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【Introduction】随着苹果公司的第一部手机iPhone上市，美国当地的各大媒体也纷纷发表了自己的观点和看法。 【Section One

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dypop="按此在新窗口浏览图片">The iPhone: What the Critics Say
Boston Globe Hiawatha Bray writes that he couldnt trash the iPhone if he wanted to. The Globe sees the iPhone as unprecedented and says it leads the way for the newest cell phone technology: "For its not just cool. this phone is important, in the same way that Apples first Macintosh computer was important. The Mac showed us a better way to interact with computers, and forced the entire industry to follow its lead." In the end he called it: "an elegant marvel that even a hype-weary journalist has to love." CBS NewsLarry Magid writes "My overall thought is that the iPhones software represents a truly remarkable accomplishment... Regardless of how well this device ultimately does, it will always be remembered as the phone that broke the mold from which all others were fabricated." He says the biggest difference in this cell phone compared to others is the lack of a physical keyboard which he said, "While my very first experiences with the touch screen were frustrating and five hours later I still find myself making some mistakes, I can certainly understand the advantage to being able to dynamically re-define the keyboard depending on the task at hand." He also gave the phone a mixed

review when it came to the Web. "The good news is that the phones version of Apples Safari browser is by far the best browser Ive ever used on a hand held device," but he said its hard to read the text since the screen is so small. CNET Kent German and Donald Bell give the iPhone an 8 out of 10 rating, which is equivalent to excellent and say the bottom line is: "Despite some important missing features, a slow data network, and call quality that doesnt always deliver, the Apple iPhone sets a new benchmark for an integrated cell phone and MP3 player." The positives are that "its Safari browser makes for a superb Web surfing experience, and it offers easy to use apps. As an iPod, it shines." But it also has variable call quality and lacks stereo Bluetooth support and 3G compatibility. It also has "stingy" integrated memory for an iPod. Engadget The websites review of the iPhone highlights a comparison chart between the phone and Helios Ocean handset. They say, "Quite frankly, the chart does make a few good points, most notably around the iPhones lack of GPS, strangely omitted MMS ability, and the obligatory removable battery. of course, we personally arent offended nor joyous about "MySpace integration," but we suppose it could sway some folks tweens one way or another." Other posts point out more iPhone deficiencies it isnt supported by 64-bit Windows XP or Vista and doesnt work with most third-party headphones. However, another post points out a positive the iPhone is "pottymouth friendly" and allows users to write curse words. New York Post Glenn Fleishman tells readers not to buy the iPhone at all. While he calls it "a technological marvel," he says Internet and email are sub-par and the small screen makes it hard to

read Web pages. He also criticizes the network saying "Modern cell networks use third-generation (3G) standards that are five to 20 times faster than the iPhone" and says the phone scrimps on storage. He urges consumers to wait until the 2.0 version saying "You can bet that iPhone 2.0, probably available withing the next year, will be faster and have more storage probably for the same price. New York Times David Pogue writes that much of the hype and some of the criticisms are justified "it does things no phone has ever done before. it lacks features found even on the most basic phone." He says the biggest achievements are the software, because the phone is "fast, beautiful, menu-free, and dead simple to operate," and the Web browser because "you get full Web layouts, fonts and all, shrunk to fit the screen." The downfalls are the ATamp.Ts fastest cellular data network to sign online. Instead, it uses a "pokey network" called EDGE, which is "far slower than the fastest networks from Verizon or Sprint that power many other smart phones." 【Section Two】 Vocabulary 1. unprecedented adj. 空前的 2. weary adj. 疲倦的, 厌倦的, 疲劳. v. 疲倦, 厌倦, 厌烦 3. superb adj. 庄重的, 堂堂的, 华丽的, 极好的 4. compatible adj. 兼容的 5. omit vt. 省略, 疏忽, 遗漏 6. obligatory adj. 义不容辞的, 必须的 7. primitive adj. 原始的, 远古的, 粗糙的, 简单的 8. Regardless of 不管, 不顾 9. be equivalent to 相当于..., 等(同)于, 与... 等效 10. Web surfing 网上冲浪 【Section Three】 Homework 1. Please translate the blue sentence into Chinese. But it also has variable call quality and lacks stereo Bluetooth support and 3G compatibility. 2. What is the main id ear of this Article? 3. What is the biggest difference in iphone compared to

others? 4. From this article, can you point out some flaws of the iPhone? 参考答案及解析：1. 苹果手机的通话质量不稳定，且不支持立体声蓝牙耳机，3G的兼容性也不好。 2. No standard answer. 3. Lack of a physical keyboard. 4. The flaws list as follows: A slow data network, and call quality that doesnt always deliver The iPhones lack of GPS, strangely omitted MMS ability, and the obligatory removable battery. Also, it isnt supported by 64-bit Windows XP or Vista and doesnt work with most third-party headphones. It also has variable call quality and lacks stereo Bluetooth support and 3G compatibility. It also has "stingy" integrated memory for an iPod. The small screen makes it hard to read Web pages. Call quality is average and they use an ancient EDGE network to connect to Web and missing features like a memory-card slot, chat program and voice dialing. You also cant install new programs from anyone but Apple and the browser doesnt support Java or Flash. The major drawback is the cellphone network it isnt able to use AT&T's fastest cellular data network to sign online. Instead, it uses a "pokey network" called EDGE, which is "far slower than the fastest networks from Verizon or Sprint that power many other smart phones." 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