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small, so the effect of such cuts would be negligible.来源：考试大  
In conclusion, this argument is unconvincing. To strengthen the  
argument the author would have to show that the present work force  
was relatively static and that the proposed educational aid  
would have a deleterious effect on the numbers of high skilled  
workers available to enter the work force in the future. 100Test 下载  
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