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1- The idea that some groups of people may be more intelligent than others is one of those hypotheses that dare not speak its name.

But Gregory Cochran is _____ to say it anyway.

He is that _____ bird, a scientist who works independently _____ any institution.

He helped popularize the idea that some diseases not _____ thought to have a bacterial cause were actually infections, which aroused much controversy when it was first suggested.

2- _____ he, however, might tremble at the _____ of what he is about to do.

Together with another two scientists, he is publishing a paper which not only _____ that one group of humanity is more intelligent than the others, but explains the process that has brought this about.

The group in _____ are a particular people originated from central Europe.

The process is natural selection.

3- This group generally do well in IQ test, _____ 12-15 points above the _____ value of 100, and have contributed _____ to the intellectual and cultural life of the West, as the _____ of their elites, including several world-renowned scientists, _____.

They also suffer more often than most people from a number of nasty genetic diseases, such as breast cancer.

These facts, _____, have previously been thought unrelated.

The former has been _____ to social effects, such as a strong tradition of _____ education.

The latter was seen as a (an) _____ of genetic isolation.

Dr. Cochran suggests that the intelligence and diseases are intimately _____.

His argument is that the unusual history of these people has _____ them to unique evolutionary pressures that have resulted in this _____ state of affairs.