**Text 4**

①It’s no surprise that Jennifer Senior’s insightful, provocative magazine cover story, “I Love My Children, I Hate My Life,” is arousing much chatter—nothing gets people talking like the suggestion that child rearing is anything less than a completely fulfilling, life-enriching experience. ②Rather than concluding that children make parents either happy or miserable, Senior suggests we need to redefine happiness: instead of thinking of it as something that can be measured by moment-to-moment joy, we should consider being happy as a past-tense condition. ③Even though the day-to-day experience of raising kids can be soul-crushingly hard, Senior writes that “the very things that in the moment dampen our moods can later be sources of intense gratification and delight.”

Jennifer Senior的有洞察力的，挑衅的杂志封面“我爱我的孩子，我憎恨我的生活”正引起非常多的讨论，这一点都不令人惊讶，没有什么能够像养育孩子绝不是一个完全令人满足的，生活丰富的精力这种话题更让人们讨论。Senior没有下孩子给父母带来快乐或痛苦的结论，而是建议我们需要重新定义快乐：我们应该将快乐视作一种过去式的状态，而不是由即使的笑声所测量。基石每天带孩子的经历是灵魂碎裂的艰难，“那些抨击灵魂的事情随后会成为满足和快乐的源泉。”

provocative引起争论的

fulfilling 令人满足的

①The magazine cover showing an attractive mother holding a cute baby is hardly the only Madonna-and-child image on newsstands this week. ②There are also stories about newly adoptive—and newly single-mom Sandra Bullock, as well as the usual “Jennifer Aniston is pregnant” news. ③Practically every week features at least one celebrity mom, or mom-to-be, smiling on the newsstands.

这个杂志的封面是一个有吸引力的母亲抱着一个可爱的孩子，它不是这周报纸亭唯一的母子图片。还有关于收养的故事、新单身妈妈和“Jennifer Aniston怀孕了”的新闻。几乎每个星期（杂志）都至少展示一个明星妈妈或者准妈妈，她们在报刊厅微笑。

The exhibition features paintings by Picasso.

→这次展览重点展出毕加索的画作。

a cruise ship featuring extensive spa facilities

→以大量水疗设施为特色的游轮

①In a society that so persistently celebrates procreation, is it any wonder that admitting you regret having children is equivalent to admitting you support kitten-killing? ②It doesn’t seem quite fair, then, to compare the regrets of parents to the regrets of the childless. ③Unhappy parents rarely are provoked to wonder if they shouldn’t have had kids, but unhappy childless folks are bothered with the message that children are the single most important thing in the world: obviously their misery must be a direct result of the gaping baby-size holes in their lives.

在一个坚持庆祝怀孕生育的社会，允许你后悔有孩子和允许你杀孩子等价，这有什么好奇怪的呢？将后悔要孩子和后悔没要孩子相比较，似乎很不公平。不开心的父母很少怀疑是否她们不应该要孩子；但是不开心的没有孩子的夫妻经常被孩子是世界上最重要的东西这种信息所烦扰。很明显，她们的痛苦的直接结原因是没有孩子。

provoked 激起，引起

①Of course, the image of parenthood that celebrity magazines like *Us Weekly* and *People* present is hugely unrealistic, especially when the parents are single mothers like Bullock. ②According to several studies concluding that parents are less happy than childless couples, single parents are the least happy of all. ③No shock there, considering how much work it is to raise a kid without a partner to lean on; yet to hear Sandra and Britney tell it, raising a kid on their “own” (read: with round-the-clock help) is a piece of cake.

当然像*Us Weekly*和 *People* 杂志所展现的父母是不现实的，特别是当父母还是单亲妈妈，例如Bullock。根据很多的研究表明，有孩子的父母比没有孩子的父母快乐要少，单亲父母的快乐是最少的。这一点都不震撼，想想独自抚养一个孩子有多少工作要做；然而Sandra和Britney说，独自抚养孩子是小菜一碟。

a piece of cake 小菜一碟

①It’s hard to imagine that many people are dumb enough to want children just because Reese and Angelina make it look so glamorous: most adults understand that a baby is not a haircut. ②But it’s interesting to wonder if the images we see every week of stress-free, happiness-enhancing parenthood aren’t in some small, subconscious way contributing to our own dissatisfactions with the actual experience, in the same way that a small part of us hoped getting “the Rachel” might make us look just a little bit like Jennifer Aniston.

很难想象有人会愚笨到因为Reese 和Angelina让抚养小孩看起来很令人向往的而去要小孩：大多数的成年人知道要孩子不像理发那么简单。但有趣的是我们每周看的没有压力的、快乐的父母的图片，是否以某种微小的、潜意识的方式使我们对现实生活感到不满，就像一小部分人希望做个“瑞秋”头能让我们能稍微有一点像Jennifer Aniston。

glamorous 有魅力的，令人向往的

36. Jennifer Senior suggests in her article that raising a child can bring

［A］ temporary delight. ［B］ enjoyment in progress.

［C］ happiness in retrospect. ［D］ lasting reward.

37. We learn from Paragraph 2 that

［A］ celebrity moms are a permanent source for gossip.

［B］ single mothers with babies deserve greater attention.

［C］ news about pregnant celebrities is entertaining.

［D］ having children is highly valued by the public.

38. It is suggested in Paragraph 3 that childless folks

［A］ are constantly exposed to criticism.

［B］ are largely ignored by the media.

［C］ fail to fulfill their social responsibilities.

［D］ are less likely to be satisfied with their life.

39. According to Paragraph 4, the message conveyed by celebrity magazines is

［A］ soothing. ［B］ ambiguous.

［C］ compensatory. ［D］ misleading.

40. Which of the following can be inferred from the last paragraph?

［A］ Having children contributes little to the glamour of celebrity moms.

［B］ Celebrity moms have influenced our attitude towards child rearing.

［C］ Having children intensifies our dissatisfaction with life.

［D］ We sometimes neglect the happiness from child rearing.