**8年级（上）英语第37课时（第13周）**

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**一、阅读短文，根据短文内容，从短文后面各题所给的A、B、C、D四个选项中，选择最佳选项。**

The United Nations forecast Thursday that the world's population will increase from 7.2 billion today to 8.1 billion in 2025, with most growth in developing countries and more than half in Africa. By 2050, it will reach 9.6 billion.

Richard Kollodge, a UN reporter said, "People are healthier and they're living longer. This present change in population growth, for the most part, can be seen as good news."

However, there are also lots of worries. For example, the earth may not have enough food and water to feed the fast growing population.

"In South Asia and Africa, population grows very fast," said Kollodge. "The population is growing faster than what the government can do to meet the needs for services, education and health."

The aging population is also causing a big problem. People over the age of 60 will increase from 11% in 2009 to 22% in 2050. It's said that in countries such as China, there is a need for old-age security, medical care and social services.

1. The world population will reach \_\_\_\_\_\_ in 2025.

A.9.6 billion B.10 billion C.8.1 billion D.7.2 billion

2. Who is Richard Kollodge?

A. An officer. B.A college teacher. C.A UN reporter. D.A researcher in population.

3. Population grows very fast in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Australia B. South America C. Europe D. South Asia

4. In which part of a newspaper can you most probably read the passage?

A. World. B. Sports. C. Science. D. Arts.

答案： 1. C 2. C 3. D 4. A