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Museums in the Modern World

1 Museums have changed . they are no longer places for the privileged few or for bored vacationers to visit on rainy days . Action and democracy are words used in descriptions of museums now .

2 At a science museum in Ontario , Canada , you can feel your hair stand on end as harmless electricity passes through your body . At the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, you can look at 17th century instruments while listening to their music . At the Modem Museum in Sweden , you can put on costumes provided by the Stockholm Opera . As these examples show, museums are . reaching out to new audiences , particularly the young, the poor, and the less educated members of the population . As a result , attendance is increasing .

3 More and more , museums directors are realizing that people learn best when they can somehow become part of what they are seeing . In many science museums , for example,there are no guided tours . The visitor is encouraged to touch , listen , operate , and experiment so as to discover scientific principles for himself . He can have the experience of operating a spaceship or a computer . He can experiment with glass blowing and paper making . The purpose is not only to provide fun but also to help people feel at home in the world of science . The theory is that people who do not understand science will probably fear it , and those who fear science will not use

it to best advantage . Many museums now provide educational services and children ' s departments . In addition to the usual displays . they also offer film showings and dance programs . Instead of being places that one ' ' should " visit , they are places to enjoy . 4 One cause of a11 these changes is the increase in wealth and leisure time . Another cause is the rising percentage of young people in the population . Many of these young people are college students or college graduates . They are better educated than their parents . they see things in a new and different way . They are not content to stand and look at works of art ; they want art they can participate in . The same is true of science and history . In the US, certain groups who formerly were too poor to care about anything beyond the basic needs of daily life are now becoming curious about the world around them . The young people in these groups , like young people in general , have benefited from a better education than their parents received . All these groups , and the rest of the population as well . have been influenced by television , which has taught them about other places and other times . 5 The effect of all this has been to change existing museums and to encourage the building of new ones . In the US and Canada alone , there are now more than 6,000 museums, almost twice as many as there were 25 years ago . About half of them are devoted to history, and the rest are evenly divided between the arts and sciences . The number of visitors, according to the American Association of museums , has risen to more than 700 million a year . 6 In fact , the crowds of visitors at some museums are creating a major problem . Admission

to museums has always been either free or very inexpensive , but now some museums are charging entrance fees for the first time or raising their prices . Even when raised, however, entrance fees are generally too low to support a museum , with its usually large building and its highly trained staff . 练习 : 1. Paragraph 2 2. Paragraph 3 3. Paragraph 4 4. Paragraph 5 A Causes of Changes B Increasing Number of Museums and Visitors C Museums Getting Closer to More Spectators D Movies Shown in Museums E New Notions about the Management of Museums F Places to Visit 5. Now museums are no longer restricted to the privileged few , but . 6. With the development of society, people , especially the young people , _____. 7. To meet the needs of society , more museums . 8. Two major problems for museums are that they have too many visitors and they A have higher demands of museums B are open to more people with different social background C to lengthen their opening hours D charge too little for admission 。 E have been built and open to public F by lowering the admission fees 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 www.100test.com