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Thousand of Americans rushed to the region on their way to Klondike. some never returned. Alaska was never completely cut off again, although even today transportation is a major problem. There are only two motor routes from the U.S mainland, and within the state, every town has its own airfield. Planes fly passengers, mail and freight to the most distant villages. The gold that changed life so suddenly for Alaska was soon ended, and although many stories about mining camps have become part of American literature, the gold from Alaskan earth contributed less to economic progress than the fish from Alaska waters. The fish caught in a single year range in value from \$80 million to \$ 90 million. Fur-bearing animals are plentiful in the forests and streams, and valuable fur seals inhabit the waters. After fishing, the states chief industry is lumber and the production of wood pulp. In recent years, Alaskas single most important resource has become oil. The state also has large deposits of coal, copper, gold and other minerals.

1. Paragraph 3 _____ 2. Paragraph 4 _____ 3. Paragraph 5 _____ 4. Paragraph 6 _____

A) Rich resources of the state B) Connections with the outside world C) Transportation problem D) The natives of the land E) Cold climate F) Land and population

5. For as long as three months of a year, the sun _____ on the ice-covered land of Alaska.

6. According to statistics, _____ of the total area of Alaska has been used for farming.

7. Alaska was originally part of Russia, but was bought _____.

8. Gold did not bring to Alaska as much wealth _____.

A. as fish does B. because of its rich natural resources C. by the United States in the 19th century D. shines day

and nightE. only a very small percentageF. a limited amount of the
gold found there.KEY : FDCADECA 100Test 下载频道开通，各
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