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technology, and a great part of the fun of collecting plastics is that beautiful pieces of historical interest can still be found very cheaply. 16. Which of the following is the best title for the passage? (A) The Importance of Plastics in the Nineteenth Century (B) Why people Are Suspicious of Plastics (C) The development of Plastics as a Modern Material (D) How Plastics Are Made

17. Which of the following is necessary to create any type of plastics? (A) Carbon. (B) Oil. (C) Eggs. (D) Coal.

18. According to the author, for approximately how many years have plastics existed? (A) 100. (B) 120. (C) 140. (D) 160.

19. What historical information does the second paragraph give about plastics? (A) They originated primarily as road-surfacing materials. (B) They have come into general use very gradually. (C) Their popularity was at its height at the time of the Industrial Revolution. (D) The earliest types were soft and did not last very long.

20. Why does the author mention antiques in the third paragraph? (A) Some plastic objects are now considered antiques. (B) Plastics replicas(复制品) of valuable antiques are relatively common. (C) Young collectors prefer real antiques to plastic objects. (D) Dealers use inexpensive plastic parts to repair valuable antiques

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