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for all who should permit them to survive and infect others with their errors. Toleration, even reasonable discussion, was impossible. God and the devil could not mix. Just as Elizabeth was to ardent Catholics that Jezebel, so to earnest Protestants the Pope was “ that wolfish bloodsucker, ” and their Catholic fellow-creatures mad dogs, toads and other such vermin to be cleansed off the face of the earth. These feelings, dangerous enough in themselves, were made more so by questions of geography and money. The Catholic countries bordering on the Mediterranean were by far the richest. From the beginning of the Middle Ages the Republic of Venice had controlled the trade routes to the East, bringing the wares carried out of Persia, China and the Indies by camel to her depots in Syria and reloading them in her high, gorgeously painted vessels for transshipment to Italy and beyond. Since the end of the fifteen century, first Portugal by sailing round Africa to India, then Spain by the discovery of America, had likewise been in a position to bring for sale to Europe all the rare and wonderful things for which Europe longed silks and precious woods, sugar and spices, gold and silver, works of exquisite art and strange animals from peacock to tigers. In 1494, two years after Columbus ’ s first voyage to America, Pope Alexander VI had divided the unexplored world beyond the seas between Spain and Portugal as reward for their enterprise and to keep them from fighting. The other countries had respected this division so long as they remained Catholic. 1. The best title for this passage is[A]. The History of Europe in 16th Century.[B]. The Religious History of Europe in 16th Century.[C]. The Causes of European Separation in

16th Century. 2. What does we learn from the passage?[A]. The Pope had the supreme power in religion before reform.[B]. The Pope had the greatest power in every thing outside religion.[C]. The Pope was the real king in Europe then.[D]. The Pope was the real ruler in Europe then. 3. What did the sentence “ The other countries had respected this division so long as they remained Catholic ” imply?[A]. It implied this division could not be respected long.[B]. It implied this division would not face a challenge.[C]. It implied this division would be respected forever.[D]. It implied the power of the Pope would never decline. 4. Which of the following is not mentioned as a cause to deepen the dangerous feelings?[A]. Money. [B]. Geology. [C]. Religion. [D]. Geography. Vocabulary1. Apostolic 罗马教皇的，使徒的2. in succession to 继承，接班3. Martin Luther 马丁路德 14831546德国宗教改革家4. teachings 教义5. renounce 抛弃，摈弃，否认6. papacy 罗马教皇职位/制度，这里指罗马教皇7. cling to 坚持8. damnation 诅咒，永远的处罚9. bloodsucker 吸血鬼10. depot 仓库，补给站11. gorgeous 华丽的，灿烂的，辉煌的12. spice 香料13. enterprise 事业，业绩，功勋 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](http://www.100test.com)