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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/295/2021_2022_2007_E8_8B_B1_E8_AF_AD_c67_295615.htm When families gather for Christmas dinner, some will stick to formal traditions dating back to Grandmas generation. Their tables will be set with the good dishes and silver, and the dress code will be Sunday-best. But in many other homes, this china-and-silver elegance has given way to a stoneware (粗陶) -and-stainless informality, with dresses assuming an equally casual-Friday look. For hosts and guests, the change means greater simplicity and comfort. For makers of fine china in Britain, it spells economic hard times. Last week Royal Doulton, the largest employer in Stoke-on-Trent, announced that it is eliminating 1,000 jobs -- one-fifth of its total workforce. That brings to more than 4,000 the number of positions lost in 18 months in the pottery (陶瓷) region. Wedgwood and other pottery factories made cuts earlier. Although a strong pound and weak markets in Asia play a role in the downsizing, the layoffs in Stoke have their roots in earthshaking social shifts. A spokesman for Royal Doulton admitted that the company "has been somewhat slow in catching up with the trend" toward casual dining. Families eat together less often, he explained, and more people eat alone, either because they are single or they eat in front of television. Even dinner parties, if they happen at all, have gone casual. In a time of long work hours and demanding family schedules, busy hosts insist, rightly, that its better to share a takeout pizza on paper plates in the family room than to wait for the perfect

moment or a "real" dinner party. Too often, the perfect moment never comes. Iron a fine-patterned tablecloth? Forget it. Polish the silver? Who has time? Yet the loss of formality has its down side. The fine points of etiquette (礼节) that children might once have learned at the table by observation or instruction from parents and grandparents ("Chew with your mouth closed." "Keep your elbows off the table.") must be picked up elsewhere. Some companies now offer etiquette seminars for employees who may be competent professionally but clueless socially.

1. The trend toward casual dining has resulted in_____. A) bankruptcy of fine china manufacturers B) shrinking of the pottery industry C) restructuring of large enterprises D) economic recession in Great Britain

2. Which of the following may be the best reason for casual dining? A) Family members need more time to relax. B) Busy schedules leave people no time for formality. C) People want to practice economy in times of scarcity. D) Young people wont follow the etiquette of the older generation.

3. It can be learned from the passage that Royal Doulton is_____. A) a retailer of stainless steel tableware B) a dealer in stoneware C) a pottery chain store D) a producer of fine china

4. The main cause of the layoffs in the pottery industry is_____. A) the increased value of the pound B) the economic recession in Asia C) the change in peoples way of life D) the fierce competition at home and abroad

5. Refined table manners, though less popular than before in current social life_____. A) are still a must on certain occasions B) axe bound to return sooner or later C) are still being taught by parents at home D) can help improve personal relationships

参考答案及解

析:1,B 首先依据题目中的casual dining找到第二段中的informality.其后有两个for 引导的介词短语,后一个说:对于英国精致瓷器制造商来说,这(informality)以为着经济困难时期",此外,第三段用数据法具体证明陶瓷业裁员:The brings to more than 4000 the number of positions lost in 18 months in the pottery region,说明陶瓷业在缩减,即B2,B 根据倒数第二段第二句.3,D Royal doulton在文中出现过两次,一次在第三段说它裁员,因为人们用餐越来越随意,不再讲究餐具的精致.第二次文章第四段说 A spokesman for royal doulton admitted that the company...表明公司性质,可以推断它是精制器皿的生产者4,C 根据题目中的the layoffs找到文章第四段首句,其中的have their roots in相当于题目中main cause in shifts相当于C中的change.其实本题与第1题是交叉想关的.第1题题目就是本题的答案,本题的答案又可以看做第一题的题目.5,A 根据最后一段,特别是第二句The fine points of etiquette...must be picked up elsewhere良好的餐桌礼仪必须在别处学得,可知礼仪还是必要的 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