D. devoted himself to making new discoveries

38. The author intends to tell us that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. hopes and difficulties exist side by side

B. correct decisions stems from correct judgement

C. we should catch it when an opportunity comes

D. we won’t reach our goal unless we persist

B 2018西一

Most heroes are not super. They don’t appear in comic books, on television, or in movies. They just do what they believe needs to be done to make their world a better place. Bike Batman is one of them.

Bike Batman is a 30-year-old married engineer who lives in Seattle, Washington. He’s a cyclist who also buys and sells bikes as a hobby.

About three years ago, he was looking for a bike for his wife. He found one on Craigslist, a website where people list things they want to sell. As he often does, he also looked at Bike Index, a popular website that allows users to register their bikes and post reports when they’re taken. The bike, which he was considering purchasing, clearly matched one reported stolen on Bike Index. Then he called the person who claimed to be the bike’s owner and arranged to meet him— supposedly to complete the sale. When the two men met, Bike Batman told the thief, “You’ve got two options. You can wait until a police officer gets here, or you can just get out of here.” You can imagine what the thief did.

After that first success, Bike Batman developed a safer routine. When he sees questionable bike ads on Craigslist, he cross-references the image with bikes reported on Bike Index. Once he has confirmed it with the owner, he arranges a meet-up with the thief and will call the Seattle police department so that officers can participate in the action. In more than half of the 22 cases in which he has got back and returned bikes, the thieves have been arrested. In one case, Bike Batman even helped a family recover a wide range of prized possessions that suspects had stolen during a home burglary.

His nickname came from a discussion with a police officer who suggested he be called “Robin Hood”. Since he wasn’t exactly stealing from the rich and giving to the poor, “Batman” seemed a better fit. The idea of a superhero punishing criminals feels pretty silly to him, but the main reason he continues his work is to keep up Seattle’s reputation as a friendly city.

34. Bike Batman is \_\_\_\_\_.

 A. a superhero B. a website manager

 C. a Seattle citizen D. a police officer

35. When Bike Batman discovers a questionable bike, he will first \_\_\_\_\_.

 A. contact the owner of the stolen bike B. look up the bike’s information

 C. call the police department D. arrange to meet the thief

36. Bike Batman helps find the lost bikes to \_\_\_\_\_.

 A. become famous B. help poor people

 C. punish bike thieves D. build a friendly city

37. From the passage, we can learn that \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Bike Batman felt relieved to see the thieves arrested

 B. Bike Batman began his good deeds by accident

 C. the police failed to perform their duties

D. the thieves refused to return the bikes