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advances [D] warn of the evil side of automation 2. Advances in biological knowledge were \_\_\_\_\_. [A] kept pace with advances in physics [B] been responsible for the invention of new machines [C] surpassed those in physics [D] lagged behind those in physics 3. According to the passage,starvation \_\_\_\_\_. [A] can be predicted [B] is unavoidable [C] can be prevented [D] is mainly caused by poor agriculture 4. Repetitive tasks in industry lead to \_\_\_\_\_. [A] physical exhaustion [B] mental stimulation [C] mental exhaustion [D] extinction 5. If the predictions of this writer are realized,the demand for the unskilled workers in the twenty-first century will be \_\_\_\_\_. [A] very high [B] very low [C] the same as today [D] constantly rising

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