2003年英语一阅读 Text 4

在医疗上花费大量财力延缓自然死亡不值得

审题干<u>划出关键点</u>，精准定位，提高正确率：

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段1

　　①It is said that in England death is pressing, in Canada inevitable and in California optional. ②Small wonder. ③Americans' life expectancy has nearly doubled over the past century. ④Failing hips can be replaced, clinical depression controlled, cataracts removed in a 30-minute surgical procedure. ⑤Such advances offer the aging population a quality of life that was unimaginable when I entered medicine 50 years ago. ⑥But not even a great health-care system can cure death—and our failure to confront that reality now threatens this greatness of ours.

【段1】 _____

段1生词：

• It is said that... 据说

• pressing adj. 紧迫的，迫切的；难以推却的

• inevitable adj. _____

　inevitably adv. _____

• optional adj. _____

　option n. _____

- expectancy n. 期待，期望

  expect v. 期望，期待；预料，预期

- clinical adj. 临床的

- depression n. 抑郁症

- cataract n. 白内障

- surgical adj. 外科的；外科医师的

- procedure n. 程序，步骤

- the aging population 老龄人口

- unimaginable adj. _____

  imaginable adj. _____

  imagine v. _____

- health-care system 医疗体系

- confront that reality _____

- confront v. _____

段2

①Death is normal; we are genetically programmed to disintegrate and perish, even under ideal conditions. ②We all understand that at some level, yet as medical consumers we treat death as a problem to be solved. ③Shielded by third-party payers from the cost of our care, we demand everything that can possibly be done for us, even if it's useless. ④The most obvious example is late-stage cancer care. ⑤Physicians—frustrated by their inability to cure the disease and fearing loss of hope in the patient—too often offer aggressive treatment far beyond what is scientifically justified.

【段2】_____

段2生词：

- normal adj. _____

  normally adv. _____

- genetically adv. 基因地，遗传地

- programme (又作program) v. 编程序，制订计划；按某种方式行动

- be programmed to do sth. 被设定去做某事

- disintegrate v. _____

  integrate v. _____

- perish v. 死亡，灭亡

- shield v. 保护，防护，防御

- third-party 第三方

- late-stage cancer care 晚期癌症治疗

- frustrate v. _____

- inability n. 无能，无力

- aggressive adj. _____ ；_____

- treatment n. _____ ；对待，待遇

- scientifically adv. 科学地

段3

①In 1950, the U.S. spent $12.7 billion on health care. ②In 2002, the cost will be $1540 billion. ③Anyone can see this trend is unsustainable. ④Yet few seem willing to try to reverse it. ⑤Some scholars conclude that a government with finite resources should simply stop paying for medical care that sustains life beyond a certain age—say 83 or so. ⑥Former Colorado governor Richard Lamm has been quoted as saying that the old and infirm "have a duty to die and get out of the way" so that younger, healthier people can realize their potential.

【段3】 _____

段3生词：

- unsustainable adj. _____

  sustainable adj. _____

  sustain v. _____ ；承受，支撑

- reverse v. _____

- finite resources 有限的资源

- finite adj. 有限的

  infinite adj. 无限的，无穷的；无数的

- infirm adj. 病弱的，体弱的

- realize their potential _____ ；认识到潜能

段4

①I would not go that far. ②Energetic people now routinely work through their 60s and beyond, and remain dazzlingly productive. ③At 78, Viacom chairman Sumner Redstone jokingly claims to be 53. ④Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is in her 70s, and former surgeon general C. Everett Koop chairs an Internet start-up in his 80s. ⑤These leaders are living proof that prevention works and that we can manage the health problems that come naturally with age. ⑥As a mere 68-year-old, I wish to age as productively as they have.

【段4】 _____

段4生词：

- energetic adj. _____

  energy n. _____

- routinely adv. 例常，例行公事地

  routine adj. 日常的，例行的 n. 例行公事，日常工作；程序

- dazzlingly adv. 惊人地，灿烂地，耀眼地

- productive adj. _____

  productively adv. 有结果地，有成果地

  produce v. 生产，产出；制造，制作

  production n. 生产，制作；产量；产品，作品

- chair v. _____；使……入座 n. 椅子；主席位

- living proof 活生生的例子

- prevention n. _____

  prevent v. _____

- age v. _____ n. 年龄；时代

段5

①Yet there are limits to what a society can spend in this pursuit. ②As a physician, I know the most costly and dramatic measures may be ineffective and painful. ③I also know that people in Japan and Sweden, countries that spend far less on medical care, have achieved longer, healthier lives than we have. ④As a nation, we may be overfunding the quest for unlikely cures while underfunding research on humbler therapies that could improve people's lives.

【段5】 _____

段5生词：

- pursuit n. _____

- measure n. 手段，方式

- ineffective adj. _____

  effective adj. _____

- overfund v. 对……提供资金过多

- underfund v. 对……提供的资金不足

fund v. 为……提供资金，给……拨款 n. 基金，专款

- quest n. _____

- humble adj. _____

- therapy n. 治疗；疗法

56. What is implied in the first sentence?

[A] Americans are better prepared for death than other people.

[B] Americans enjoy a higher life quality than ever before.

[C] Americans are over-confident of their medical technology.

[D] Americans take a vain pride in their long life expectancy.

我的答案：_____   正确答案：_____

本题的难点：_____

静姐的"填坑指南"：_____

57. The author uses the example of cancer patients to show that _____.

[A] medical resources are often wasted

[B] doctors are helpless against fatal diseases

[C] some treatments are too aggressive

[D] medical costs are becoming unaffordable

我的答案：_____   正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？_____

静姐的"填坑指南"：_____

58. The author's attitude toward Richard Lamm's remark is one of _____.

[A] strong disapproval

[B] reserved consent

[C] slight contempt

[D] enthusiastic support

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪几段？_____

静姐的"填坑指南"：_____

59. In contrast to the U.S., Japan and Sweden are funding their medical care _____.

[A] more flexibly

[B] more extravagantly

[C] more cautiously

[D] more reasonably

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪句？_____

静姐的"填坑指南"：_____

60. The text intends to express the idea that _____.

[A] medicine will further prolong people's lives

[B] life beyond a certain limit is not worth living

[C] death should be accepted as a fact of life

[D] excessive demands increase the cost of health care

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