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The United States is on the verge of losing its leading place in the world's technology. So says more than one study in recent years. One of the reasons for this decline is the parallel decline in the number of U.S. scientists and engineers. Since 1976, employment of scientists and engineers is up 85 percent. This trend is expected to continue. However, the trend shows that the number of 22-year-olds--the near term source of future P.H.D.s--is declining. Further adding to the problem is the increased competition for these candidates from other fields--law, medicine, business, etc. While the number of U.S. P.H.D.s in science and engineering declines, the award of P.H.D.s to foreign nationals is increasing rapidly. Our inability to motivate students to pursue science and engineering careers at the graduate level is compounded because of the intense demand industry has for bright Bachelors and Masters degree holders. Too often, promising P.H.D. candidates, confronting the cost and financial sacrifice of pursuing their education, find the attraction of industry irresistible.

1. The U.S. will come to lose its leading place in technology probably because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the number of P.H.D. degree holders is declining  
b. the number of scientists and engineers is decreasing  
c. the number of 22-year-olds is declining  
d. scientists and engineers are not employed

2. The field of science and engineering is facing a competition from \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. technology  
b. foreign nationals  
c.

such fields as law, medicine and businessd.

postgraduates3.Large-scale enterprises now need \_\_\_\_\_.a. bright graduates and postgraduatesb. new inventionsc. advanced technology d. engineers4.Many promising postgraduates are unwilling to pursue a P.H.D. degree because \_\_\_\_\_.

a. they are not encouraged to be engaged in scienceb. industry does not require P.H.D. holdersc. they have financial difficultiesd. they will spend much time and energy completing P.H.D.5.P.H.D. candidates "find the attraction of industry irresistible" means that \_\_\_\_\_.a. they find industry is attracting more and more college studentsb. they dont think they can prevent themselves from working for industryc. they cannot resist any attraction from all sidesd. they cannot work for industry any longer14/200答案：bcadb 100Test 下载频道开通，

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