

考研英语 英语一 2008年 Text 3

美国人身高已达基因极限

审题划出关键点，精准定位，提高正确率：

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段1

①In the early 1960s Wilt Chamberlain was one of only three players in the National Basketball Association (NBA) listed at over seven feet. ②If he had played last season, however, he would have been one of 42. ③The bodies playing major professional sports have changed dramatically over the years, and managers have been more than willing to adjust team uniforms to fit the growing numbers of bigger, longer frames.

【段1】 _____

段1生词：

- professional adj. 专业的，职业的
profession n. 职业，专业
- change dramatically over the years _____
- be more than willing to do sth. 非常愿意做某事
- adjust v. _____
adjustment n. 调整，调节；调节器
- the growing numbers of... _____
- frame n. 体格，身躯，骨架；框架，结构

段2

①The trend in sports, though, may be obscuring an unrecognized reality: Americans have generally stopped growing. ②Though typically about two inches taller now than 140 years ago, today's people—especially those born to families who have lived in the U.S. for many generations—apparently reached their limit in the early 1960s. ③And they aren't likely to get any taller. ④"In the general population today, at this genetic, environmental level, we've pretty much gone as far as we can go," says anthropologist William Cameron Chumlea of Wright State University. ⑤In the case of NBA players, their increase in height appears to result from the increasingly common practice of recruiting players from all over the world.

【段2】 _____

段2生词：

- obscure an unrecognized reality 掩盖一个未被承认的现实
- obscure v. _____；使变暗；使难理解
adj. 昏暗的；隐蔽的；难理解的
- unrecognized adj. 未被注意的，未被承认的
- typically adv. 通常，一般；代表性地，典型地，作为特色地
- apparently adv. _____
apparent adj. _____
- reach limit 达到极限
- be not likely to do sth. _____
- anthropologist n. 人类学家
- appear to do sth. _____
- result from... _____
- common practice 惯例，惯常的做法
- recruit v. _____ n. _____

段3

①Growth, which rarely continues beyond the age of 20, demands calories and nutrients—notably, protein—to feed expanding tissues. ②At the start of the 20th century, under-nutrition and childhood infections got in the way. ③But as diet and health improved, children and adolescents have, on average, increased in height by about an inch and a half every 20 years, a pattern known as the secular trend in height. ④Yet according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, average height—5'9" for men, 5'4" for women—hasn't really changed since 1960.

【段3】

段3生词：

- rarely adv. 很少，难得
- calory n. 卡路里(热量单位)
- nutrient n. _____
- notably adv. 尤其，特别；显著地
notable adj. 值得注意的，显著的；重要的
- protein n. 蛋白质
- tissue n. 组织
- at the start of... 在.....开始的时候
- under-nutrition n. _____
- infection n. 传染病
- get in the way _____
- adolescent n. _____
- on average _____
- secular trend 长期趋势

段4

①Genetically speaking, there are advantages to avoiding substantial height. ②During childbirth, larger babies have more difficulty passing through the birth canal. ③Moreover, even though humans have been upright for millions of years, our feet and back continue to struggle with bipedal posture and cannot easily withstand repeated strain imposed by oversize limbs. ④"There are some real constraints that are set by the genetic architecture of the individual organism," says anthropologist William Leonard of Northwestern University.

【段4】 _____

段4生词：

• genetically adv. 基因地，从基因方面；从遗传学角度

genetic adj. 遗传的；基因的

• substantial adj. 大量的，可观的；重大的，重要的

substantially adv. 实质上，大体上；可观地，相当地

• have difficulty doing sth. _____

• birth canal 产道

• struggle with... 与.....斗争、挣扎

• bipedal adj. 两足动物的

• withstand v. _____

• impose strain _____

• limb n. 肢体

• constraint n. _____

constrain v. _____

• architecture n. 建筑，架构

• organism n. 有机体；生物

段5

①Genetic maximums can change, but don't expect this to happen soon. ②Claire C. Gordon, senior anthropologist at the Army Research Center in Natick, Mass., ensures that 90 percent of the uniforms and workstations fit recruits without alteration. ③She says that, unlike those for basketball, the length of military uniforms has not changed for some time. ④And if you need to predict human height in the near future to design a piece of equipment, Gordon says that by and large, "you could use today's data and feel fairly confident. "

【段5】 _____

段5生词：

- alteration n. _____
- alter v. _____
- in the near future 在不远的将来
- by and large 大体上，总的来说
- feel fairly confident _____

31. Wilt Chamberlain is cited as an example to _____.

- [A] illustrate the change of height of NBA players.
- [B] show the popularity of NBA players in the U.S..
- [C] compare different generations of NBA players.
- [D] assess the achievements of famous NBA players.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

细节对比原文，_____指明方向。如果此处不确定，可以先_____。

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

32. Which of the following plays a key role in body growth according to the text?

[A] Genetic modification.

[B] Natural environment.

[C] Living standards.

[D] Daily exercise.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

遇到“形容词+名词”的选项，跟之前遇过的“A and B”一样，都要确保_____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

33. On which of the following statements would the author most probably agree?

[A] Non-Americans add to the average height of the nation.

[B] Human height is conditioned by the upright posture.

[C] Americans are the tallest on average in the world.

[D] Larger babies tend to become taller in adulthood.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪两段？ _____

选项A和C的正误原因？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

34. We learn from the last paragraph that in the near future _____.

[A] the garment industry will reconsider the uniform size.

[B] the design of military uniforms will remain unchanged.

[C] genetic testing will be employed in selecting sportsmen.

[D] the existing data of human height will still be applicable.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

选项A和B的正误原因？_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

35. The text intends to tell us that _____.

[A] the change of human height follows a cyclic pattern.

[B] human height is becoming even more predictable.

[C] Americans have reached their genetic growth limit.

[D] the genetic pattern of Americans has altered.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____