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that goes into violent acts were put to good use, if our efforts were directed at cleaning up the slums and ghettos, at improving living-standards and providing education and employment for all, we would have gone a long way to arriving at a solution. Our strength is sapped by having to mop up the mess that violence leaves in its wake. In a well-directed effort, it would not be impossible to fulfill the ideals of a stable social programme. The benefits that can be derived from constructive solutions are everywhere apparent in the world around us. Genuine and lasting solutions are always possible, providing we work within the framework of the law. Before we can even begin to contemplate peaceful co-existence between the races, we must appreciate each other 's problems. And to do this, we must learn about them: it is a simple exercise in communication, in exchanging information. ' Talk, talk, talk, ' the advocates of violence say, ' all you ever do is talk, and we are none the wiser. ' It 's rather like the story of the famous barrister who painstakingly explained his case to the judge. After listening to a lengthy argument the judge complained that after all this talk, he was none the wiser.

' Possible, my lord, ' the barrister replied, ' none the wiser, but surely far better informed. ' Knowledge is the necessary prerequisite to wisdom: the knowledge that violence creates the evils it pretends to solve.

1. What is the best title for this passage?[A] Advocating Violence.[B] Violence Can Do Nothing to Diminish Race Prejudice.[C] Important People on Both Sides See Violence As a Legitimate Solution.[D] The Instincts of Human Race Are Thirsty for Violence.2. Recorded history has taught us[A] violence never

solves anything.[B] nothing.[C] the bloodshed means nothing.[D] everything.3. It can be inferred that truly reasonable men[A] can ' t get a hearing.[B] are looked down upon.[C] are persecuted.[D] Have difficulty in advocating law enforcement.4. “ He was none the wiser ” means [A] he was not at all wise in listening.[B] He was not at all wiser than nothing before.[C] He gains nothing after listening.[D] He makes no sense of the argument.5. According the author the best way to solve race prejudice is [A] law enforcement.[B] knowledge.[C] nonviolence.[D] Mopping up the violent mess. Vocabulary1. acute 严重的，剧烈的，敏锐的2. loot v.抢劫，掠夺；n.赃物3. pillage v.抢劫，掠夺4. crunch v.吱嘎吱嘎咬或嚼某物；n.碎裂声when it comes to the crunch = if/when the decisive moment comes. 当关键时刻来到时。5. war-paint 出战前涂于身上的颜料。（美印第安战士用）6. come to light = become known 显露，为人所知7. sap 剥削，使伤元气，破坏I was sapped by months of hospital treatment. 我住院治疗几个月，大伤元气。8. mop up 擦去，对付，处理9. wake 船迹，航迹in the wake of sth. = come after 随某事之后到来。 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问

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