**2020级高一英语培优辅潜试题（四）**

**阅读下面材料，根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写两段，使之构成一篇完整的短文。**

The Meredith family lived in a small community. As the economy was in decline, some people in the town had lost their jobs. Many of their families were struggling to make ends meet（勉强维持生计）. People were trying to help each other meet the challenges。

Mrs. Meredith was a most kind and thoughtful woman. She spent a great deal of time visiting the poor. She knew they had problems, and they needed all kinds of help. When she had time, she would bring food and medicine to them.

One morning she told her children about a family she had visited the day before.There was a man sick in bed, his wife, who took care of him and could not go out to work, and their little boy. The little boy - his name was Bernard - had interested her very much.

“I wish you could see him.” she said to her own children, John, Harry, and Clara “He is such a help to his mother. He wants very much to earn some money, but I don’t see what he can do.”

After their mother left the room, the children sat thinking about Bernard. “I wish we could help him to earn money.” said Clara. “His family is suffering so much.”

“So do I.” said Harry. “We really should do something to assist them.”

For some moments, John said nothing, but, suddenly, he sprang to his feet and cried. “I have a great idea! I have a solution that we can all help accomplish.”

The other children also jumped up all attention. When John had an idea it was sure to be a good one. “I tell you what we can do,” said John.” You know that big box of corn Uncle John sent us? Well, we can make popcorn（爆米花）, and put it into paper bags, and Bernard can take it around to the houses and sell it.”

**注意：**

**1.续写词数应为150左右；**

**2.请所续写部分为两段，开头语已为你写好。**

**Paragraph I:** *When Mrs.Meredith heard of John's idea, she thought it was a good one, too.*

**Paragraph II:** *With everything ready, Bernard started out on his new business.*

**参考范文：**

**Paragraph I:**

***When Mrs. Meredith heard of the idea, she thought it was a good one, too.*** Then Mrs. Meredith searched the internet and ordered a household popcorn machine. After that, Mrs. Meredith, together with her three children, paid another visit to the family and told them about the popcorn plan. Needless to say, they were deeply moved, especially Bernard who finally found a way to make money for his family. A few days later, the machine was delivered to Mrs. Meredith’ s doorstep. And it wasn’t long before they got the hang of using the machine to make popcorn.

**Paragraph II:**

***With everything ready, Bernard started out on his new business.*** Although it was a hard time and things were tight for everybody, Bernard’ s business worked out quite well. He carried the popcorn on his small bike, going from door to door to sell it. People were surprised to see such a little, poorly-dressed boy selling popcorn at their doors, but eventually almost all of them would buy a bag or two. It is love that makes the world go round and Bernard felt it deep in his little heart.