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(12 marks)

Dave is reading an article about an interesting skill. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 23-27 and complete Question 28.

How to Do Well in Paper Cutting

Paper cutting is a traditional Chinese art. The beautiful cut-outs are often pasted on doors and windows during the Spring Festival. They may seem easy to make. However, **it is actually more than you can imagine**. Here are a few tips to help you do well in paper cutting.

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Many people are inclined to just pick up a pair of scissors and then start paper cutting. Yet the results are usually different from what they want. According to Dickson Wong, a paper cutting expert, most people do paper cutting like they are cutting up scrap paper. They do not care about the exact sizes and shapes. They merely start with imagination. Instead of rushing to cut paper, it is important to learn the basic technique and mark sizes and shapes. This is also the foundation of the whole paper cutting process.

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Straight lines are often used in paper cutting. In fact, straight lines are preferably to be drawn by hand or cut directly instead of using a ruler. If you rely too much on rulers, the lines will be difficult to blend in with other patterns. Therefore, use a ruler appropriately. Consider whether to use it when you draw straight lines.

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You need to concentrate when doing paper cutting. Sometimes the paper is small. It is difficult to cut the paper and you may make mistakes if you do not pay attention. Also, it is easy to get hurt when you get distracted. **Some people like to do this work while watching television. They may think 'I don't care about the scissors as the plot is so amazing'**. It is very dangerous to act like this indeed.

 (iv)

To sum up, learning the basic technique, paying attention to the use of rulers and staying focused can help you do well in paper cutting. Remember to practise more. Your skills will get better and better before you notice.