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because Americans tend to be uncomfortable with silence during a conversation. They would rather talk about the weather or the latest sports scores, for example, than deal with silence. On the other hand, don't expect Americans to be knowledgeable about international geography or world affairs, unless those subjects directly involve the United States. Because the United States is not surrounded by many other nations, some Americans tend to ignore the rest of the world.

作业: (解释单词) social

acquaintance attitude dependent insult curiosity behavior hesitates surround

练习: 1. The general topic of the passage is \_\_\_\_\_ A.

American culture B. American society C. Americans' activities D.

Americans' personality 2. Which of the following statements is not

true according to the passage? A. Americans do not like to depend on

other people B. Friendships among Americans tend to be casual C.

Americans know a lot about international affairs D. Americans

always seem to be on the go 3. The phrase "highly charged"

(paragraph 2) most probably means \_\_\_\_\_ A. extremely free B.

highly responsible C. very cheerful D. full of mobility and change 4. It

can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_ A. Americans want

to participate in all kinds of activities B. Americans' character is

affected by their social and geographical environment C. Americans

do not know how to deal with silence D. Curiosity is characteristic of

Americans 5. According to the passage, Americans tend to ignore the

rest of the world because \_\_\_\_\_ A. they are not interested in

other countries B. they are too proud of themselves C. their country

does not have many neighboring nations D. they are too busy to learn

about other countries 答案：social 社会的，交际的 acquaintance  
相识的人，熟人，认识，相知 attitude 态度，看法，姿  
势 dependent 依靠的，依赖的 insult 侮辱，辱骂 curiosity 好奇，  
奇事，奇物 behavior 行为，举止 hesitate 犹豫，不情愿 surround  
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