

was **turned down**, because he was so smart that the school was afraid he would feel dull.

It turns out the school was right. After homeschooling the young boy for two years, the parents realized that he was ready for some real high-level courses. They came to East Los Angeles College, who agreed to take him in. However, until he proved himself, he could take only two courses—math and music.

Tom did not disappoint. He got A's in both and hasn't looked back since. Last week, he graduated as a top student. In fact, the young boy was so smart that he helped his fellow math students, some of whom were 10 years older than him.

While the world may cheer him as a genius (天才), his parents think he is just a normal boy who plays football and watches movies for children.

40. How is Tom different from most kids of his age?

- A. He was sent to high school at 8.
- B. He went to middle school at 11.
- C. He was taken in by a college at 8.
- D. He graduated from high school at 11.

41. The phrase **turned down** in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. refused
- B. accepted
- C. examined
- D. respected

42. What did the parents do to Tom for two years before he went to college?

- A. They taught him at home.
- B. They hired a math teacher for him.
- C. They let him attend music programs.
- D. They sent him to a school in Los Angeles.

### C

Nowadays everyone is so much trying to keep fit that sometimes they miss the fact there are times when they should not be exercising at all. Here you can find real reasons to stop training for a while and do not feel sorry for your laziness.

#### When you are ill

Do not exercise if you are not feeling well, even if it is just a cold. Workout can hurt your immune system (免疫系统) and lengthen illness. As a result, you will spend more time away from the physical activity. Training while being ill is also a main cause of other injuries since it is more difficult to focus on (专心于) what you are doing when you feel bad.