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are hampered by the relative mildness of approved pesticides , which quickly lose their deadly punch and require frequent replications. The most effective locust killer dieldrin has been linked to cancer and is banned by many Western countries and some of the affected African nations. More than 5 million acres have been dusted with locust-killing chemicals ; another 5 million will be treated by the end of June. On May 30 , representatives of Tunisia , Algeria , Libya , Morocco and Mauritania will meet in Algiers to discuss tactics to wipe out the ravenous swarms. The move is an important step , but whatever plan is devised , the locust plague promised to get worse before the insects can be brought under control.

1.The main idea of the first sentence in the passage is that \_\_\_\_.

A.the command post is stationed with people all the time. B.the command post is crowded with people all the time. C.there are clocks around the command post. D.the clock in the command post is taken care of by the staff.

2.The favorable breeding ground for the locust is \_\_\_\_.

A.rich soil. B.wet land C.paces covered crops and vegetation D.the Red Sea

3.People are alert at the threat of the locust because \_\_\_\_.

A.the insects are likely to create another African famine. B.the insects may blacked the sky. C.the number of the insects increases drastically. D.the insects are gathering and moving in great speed.

4.Which of the following is true ? A.Once the pesticides are used

, locust will die immediately. B.Relief efforts are proved most fruitful due to the effectiveness of certain pesticides. C.Dieldrin , the most effective locust killer , has been widely accepted in many countries. D.Over 10 million acres of affected area will have been

treated with locust-killing chemicals by the end of June. 5. The purpose for affected nations to meet in Algiers on May 30 is \_\_\_\_.

A. to devise antilocus plans. B. to wipe out the swarms in two years. C. to call out for additional financial aid from other nations. D. to bring the insects under control before the plague gets worse. 答案： B B A D A 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)