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take part in violent sports because of the high rewards they bring. Spectators are willing to pay vast sums of money to see violence. A world heavyweight championship match, for instance, is front page news. Millions of people are disappointed if a big fight is over in two rounds instead of fifteen. They feel disappointment because they have been deprived of the exquisite pleasure of witnessing prolonged torture and violence. 来源 : [www.examda.com](http://www.examda.com) Why should we ban violent sports if people enjoy them so much? You may well ask. The answer is simple: they are uncivilized. For centuries man has been trying to improve himself spiritually and emotionally admittedly with little success. But at least we no longer tolerate the sight madmen cooped up in cages, or public floggings of any of the countless other barbaric practices which were common in the past. Prisons are no longer the grim forbidding places they used to be. Social welfare systems are in operation in many parts of the world. Big efforts are being made to distribute wealth fairly. These changes have come about not because human beings have suddenly and unaccountably improved, but because positive steps were taken to change the law. The law is the biggest instrument of social change that we have and it may exert great civilizing influence. If we banned dangerous and violent sports, we would be moving one step further to improving mankind. We would recognize that violence is degrading and unworthy of human beings.

1. It can be inferred from the passage that the authors opinion of nowadays human beings is \_\_\_\_\_. [A] not very high [B] high [C] contemptuous [D] critical

2. The main idea of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_. [A] vicious and dangerous sports

should be banned by law [B] people are willing to pay vast sums of money to see violence [C] to compare two different attitudes towards dangerous sports [D] people are bloodthirsty in sports 来源 : [www.examda.com](http://www.examda.com)

3. That the author mentions the old Romans is \_\_\_\_\_. [A] To compare the old Romans with today's people [B] to give an example [C] to show human beings in the past know nothing better [D] to indicate human beings are used to bloodthirsty

4. How many dangerous sports does the author mention in this passage? [A] Three. 来源 : [www.examda.com](http://www.examda.com) [B] Five. [C] Six. [D] Seven.

5. The purpose of the author in writing this passage is \_\_\_\_\_. [A] that, by banning the violent sports, we human beings can improve ourselves [B] that, by banning the dangerous sports, we can improve the law [C] that we must take positive steps to improve social welfare system [D] to show law is the main instrument of social change

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