

仔细阅读作业（2018年6月）

① You probably know about the Titanic, but it was actually just one of three state-of-the-art (先进的) ocean ships back in the day. The Olympic class ships were built by the Harland & Wolff ship makers in Northern Ireland for the White Star Line company. The Olympic class included the Olympic, the Britannic and the Titanic. What you may not know is that the Titanic wasn't even the flagship of this class. All in all, the Olympic class ships were marvels of sea engineering, but they seemed cursed to suffer disastrous fates.

② The Olympic launched first in 1910, followed by the Titanic in 1911, and lastly the Britannic in 1914. The ships had nine decks, and White Star Line decided to focus on making them the most luxurious ships on the water.

③ Stretching 269.13 meters, the Olympic class ships were wonders of naval technology, and everyone thought that they would continue to be so for quite some time. However, all suffered terrible accidents on the open seas. The Olympic got wrecked before the Titanic did, but it was the only one to survive and maintain a successful career of 24 years. The Titanic was the first to sink after famously hitting a huge iceberg in 1912. Following this disaster, the Britannic hit a naval mine in 1916 and subsequently sank as well.

④ Each ship was coal-powered by several boilers constantly kept running by exhausted crews below deck. Most recognizable of the ship designs are the ship's smoke stacks, but the fourth stack was actually just artistic in nature and served no functional purpose. While two of these ships sank, they were all designed with double hulls (船体) believed to make them "unsinkable", perhaps a mistaken idea that led to the Titanic's and the Britannic's tragic end.

⑤ The Olympic suffered two crashes with other ships and went on to serve as a hospital ship and troop transport in World War I. Eventually, she was taken out of service in 1935, ending the era of the luxurious Olympic class ocean liners.

51. What does the passage say about the three Olympic class ships?

- A. They performed marvellously on the sea.
- B. They could all break the ice in their way.
- C. They all experienced terrible misfortunes.
- D. They were models of modern engineering.

52. What did White Star Line have in mind when it purchased the three ships?

- A. Their capacity of sailing across all waters.
- B. The utmost comfort passengers could enjoy.
- C. Their ability to survive disasters of any kind.
- D. The long voyages they were able to undertake.

53. What is said about the fourth stack of the ships?

- A. It was a mere piece of decoration.
- B. It was the work of a famous artist.
- C. It was designed to let out extra smoke.
- D. It was easily identifiable from afar.

54. What might have led to the tragic end of the Titanic and the Britannic?

- A. Their unscientific designs.
- B. Their captains' misjudgment.
- C. The assumption that they were built with the latest technology.
- D. The belief that they could never sink with a double-layer body.

55. What happened to the ship Olympic in the end?

- A. She was used to carry troops.
- B. She was sunk in World War I.
- C. She was converted into a hospital ship.
- D. She was retired after her naval service.

仔细阅读作业（2018年12月）

Roughly the size of a soda can, sitting on a bookshelf, a relatively harmless gadget may be turning friends away from your home. The elephant in your living room is your Internet-connected security camera, a device people are increasingly using for peace of mind in their homes. But few stop to think about the effect these devices may have on house guests. Should you tell your friends, for instance, that they're being recorded while you all watch the big game together?

“It's certainly new territory, especially as home security cameras become easier to install,” says Lizzie Post, president of the Emily Post Institute, America's foremost manners advisors. “I think it will be very interesting to see what etiquette（礼仪） emerges in terms of whether you tell people you have a camera or not, and whether guests have a right to ask that it be turned off, if it's not a security issue.”

Post wants to make clear that she's not talking about legal rights, but rather personal preference. She also wants to explain that there are no right or wrong answers regarding manners on this front yet, because the technology is just now becoming mainstream. Besides, the Emily Post Institute doesn't dictate manners.

When it comes to security cameras, Post says it's a host's responsibility to make sure guests feel comfortable within their home. “I'm always a fan of being open and honest.” For instance, if the host casually acknowledges that there is a camera in the room by telling a story about it, that may be enough to provide an opening for a guest to say if they are uncomfortable.

However, if a contractor is working in your home, you don't need to tell them that there are cameras watching. Then again, the air of accountability that the camera generates can also work in contractors' favor. “If anything does go wrong while they're in the house, they don't want to be blamed for it,” she says. “In fact, the camera could be the thing that proves that they didn't steal the \$20, or knock the vase off the table.”

46. For what reason may your friends feel reluctant to visit your home?

- A) The security camera installed may intrude into their privacy.
- B) They don't want their photos to be circulated on the Internet.
- C) The security camera may turn out to be harmful to their health.
- D) They may not be willing to interact with your family members.

47. What does Lizzie Post say is new territory?

- A) The effect of manners advice on the public.
- B) Cost of applying new technologies at home.
- C) The increasing use of home security devices.
- D) Etiquette around home security cameras.

48. What is Lizzie Post mainly discussing with regard to the use of home security cameras?

- A) Legal rights.
- B) Moral issues
- C) Likes and dislikes of individuals.
- D) The possible impact on manners.

49. What is a host's responsibility regarding security cameras, according to Lizzie Post?

- A) Making their guests feel at ease.
- B) Indicating where they are.
- C) Turning them off in time.
- D) Ensuring their guests' privacy.

50. In what way can the home security camera benefit visitors to your home?

- A) It can satisfy their curiosity.
- B) It can prove their innocence.
- C) It can help them learn new technology.
- D) It can make their visit more enjoyable.

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