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reforming itself and that Government needs to be more like the private sector. 1. What is the writer ' s attitude towards the Congress ' s move to change the principles on which Medicare and Medicaid were established 30 years ago? A) Ironic 来源

: www.examda.com B) Humorous. C) Sympathetic D) Critical. 2. The phrase "behind closed doors" in the second paragraph could best be replaced by which of the following? A) At home B) In secret 来源 : www.examda.com C) In a room secure from attack D) In prison 3. Republicans have been holding meetings "behind closed doors" in order to A) mobilize support from their opponents. B) Prepare for the upcoming national debate. C) Release their proposals without running into any trouble D) Discuss the Clinton plan in a detailed way. 4. What are the Republican proposals aimed at? A) Extending rights to health coverage and health care. B) Providing every American with free medical treatment C) Withdrawing rights that have existed for a long time 5. Which of the following is NOT true of the development of managed care? A) Nurses are in great demand B) Physicians are no longer independent C) Some new buildings are vacant D) Demand for hospital care is on the decrease.

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