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like in the commercials. And many military officials feel that the key difference is the enhanced patriotism among the nation's youth. There is a return to the view that the military is an honorable profession. The days of a judge telling a miscreant to join the Army or go to jail are over. Recruiting for all four services combined is running at 101% of authorized goals. And the retention rate is now so high, that the services are refusing some re-enlistment applications and reducing annual recruiting target. The military academics are also enjoying halcyon years, attracting more and better-qualified students. Compared to private colleges, where tuition and expenses have been climbing sharply, the service schools are a real bargain: not only is tuition free, but recruits get allowances of up to \$500 a month. It is reported 12,300 applicants are for the 1,450 positions in this year's freshman class. Military academies are now just as selective as any of the best universities in the country. Nationwide, ROTC enrollment exceeds 105,000, a 64% increase over the 1974 figure. In the mid 70's, the ROTC students refused to wear their uniforms on campus because they suffered all sorts of ridicule, if they did. Now if they wear them to class no one looks at them twice. To them, Viet Nam is ancient history, something the old folks talk about.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?  
[A]. The Military is in [B]. The Military is up [C]. The Military is down [D]. The Military is on

2. What was the attitude of the students in 1970's towards the military?  
[A]. Approval. [B]. Indifferent. [C]. Distaste. [D]. Scolding.

3. The phrase "come out" is closest in meaning to [A]. "become visible". [B]. "begin to grow". [C]. "be made public". [D]. "gain a certain

position ” .4. Which one of the following is NOT mentioned as a reason to attract students.[A]. Free tuition. [B]. Spacious room.[C]. Considerate allowance. [D]. Technical training.

Vocabulary

1. stage a comeback 再度走红，卷土重来
2. standing tall 站得高
3. babykiller 杀婴犯人
4. denounce 谴责
5. elite 杰出的，名牌的
6. ROTC=Reserve Office ' s Training Cope (美)后备军官训练队
7. falter 动摇不定，踌躇不前
8. flourish 繁荣兴旺
9. allure 诱惑
10. come out 进入社交界，扬名
11. the wide array 一大批，一大半
12. PX=Post Exchange 陆军消费合作社
13. sergeant 中士
14. major 少校
15. slick 聪明的，非常好的，吸引人的
16. hallway 门厅，过道
17. chant 单调重复的说话（唱歌）
18. miscreant 无赖，恶棍
19. retention rate 继续服役率，服役期满不退役的比例
20. real bargain 好买卖，十分划算

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