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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/464/2021_2022__E8_8B_B1_E8_AF_AD_E5_85_AD_E7_c67_464877.htm The Readers digest investigation asked Americans which was the biggest threat to the nations future big business , big labor or big government. A whopping 67 percent replied “ big government ” Opinion researchers rarely see such a vast change in public attitude. When put in historical perspective , from the time of Franklin Roosevelts New Deal to the present , the fallen status of government as a protector and benefactor is extraordinary. Weve returned to the instinctive American wariness of Washington so common before the Great Depression. In our poll , taken before the November elections , the overwhelming majority of our respondents wanted to stop or roll back the impact of government. In answer to another question posed by The Digest , 79 percent said they wanted either no more than the current level of government services and taxes , or less government and lower taxes. “ It seems to me that we in the middle class bear most of the burden , ” says Jone Nell Norman , 61 , a nurse in Dyersburg , Tenn. , who often wonders about the governments judgement in spending her money. Of Americans in our sample , 62 percent believe that politicians ethics and honesty have fallen. And what about Congress ? Is it doing a good job ? Or do members “ spend more time thinking about their political futures than passing good legislation ? ” Across generations , a thumping 89 percent thought the latter. “ Congress always seems to be

screwing up , ” says one young Xer. However , Americans are satisfied with their own lives and jobs. Four of five respondents were “ completely ” or “ somewhat ” satisfied. The figures held up across all ages including Xer , whom many pundits have claimed are pessimistic about their future. Looking deeper at jobs , we found 70 percent of Americans believe they are about where they should be , given their talents and effort. This is an issue where age always makes a difference , since older people , who are more established in their jobs tend to be more satisfied , while younger workers are still trying to find the right niche. Sure enough , Xers scored 65 percent , about five points below average.

1. The U.S. government status in the public mind before the Great Depression _____. A. was regarded as quite normal B. used to be very low C. remained a difficult problem for the federal government D. reminded people of the principles laid down by Washington

2. “ Xers ” is repeated several times to refer to A. accusers B. younger respondents C. college students D. blue-collar workers

3. The 61-years-old nurse Norman is mentioned in the article to show that _____. A. the government has cheated her out of her money B. it is hard for her to earn a living C. even a retired nurse has lost faith in the government D. the more the government does the greater stake tax payers money will be put at

4. “ Screwing up ” in paragraph 5 may be paraphrased as _____. A. indecisive in making decisions B. benefiting the nation in earnest C. making a mess of everything D. debating hotly

5. “ Political future ” in paragraph 5 may be paraphrased as _____. A. the future of the whole nation B. peoples well being in the future C. a position of

higher rank D.awareness of consistency in policies 答案：B B D C
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