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1 The white House began to be built in 1792, but it was not completed until ten years later. Every American president lived in it except for George Washington, although he did have a majority part in designing it. The government held a competition to choose the best design for the presidents house. The winner was a young man of South Carolina, James Hoban. His design was a three-level house of stone. And President Washington made some changes in the winning design. He made the house long and wider, and changed it into a two-storied house instead of three. The second president, John Adams, was first to live in the White House. When he and his wife moved onto the new house in November, 1800, work was still going on, although the main live area was completed. The whole work did not finish until the administration of the 3rd president, Thomas Jefferson. Twelve years later, the British army invaded Washington and burned the White House. The fire completely destroyed the inside of the building and experts said the White House was so dangerous to live in. Later on workers rebuilt the inside of the White House. More offices were added, most of which underground. None of the work, however, changed the appearing of the building. Many people asked why the presidents house is called the White House. Historians say it has been so called simply because it was painted white. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

_____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8.
_____ 9. _____ 10. [注释] 1. for / 在句子中说明
前后两个相等成份的关系时用except, 否则用except for。本句
是说每位美国总统, 除了乔治华盛顿, 都曾在白宫居住过,
“ Every American president ” 与 “ George Washington ” 为对等
成分, 故应去掉for。 2. majority major majority意为 “ 大多数
”、“ 半数以上 ”, 一般后接复数名词, 而major则为 “ 主要的
”。本句意为 “ 华盛顿在设计白宫中起了主要作用 ”, 故
应用major。 3. of from 要表示一个人的家乡在哪里, 介词应
为from。 4. long longer 本句意思是说华盛顿把白宫设计得
比原来更长, 更宽了一些。与原来作比较, long当然应用比
较级, 而且and连接的两个形容词也应为对等成分, 既
然wider是比较级, long也应为比较级。 5. was first the the
序数词具有名词意味, 在这里the first即表示the first president。
6. onto into “ 搬进新居 ” 应为 “ move in ” 或 “ move into
”, move on意为 “ 继续前进 ”, 而 “ move onto ” 则是不存在
的。 7. live living live (a)意为 “ 活着的 ”, 而 “ living ” 则是
“ 适于居住的 ”、“ 生活的 ”。the living area意为 “ 适于居住
的地区 ”。 8. so too 原文说, 战火把楼房的内部完全烧毁
了, 专家们说白宫太危险了, 不能居住了, 所以后来工人们
才又重修白宫内部。 “ 太.....太..... ” 应为 “ too...too... ”
。 9. which underground were 或which them 本句有两种
改法, 若想使这部分成为非限制性定语从句, 则which引导一个
句子, 后面应加一个 “ were ”; 若想使这部分为独立成分
, 则改which为them。 10. appearing appearance原句意思是说
, 重建白宫的工作并未改变它的外貌。appearing为appear(出

现)的v. ing形式，appearance意为“外观，外貌”。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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